



CROCHET
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Whoo's My Cutie Blanket

What a wise idea! This special blanket features a whimsical owl perched on a tree branch. Crochet it for a cutie in your life!

What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
2 skeins each 316 Soft White **A** and 505 Aruba Sea **B**, 1 skein each 400 Grey Heather **C**, 668 Honeydew **D**, 365 Coffee **E**, 320 Cornmeal **F**, 706 Perfect Pink **G**, and 672 Spring Green **H**
Note Only small quantities of **F** and **G** are needed for this project.

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
5mm [H-8 US]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 10 dc = 4" (10 cm) in pattern; 7 rounds = 4" (10 cm).
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color
7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

Blanket measures 40" (101.5 cm) diameter

Special Stitches

fpdc (front post double crochet) = Yarn over, insert hook from front side of work to back and to front again around post of indicated stitch; yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (1 loop on hook).

Notes

1. Blanket, eye sections, beak, flower, and leaf are worked in joined rounds with right side facing at all times.
2. Increases are made by working into the top of the indicated stitch and then by working around the post of the same stitch.
3. Rounds 1–6 of blanket are the owl's body. Owl's body parts, branches, leaves, and flowers are worked separately and sewn to blanket. Leave long tails for sewing when fastening off.
4. When sewing pieces to blanket, insert the needle horizontally through the top of the stitches on the right side of the blanket so your stitching doesn't show on the wrong side.

BLANKET

With **C**, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 11 dc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—12 dc.

Round 2: Ch 3, fpdc around same dc as joining, *dc in next dc, fpdc around same dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st to top of beginning ch—12 dc and 12 fpdc.

Round 3: Ch 3, dc in first fpdc, fpdc around same fpdc, *dc in next dc, dc in next fpdc, fpdc around same fpdc; repeat from * around; join with slip st to top of beginning ch—24 dc and 12 fpdc.

Round 4: Ch 3, dc in first dc, dc in next fpdc, fpdc around same fpdc, *dc in next 2 dc, dc in next fpdc, fpdc around same fpdc; repeat from * around; join with slip st to top of beginning ch—36 dc and 12 fpdc.

Round 5: Ch 3, *dc in each dc to next fpdc, dc in next fpdc, fpdc around same fpdc; repeat from * around; join with slip st to top of beginning ch—48 dc and 12 fpdc.

Round 6: Repeat Round 5; change to **B**—60 dc and 12 fpdc.

Rounds 7–19: Repeat Round 5 thirteen times; change to **A** at end of Round 19—216 dc and 12 fpdc.

Rounds 20–31: Repeat Round 5 twelve times; change to **D** at end of Round 31—360 dc and 12 fpdc.

Round 32: Repeat Round 5—372 dc and 12 fpdc.

Round 33: Ch 1, sc in same dc as join, skip next st, 5 dc in next st, *skip next st, sc in next st, skip next st, 5 dc in next st; repeat from * to last st, skip last st; join with slip st to first sc. Fasten off.

OWL

Eye (make 2)

With **A**, ch 4.

Round 1: Work 11 dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch count as first dc); join with slip st to top of beginning ch—12 dc.

Round 2: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each dc around; join with slip st to top of beginning ch—24 dc.

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Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same dc as join, ch 2, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, *sc in next dc, ch 2, slip st in 2nd ch from hook; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first st. Fasten off.

Iris (make 2)

With D, ch 2.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first st—6 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first st—12 sc. Fasten off.

Pupil (make 2)

With E, ch 2.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first st—6 sc. Fasten off.

Beak

With F, ch 2.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first st—6 sc.

Round 2: Sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first st—9 sc.

Round 3: Sc in each sc around.

Round 4: Sc in first 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first st—12 sc.

Rounds 5 and 6: Sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

Foot (make 2)

With F, ch 7.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch, turn—6 sc.

Row 2: Ch 5, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in last 3 ch, sc in first 2 sc, *ch 5, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in last 3 ch, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * once. Fasten off.

BRANCHES

Note Row 1 of all branches is the right side.

Branch 1

With E, ch 41.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 8 ch, hdc in next 16 ch, dc in last 15 ch, turn.

Row 2: Slip st in first 25 sts, turn.

Row 3: Ch 25, sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 13 ch, hdc in next 10 ch, skip next 2 sts, slip st in next st. Fasten off.

Branch 2

With E, ch 30.

Row 1: Slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 12 ch, hdc in next 16 ch, turn.

Row 2: Ch 10, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 8 ch, skip next 3 hdc, slip st in next hdc. Fasten off.

Branch 3 (make 2)

With E, ch 20.

Row 1: Slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 ch, turn.

Row 2: Ch 7, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 ch, sc in next sc. Fasten off.

FLOWER (make 8)

With G, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, join with slip st to first sc—10 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 hdc in same sc as join, 2 hdc in next sc, *(slip st, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next sc, (2 hdc, ch 1) in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st to first ch—5 petals made. Fasten off.

LEAF (make 12)

With H, ch 6.

Round 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, 5 dc in last ch; working on opposite side of foundation ch, 2 dc in first ch,

hdc in next ch, (2 sc, ch 1, sc) in last ch; join with slip st in first st.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in first 5 sts, 2 sc in next 2 sts, ch 3, slip st in 2nd and 3rd ch from hook, 2 sc in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, slip st in ch-1 space. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Use photograph as a guide for placement of all pieces. See Notes for sewing “invisibly”.

Owl face Sew pupils to irises, sew irises to center of eyes, and sew eyes to upper half of Rounds 1–6. With wrong side facing, weave tail through Round 6 of beak, pull gently to gather, and sew beak between eyes.

Branches Sew branch 1 directly under owl.

Sew remaining branches in place as shown in photograph or as desired.

Feet Weave tail through wrong side of Row 1 and gather edge slightly. Place Row 1 on lower edge of Round 6 of blanket, wrap claws around branch 1, and sew in place.

Flowers and Leaves Arrange at ends of branches and elsewhere as desired; sew in place.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **sp(s)** = space(s); **st(s)** = stitch(es); **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

