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RED HEART

CROCHET SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Baby Hugs™ Medium: 5 balls 4909 Ladybug **A**, 1 ball each 4012 Ink **B**, 4001 Frosting **C**, and 4255 Orangie **D**
Note Only a small quantity of **D** is needed for this project.

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

Yarn needle, stitch marker

GAUGE: 12 dc = 4" (10 cm); 9 rows = 4" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain gauge.**
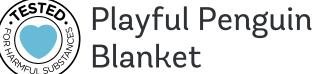
4 MEDIUM

RED HEART® Baby Hugs™ Medium, Art. E404 Oeko-Tex Certified 100% Acrylic baby yarn available in 4.5 oz (127 g) 247 yds (225 m) balls

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Playful Penguin Blanket

What a cute way to welcome baby into the world! This happy penguin blanket is perfect for keeping a newborn warm and comforted, and will grow up with him working as a play mat or any creative play. This tested yarn is certified free from harmful levels of over 300 substances.

Blanket measures 36" x 36" (91.5 x 91.5 cm).

Notes
Blanket is worked back and forth in turned rows with border worked in joined rounds.
To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Cut old color.
Penguin is worked in continuous (spiral) rounds with right side facing at all times. Do not join until instructed. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

Special Stitches
Bpdc (back post double crochet) = Yarn over, insert hook from back side of work to front and to back again around the 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). Skip the stitch "in front of" the Bpdc.
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).

Special Technique
Join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

BLANKET
With **A**, ch 112.
Row 1 (right side): Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning skipped ch count as first dc) and in each ch across, turn—110 dc.
Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in next 4 sts, fpdc around next 5 sts, *dc in next 5 sts, fpdc around next 5 sts; repeat from * across, turn.
Row 3: Ch 3, dc in next 4 sts, bpdc around next 5 sts, *dc in next 5 sts, bpdc around next 5 sts; repeat from * across, turn.
Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until blanket measures 32" (81.5 cm). Fasten off.

Border
Round 1 (right side): With right side facing, join **A** with sc in any st in center of last row, sc in each st across to last st, 3 sc in last st; working in ends of rows of side edge, sc evenly spaced across; working in opposite side of foundation ch, 3 sc in first ch, sc in each ch across to last ch, 3 sc in last ch; working in ends of rows of other edge, sc evenly spaced across, 3 sc in first st of last row, sc in each remaining st across; join with slip st in first sc—four 3-sc corners.
Round 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in center st of each 3-sc corner; join with slip st in first sc; change to **B**.
Round 3: Repeat Round 2; change to **C**.
Rounds 4 and 5: Repeat Round 2; do not change color.
Fasten off.

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PENGUIN
Body
With **B**, ch 5.
Round 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working on opposite side of foundation ch, skip first ch, sc in next 2 ch, 2 sc in last ch—10 sc. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next 2 sts—16 sc.
Round 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st*, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to * 3 times, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to * twice—22 sc.
Round 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st*, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to * 3 times, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to * twice—28 sc.
Round 5: *Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st*, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to * 3 times, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to * twice—34 sc.
Round 6: *Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st*, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to * 3 times, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to * twice—40 sc.
Round 7: *Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st*, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to * 3 times, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to * twice; join with slip st in first sc—46 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Head and Belly
With **C**, work same as Rounds 1–6 of body; at end of Round 6, join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Wing (make 2)
With **B**, ch 2.
Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Foot (make 2)
Work same as Wing.

FINISHING
Refer to photograph for placement of pieces.
With ending tails, sew head and belly, wings, and feet to body
With **B**, embroider eyes with short straight stitches. With **C** and straight stitches, embroider triangular beak between eyes.
Sew penguin to lower right corner of blanket or where desired.
Weave in ends.

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