

Daisy Farm Crafts

Holly the Hippo Crochet Blanket



Pattern by Tiffany Brown

MATERIALS

Bernat Softee Baby Chunky (100% acrylic, 5 oz/140 g, 155 yds/142 m)

2 skeins Angel White, 1 skein Tutu Pink

Size L/8.00mm hook, scissors, tapestry needle

SIZE

Finished size 26 in x 26 in

STITCHES

Single Crochet (SC): Insert your hook, yarn over (YO) and pull up a loop, YO and pull through two loops on hook.

PATTERN

Create about 4 little balls of white, for nostrils and eyes. For nostrils maybe 18 inches of yarn is all. For the eyes a bit more. It's nice to have these set aside.

Print graph (see below) and with white, chain 50.

Starting in the bottom right corner of graph, work one SC per square, changing colors when needed. Use the second skein of white for the left hand side of the graph. CH 1 and turn.

Work the graph back and forth. Mark the rows you've done and in the direction you worked if you need to set the project aside for awhile.

When finished with the graph, weave in all ends before starting the border.

In any corner, pull up a loop and SC in that space. Work SC in each stitch across the tops, and working carefully down the sides, if you find the sides to be ruffling, skip a space here and there. Generally one SC is worked per row, but the tension is looser on the sides of blankets, so skipping a space every now and then helps to keep the sides even. Work 3 SC into each corner space.

BORDER

Work a final 2 SC in the starting corner and then chain 8. In the second chain from the hook, work your first SC. Work SC in each chain back toward the blanket edge. (7 SC). Slip stitch (SL ST) to the next SC on the edge of the blanket and the next SC. (2 SL ST). Turn the series of 7 SC you just made toward you and working in the back loops, SC in each stitch. CH 1 and turn. Work in the back loops 7 SC back toward the edge of the blanket. SL ST into the next SC and the next making sure they are SC's that have not already been slip stitched into. You want the next 2 stitches.

When you get the end of the row, only work 1 SL ST into the corner, work BL-SC (back loop single crochet) to the end of the border and chain 8. Now work down the new side, using the same technique.

The last thing I do to make my blankets look better for gifting is to lay them out on either a towel or a foam mat and pin them straight. Then I use a spray bottle of water and dampen the blanket and further press the blanket into a nice shape. Then I let it air dry.

xo, Tiffany

