

# Daisy Farm Crafts

Crochet Modern Hearts Baby Blanket



Pattern by Hannah Brown McKay

## MATERIALS

Caron Simply Soft (100% acrylic, 170 g/6 oz, 288 m/315 yds)

4 skeins Soft Green, 1 skein White

Size H/5.00mm hook, tapestry needle, scissors

*Optional Link to YouTube Video Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/Wwum0ABUyLM>*

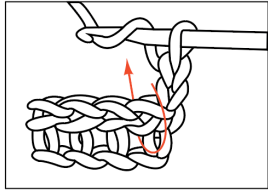
## SIZE

Finished size 32 in x 34 in

## STITCHES

**Half Double Crochet (HDC):** Yarn over (YO), insert your hook, YO and pull up a loop, YO, pull through three loops.

**Wide Half Double Crochet (WHDC):** YO, insert your hook between stitch posts, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through all three loops on hook.



## PATTERN

*Changing colors: Pull through with the new color just before you finish the WHDC stitch, when you have three loops on your hook. Carry whichever color you aren't using along the top of your work and crochet over it as you go. To avoid your yarn getting twisted as you carry it along your work, it helps to always keep one color to the front and one color to the back. So whenever I would switched from Green to White, I would keep the Green to the back and crochet over it, but when switching from White back to Green, I would wrap the White to the front of my work before starting to crochet over it.*

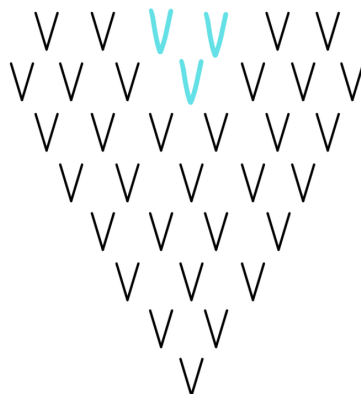
**Chain 101** with Soft Green (To make your blanket bigger or smaller, chain any multiple of 10, then add 1.)

**ROW 1:** Starting in 3rd chain from hook, work 1 HDC in each chain. CH 2 and turn.

**ROWS 2 - 3:** Work 1 WHDC in each space across the row. CH 2 and turn. (From now on you will always be inserting your hook in between the stitch posts of the previous row.)

**ROW 4:** \*Work 1 WHDC in each of the first 9 spaces with Soft Green, then 1 WHDC in the next space with White. Repeat from \* to the end of the row. CH 2 and turn.

Now, from here on out, instead of telling you the exact counts for when to switch colors on each row, I think it's going to be a lot easier for you to visually build your heart instead of counting stitches. The main reason for this is because we are using WHDC, so the counts will be different depending on whether you are on the front side or back side and so instead of counting the green stitches, it was a lot easier for me to focus on putting white stitches on either side of the white stitches from the row below. Here's the graph you want to follow for each heart (the black v's represent the white stitches):



Essentially, you are adding one stitch on every row until you have 6 white stitches, then on the next row you want 6 white stitches with 1 green in the middle. Then on the next row, you want to take the sides of your heart back in to make it curve, so you'll have 4 white stitches with 2 green stitches in the middle.

You should have eight rows total that have white in them when you're finished with your first set of hearts. After you build your first set of hearts, you can cut the White yarn and work 4 rows of WHDC in Soft Green. (If you want to spread them out more, just make sure you have an even number of rows between the hearts so that the stitches line up.)

Then repeat row 4 to start the bottom of your hearts, and use the graph to build the next set of hearts.

I ended up with eight sets of hearts before my hands were about to fall off! I love how this blanket turned out, but it was definitely a hand workout!

## **BORDER**

**Round 1:** Work one HDC in between the posts around the blanket, work 3 HDC into the corner spaces, and work 1 HDC per row. Join with a slip stitch at the end of the row to the first HDC.

**Round 2:** Working in the same direction, chain 7, In the third chain from the hook, work HDC and then work HDC into each chain for a total of 5 HDC. Slip stitch into the next stitch that is on the border and the next stitch, turn, skip over the slip stitches and work 5 HDC into the back loops of the HDC you just made down the chain. CH 2 and turn. Work 5 back loop only HDC back down to the edge of the blanket, slip stitch into the next two spaces. Repeat in this manner down the side of the blanket.

When you reach the corner, instead of slip stitching over two times, slip stitch into the corner space three times in a row. Meaning, after you work up and down the HDC's, slip stitch back into the same corner space, repeating three times. This will fan the work around the corner. Then you return to slip stitching over the next two spaces.

When you have gone all the way around the blanket, finish the last corner by slip stitching 3 times into the same space, then end on the outside edge of the blanket. Tie off leaving a long tail. Sew the last edge to the first edge of the border. Then weave in all remaining ends.

xo, Hannah