



## Spirit of America Blanket

*Here's a throw that shows your patriotism in stars and stripes. Crochet it for a boy's bedroom, send it to someone serving our country here or abroad or give it to anyone who loves the USA!*

**Throw measures 50" wide x 68" long.**

**RED HEART® "Super Saver®":** 4 skeins 316 Soft White **A**, 2 skeins 382 Country Blue **B**, and 4 skeins 387 Soft Navy **C**.

**Crochet Hooks:** 5mm [US H-8] and 6mm [US J-10].  
Yarn needle.

**GAUGES:** 13 sts = 4"; 17 rows = 4" in sc with smaller hook; 13 sts = 4"; 14 rows = 6" in pattern with larger hook.  
**CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauges.**

### THROW

With larger hook and **A**, ch 219.

**Foundation Row (Wrong Side):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 218 sc.

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Ch 1, sc in first sc, 3 dc in next sc, skip next 2 sc, \* sc in next sc, 3 dc in next sc, skip next 2 sc; repeat from \* to last 2 sc; sc in next sc, dc in last sc; turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first dc, \* 3 dc in next sc, skip next 2 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from \* to last sc; dc in last sc; turn.

**Rows 3 and 4:** Repeat Row 2, changing to **B** and smaller hook in last st of Row 4. Drop **A**.

**Row 5:** With **B** and smaller hook, ch 1, sc in each st across. Fasten off **B**.

**Row 6:** With right side facing, insert larger hook in first sc of last row and draw **A** through; repeat Row 1 across.

**Rows 7-11:** Repeat Rows 2-6.

**Rows 12-14:** Repeat Rows 2-4 EXCEPT change to **C** and smaller hook in last st of Row 14. Cut **A**.

**Row 15:** With **C** and smaller hook, ch 1, sc in each st across; turn.

**Rows 16-46:** Repeat Row 15 EXCEPT change to **A** in last st of Row 46.

Repeat Rows 1-46 for pattern twice more, then repeat Rows 1-14 once more EXCEPT change to **B** and smaller hook in last st of Row 14.

### Edging

**Round 1 (Right Side):** Ch 1, 3 sc in first sc, sc evenly around, working 3 sc in each corner; join with a slip st to first sc.

**Round 2:** Ch 4, \*\* (dc, [ch 1, dc] twice) all in corner sc, ch 1, skip next sc, \* dc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc; repeat from \* to next corner; repeat from \*\* around, adjusting as necessary at corners and end of round; join to 3rd ch of ch-4; TURN.

**Round 3:** Change to larger hook; ch 1, \* sc in next space, 3 dc in next dc, skip next space; repeat from \* around, adjusting if necessary at end of round; join to first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

### Star (Make 27)

With larger hook and **B**, ch 5; join with a slip st to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 2, holding back last loop on hook, 2 dc in ring, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook – beginning cluster made; [ch 4; holding back last loop on hook, 3 dc



in ring, yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook – cluster made] 4 times, ch 4; join with a slip st to top of beginning cluster – 5 cluster.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, \* sc in cl, ch 7, sc in 4th ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in last ch; repeat from \* around; join to first sc.

**Round 3:** \* Working in remaining loops of ch, sc in next 4 loops, 2 sc in ch-3 space, ch 1, slip st in top and side loops of last sc made, 2 sc in same space, sc in next 4 sts \*\*, slip st in next sc; repeat from \* around, end at \*\*; join. Fasten off leaving a long end for sewing.

### FINISHING

Arrange 9 stars evenly spaced down each of the three single crochet sections and sew in place.



**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 (141g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** **A, B, C** = color A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st** = stitch; **tr** = treble crochet; **yo** = yarn over;  
\* or \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated;  
[ ] = work directions given in brackets the number of times specified.