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Skill Level



EASY

Materials

- Red Heart Boutique Unforgettable in Candied (3 skeins for baby blanket)
- (100% acrylic; 3.5oz/100g; 280yds/256m) 
- Hook—H (5mm)
- Tapestry needle

Gauge/Dimensions

- **Gauge:** In pattern, 7 rows = 4in (10cm) (measured diagonally from beginning corner)
- **Dimensions:**
Baby Blanket—32in (82cm) X 32in (82cm)

Stitch Abbreviations

ch	chain	RS	right side
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet	sl st	slip stitch
hl	horizontal loop of hdc	sp	space
rep(s)	repeat(s)	st(s)	stitch(es)
Rnd	round		

Notes

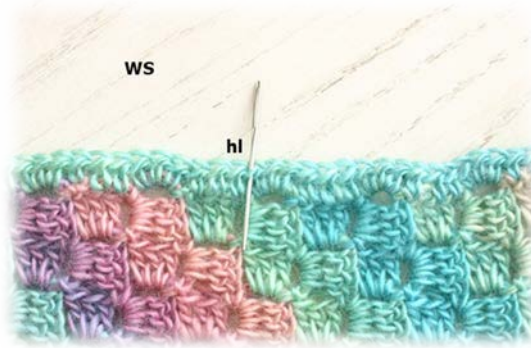
- Making adjustments to the dimensions of the blanket is simple, as the pattern is worked diagonally until the desired blanket width is achieved before decreasing rows are begun. Estimating yarn quantities then requires using about half of your yarn before beginning the decrease pattern. Be certain to allow extra for border yarn.
- All joining is completed with a slip stitch (sl st) unless otherwise stated.

Special Stitches

- **hl (horizontal loop of hdc)**—this loop is located just behind and nearly parallel to the normal loops typically worked. The pair of normal loops are shown below by the black lines. The red lines indicate the hl of each half double crochet (Figure 1). The needle is shown inserted through the hl (Figure 2) on the wrong side of the work.



(Figure 1)



(Figure 2)

Stitch Pattern for Blanket

Increasing Rows—

Row 1 (RS): ch 6, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 2, turn (1 block made)

Row 2: ch 6, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 2, flip Row 1 vertically (see *Picture Section*), (sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 sp of previous row (2 blocks made)

Row 3: ch 6, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, *(sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp of previous row; rep from * twice; turn (3 blocks made)

Row 4: ch 6, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, *(sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp of previous row; rep from * three times; turn (4 blocks made)

Continue in this manner, increasing 1 block on each row until there are 42 blocks across.

Decreasing Rows—

Row 43: slip st across first 3 dc, * (slip st, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 space of previous row; repeat from * to last ch-3 space; slip st in last ch-3 space; turn, do NOT make a block in last space (41 blocks).

Repeat Row 43 for decreasing block pattern.

Do NOT fasten off. Continue with border.

Border

Rnd 1: with RS facing, work 3 hdc in each ch-3 (or around post of dc) and hdc in each dc around, completing 3hdc in each corner st or sp, join to first hdc

Rnd 2-6: hdc in hl (see *Special Stitches*) of each st around, completing 3hdc in center st of 3hdc at each corner, join to first hdc

Fasten off at end of Rnd 6.

Weave in ends and block as desired.

Picture Section



Begin with a ch 6. Then work a dc in the fourth ch from the hook and a dc in each of the next 2 chains.



Now ch 6 and work the 3 dc into the chain.



Now it looks like this. You will take the block made on Row 1 and flip it up so the ch-3 sp is at the level of your hook.



