Crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®:
5 balls of 00004 Strawberry **A**;
2 balls each of 00001 White **B**,
00005 Light Green **C**, 00003 Light
Pink **D**, and 09937 Giggle Print **E**

Crochet Hook: 5 mm [US H-8]

Yarn needle

TENSION/GAUGE: First 3 rounds of
square = 12 cm [4¾"] in diameter.
Square = 17 cm [6¾"] square.
CHECK YOUR TENSION/GAUGE.
Use any size hook to obtain the
tension/gauge.

4 MEDIUM RED HEART® Soft
Baby Steps®, Art.
9809672 solid colours
available in 100 g (3.5
oz), 164 m (179 yd)
balls

Flower Baby Blanket

*Wrap a precious baby in this pretty blanket!
Crochet it to welcome a newborn and it
will be there to comfort and warm into the
toddler years.*

Blanket measures 94 x 94 cm [37" x 37"].

Special Abbreviations
beginning cluster (beg cluster): Ch 4, *[yarn over] twice, insert hook in st, draw up a loop, [yarn over draw yarn through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from * once in same st, yarn over and draw through 3 loops on hook.
cluster: *[Yarn over] twice, insert hook in st, draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from * twice in same st, yarn over and draw through 4 loops on hook.
long dc: Working over ch-1 space in previous round, dc in corresponding cluster, 2 rounds below.
small shell (sm shell): 5 tr in same st.
large shell (lg shell): 7 tr in same st.
ch-2 join: Ch 1, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in corresponding ch-2 space on previous Square, draw dropped loop through, ch 1.
ch-4 join: Ch 2, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in corresponding ch-4 space on previous Square, draw dropped loop through, ch 2.

Note
Make 25 squares total; 10 using **C**; 8 using **D**, and 7 using **E** in Round 3 for flower colour.

BLANKET
First Square
With **A**, ch 4, join into a ring with a slip st in first ch.
Round 1 (wrong side): Ch 1, 8 dc in ring; join with a slip st in first dc—8 dc.
Round 2: Work beg cluster in first dc, *ch 3, cluster in next dc; repeat from * around, ch 3; join with a slip st in top of beg cluster. Fasten off.

Round 3: With wrong side facing, join **C** in any ch-3 space, ch 1, *5 dc in ch-3 space**, ch 1; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with a dc in first dc (counts as last ch-1 space); turn.
Round 4 (right side): Ch 1, *long dc over next ch-1 space in corresponding cluster 2 rounds below, skip next 2 dc, sm shell in next dc; repeat from * around; join with a slip st in first long dc. Fasten off.
Round 5: With right side facing, join **A** in center tr of any sm shell, ch 1, dc in same tr, *ch 3, tr in next long dc, ch 3**, dc in center tr of next sm shell; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with a slip st in first dc.
Round 6: Ch 1, dc in first dc, *3 dc in next ch-3 space, htr in next tr, (2 htr, tr) in next ch-3 space, (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next dc, (tr, 2 htr) in next ch-3 space, htr in next tr, 3 dc in next ch-3 space**, dc in next dc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with a slip st in first dc.
Round 7: Ch 1, dc in each st around working (dc, ch 3, dc) in each corner ch-2 space; join with a slip st ion first dc—21 dc on each side.
Round 8: Ch 1, (dc, ch 2, dc) in first dc, * [ch 1, skip next 2 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc] across to next corner, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch 4, dc) in corner ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc; repeat from * around to last side, [ch 1, skip next 2 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc] across to beginning of round; join with a slip st in first dc. Fasten off.

Make 24 more Squares following Assembly Diagram for placement, and joining to previous Squares while completing last round as follows:

Square Joined on One Side
Work same as First Square through Round 7.
Round 8: Ch 1, (dc, ch 2, dc) in first dc, ** *ch

1, skip next 2 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc*; repeat from * to * across to next corner, ch 1, skip next dc (dc, ch 4, dc) in corner ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc; repeat from ** once; repeat from * to * across to next corner, ch 1, (dc, ch-4 join in corner ch-4 space of previous Square, dc) in next ch-3 space, [ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch-2 join in corresponding ch-2 space on previous Square, dc) in next dc] across to next corner, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch-4 join in corner ch-4 space of previous Square, dc) in next ch-3 space, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc; repeat from * to * to beginning of round; join with a slip st in first dc. Fasten off.

Square Joined on Two Sides

Work same as First Square through Round 7.
Round 8: Ch 1, (dc, ch 2, dc) in first dc, *ch 1, skip next 2 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc*; repeat from * to * across to next corner, ch 1, skip next dc (dc, ch 4, dc) in corner ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc; repeat from * to * across to next corner, ch 1, **(dc, ch-4 join in corner ch-4 space of previous Square, dc) in next ch-3 space, [ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch-2 join in corresponding ch-2 space on previous Square, dc) in next dc] across to next corner, ch 1, skip next dc**; repeat from ** to ** once, (dc, ch-4 join in corner ch-4 space of previous Square, dc) in next ch-3 space, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc; repeat from * to * to beginning of round; join with a slip st in first dc. Fasten off. Continue to work Border.

Border

Round 1: Slip st in next ch-2 space, ch 3 (counts as tr), 4 tr shell in same space, dc in next ch-2 space, *[sm shell in next ch-2 space, dc in next ch-2 space] across to next corner, lg shell in next corner ch-4 space, dc in next ch-2 space; repeat from * around, [sm shell in next ch-2 space, dc in next ch-2 space] to beginning of round; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-3. Fasten off **A**.
Round 2: With right side facing, join **E** in first dc to the left of any corner lg shell, ch 1, dc in same dc, *[ch 2, (dc, ch 2, dc) in center tr of next shell, ch 2, dc in next dc] across to next corner, ch 2, skip next 2 tr, (dc, ch 2, dc) in each of next 3 tr, ch 2, skip next 2 tr, dc in next dc; repeat from * around to last side, [sm shell in next ch-2 space, dc in next ch-2 space] to beginning; join with a slip st in first dc. Fasten off **E**.
Round 3: With right side facing, join **A** in first dc, *[2 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch 2 space (at point of shell), ch 1, skip next dc, 2 dc in next ch 2 space, slip st in next dc] across to next corner, 2 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch 2 space, ch 1, skip next 2 dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next 2 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next dc, 2 dc in next ch 2 space; repeat from * around, join with a slip st in first dc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block lightly with wrong side facing.

Abbreviations

A, B, C = Colour A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **dc** = double crochet; **htr** = half treble crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = triple or treble crochet; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

5 join one side C	4 join one side E	3 join one side C	2 join one side E	FIRST SQUARE C
10 join two sides D	9 join two sides C	8 join two sides D	7 join two sides C	6 join one side D
15 join two sides E	14 join two sides D	13 join two sides E	12 join two sides D	11 join one side E
20 join two sides D	19 join two sides C	18 join two sides D	17 join two sides C	16 join one side D
25 join two sides C	24 join two sides E	23 join two sides C	22 join two sides E	21 join one side C

ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

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