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What you will need:

RED HEART® Scrubby Sparkle™: 1 ball each 8506 Ice Pop **A** and 8012 Licorice **B**
Note Only a small quantity of **B** is needed for this project.

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 4mm [US G-6]

Yarn needle, stitch marker, sewing needle and ecru thread

GAUGE: 8 dc = 1½″ (4 cm); 3 rows = 1½″ (4 cm) in double crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

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RED HEART® Scrubby Sparkle™, Art. E851 available in 3 oz (85 g), 174 yd (159 m) balls

Happy Hippo Face Scrubby

Kids of all ages will enjoy washing up while using this hippo with a charming personality. Crocheted in Scrubby Sparkle, it can be washed by machine and will air dry quickly.

Scrubby measures 5½″ (14 cm) in diameter.

Special Stitch
reverse sc (reverse single crochet) = Work single crochet in opposite direction from which you would usually work (left to right if you are right-handed and right to left if you are left-handed). This stitch is also known as crab stitch. It creates a rope-like twisted single crochet edging.

Notes
1. Head is made in joined rounds with right side facing at all times.
2. Snout is made in continuous (spiral) rounds; do not join until instructed. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

SCRUBBY
Head
With **A**, ch 6.
Round 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working on opposite side of foundation ch, skip first ch, sc in next 3 ch, 2 sc in last ch; join with slip st in first sc—12 dc.
Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each remaining st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 dc.
Round 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—36 dc.
Round 4: Ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 dc.
Round 5: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—60 dc.

Round 6: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 3 dc, 2 sc in next dc, *sc in next 4 dc, 2 sc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—72 sc. Fasten off.

Ear (make 2)
With **A**, ch 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1: Ch 1, 10 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Snout
With **A**, ch 9.
Round 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 6 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working on opposite side of foundation ch, skip first ch, sc in next 6 ch, 2 sc in last ch—18 sc. Do not join. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next 3 sc, sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in last 2 sc—24 sc.
Round 3: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—30 sc.
Round 4: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—36 sc.
Round 5: *Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—42 sc.
Round 6: *Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—48 sc.
Round 7: Ch 1, reverse sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Eye (make 2)
With **B**, ch 2.
Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING
Ears With end tails, sew ears to top of head, leaving 10 sts between ears. Sew remaining pieces to head with sewing needle and thread.
Eyes Tie beginning and end tails together on wrong side of each eye and trim close to knot. Sew eyes in place.
Snout With **B**, embroider straight stitches for each nostril and short backstitches for smile. Draw beginning and end tails to wrong side of snout and tie together. Trim ends. Align lower edge of snout to lower edge of head and sew snout in place, working stitches through base of each reverse sc.
Trim "eyelash" strands from nostrils and eyes to emphasize their shape.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS
A, **B** = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.