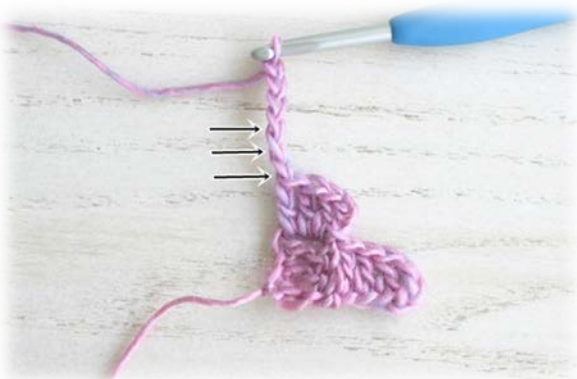
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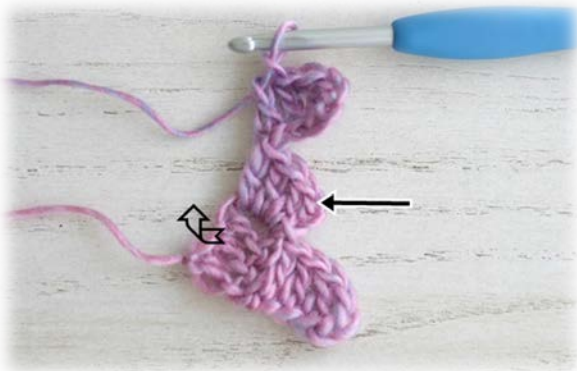
Now work a sl st into the ch-3 loop.



Make another block by completing a ch-3, and then 3 dc all into the same loop.



Let's do that all again for Row 3. Ch 6 and work a dc into each of the three chains (shown by arrows).



Now flip the previous rows up. You'll be working into the ch-3 loop shown by the arrow.



See? Flipped and ready for your next block...



(Sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) all in the ch-3 loop. Then sl st to the ch-3 loop of the next block—like this.



Keep building blocks until you get to the edges. That's where you will do your increasing by starting with a ch 6 and working into that chain.



There's the final block of the fourth row. Now let's start decreasing.



Turn your work and sl st in each dc...



...and then into the ch-3 space (shown by the arrow). This is where you will build your next block.



Keep going down the “stairs”.
Work another block by starting
here with a ch 3, then 3 dc in
the same ch-3 loop.



When you get to the end, sl st
to the final available ch-3 loop,
but rather than building another
block...



...turn.



Sl st down the “stair” and into
the next ch-3 loop. Continue
building blocks to the end.



Only one more block for this row...



Done. Now turn and sl st down the "stair".



One block left. Work it into the same ch-3 loop as the sl st...



...and join to the last ch-3 loop of the adjacent block. Don't fasten off—let's just move on to the border.

Border:



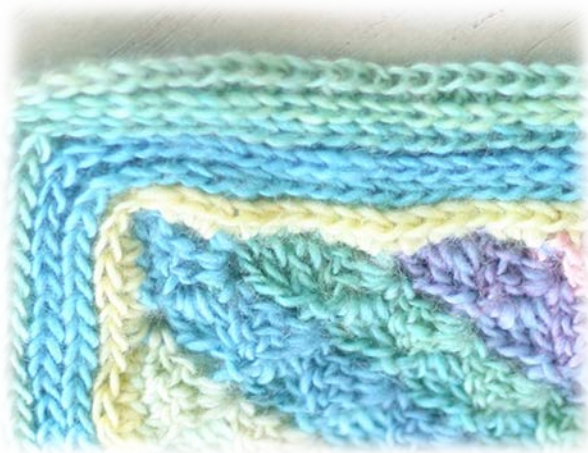
On the first round of the border, complete 3 hdc in each ch-3 loop and an hdc in each dc around. Remember to work 3 hdc in each corner to keep them flat.



On the second and consecutive rounds of the border, complete an hdc in each hl of the previous round. Notice the hl (arrow) lies behind the two loops (front and back) regularly worked (little black "V" lines).

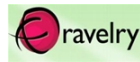


Notice that the loops of the previous round are not disturbed by working in the hl of the hdc as they are pushed forward to leave the little "V" of each stitch. Keep this up around...



...for 6 total rounds.
Remember, to work 3 hdc in the center hdc of each 3-hdc corner group.

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