

# Daisy Farm Crafts

## Crochet Cactus Baby Blanket



Pattern by Tiffany Brown

### MATERIALS

Red Heart Soft (100% acrylic, 141 g/5 oz, 234 m/256 yds)

6 skeins White, 2 skeins Black

Size H/5.00mm hook, tapestry needle, scissors

Zip-loc plastic bags

### SIZE

Finished size 32 in x 34 in

### STITCHES

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

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

**Front 2 Loop Half Double Crochet (F2LHDC):** YO and work your hook up and under the front two loops (the two loops that face you) of the HDC stitch, YO and pull through all three loops on the hook.

## PATTERN

*Before starting, wind fist size balls of black yarn and place each one into the ziploc bags - one per bag and one bag per each cactus. Try using the slide close type ziploc bag for best results.*

**Chain 114** with White. (Pattern repeat is 22 plus 4. Multiply the number of cactus you would like across the end of your blanket times 22, then add 4.)

**ROW 1:** In the third chain from the hook, work 1 HDC. Work 1 HDC in each chain across the row. Chain (CH) 2 and turn. (112)

**ROW 2:** In first stitch, (turning chain does not count as a stitch) work 1 F2LHDC. Work 1 F2LHDC in each stitch across the row. CH 2 and turn. (112)

**ROWS 3 - 21:** Using the F2LHDC now and throughout the entire blanket, start in the lower right hand corner of the chart and follow the graph. To change color, pull through on the last step of the stitch. Use one ball of black yarn per cactus. You will carry the white yarn through the black (this means the white yarn will lie flat across the row and you will crochet over it and bring it through the black portion of the cactus.)

**ROWS 22 - 66:** Repeat row 2.

**ROWS 67 - 85:** Turn the graph upside down and work the cactus from the top to the bottom.

**ROWS 86 - 87:** Repeat row 2. Tie off and weave in the ends.

## BORDER

**Round 1:** Pull up a loop in any corner and chain 1. Work 1 HDC in each stitch across the row, and work 1 HDC and the end of each row on the sides of the blanket. Work 3 HDC into each corner. Join with a slip stitch to the starting HDC.

**Rounds 2 and 3:** Continuing in the same direction, work 1 SC (single crochet) into each stitch. Work 3 SC into each corner. Join with a slip stitch at the end of round 3. Tie off and weave in all ends.

If you'd like to add finishing touches to your blanket, lay it out flat on a towel or foam blocking boards if you have them. Use a spray bottle with water to dampen the blanket. Press the blanket into straight lines, massaging the stitches and adjusting your tension. Pin with straight pins and let it dry.

xo, Tiffany

