

Daisy Farm Crafts

Crochet Summer Celebration Hot Pads



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MATERIALS

for 3 hot pads

Lily Sugar 'n Cream The Original Yarn (super size, 100% cotton, 113 g/4 oz, 184 m/200 yds)

1 skein each Red, White and Blue Jeans

Size H/5.00mm hook, tapestry needle, scissors

SIZE

Finished size 8 in x 8 in

Gauge 4 in = 15 st and 13 rows of HHDC

STITCHES

Herringbone Half Double Crochet (HHDC): Yarn over (YO), insert your hook, YO, pull up a loop and pull directly through first loop on hook. YO and pull through remaining two loops on hook.

Puff Stitch: *YO, insert your hook, YO and pull up a loop. Repeat from * two more times, inserting your hook into the same space. Then YO and pull through all loops on hook.

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

Slip Stitch (SL ST): Insert your hook, YO, pull up a loop and pull directly through loop on hook.

PATTERN

Chain 24 with Main Color. (Pattern repeat is any multiple of 4.)

Row 1: Starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, work 1 HHDC in each chain. CH 1 and turn. (23 st)

Rows 2 - 3: Work 1 HHDC in each stitch across the row. CH 1 and turn.

Row 4: *Work 1 HHDC in each of the next three stitches with Main Color. On the third stitch, pull through with New Color before you finish the stitch. Work 1 Puff in the next stitch with New Color. Pull through with Main Color before you finish the puff. Repeat from * across the row, and end the row with HHDC in the last 3 stitches. (When switching colors, you can simply drop the color not in use and pick it up again when you need it by laying the yarn across the back of your work, since that side will be hidden on the inside of the hot pad. Below is a picture to show you what I mean.)



Rows 5 - 7: Work 1 HHDC in each stitch across the row. CH 1 and turn.

Row 8: Repeat row 4 with alternating color.

Repeat rows 5 - 8 until you have four polka dot rows, and end with 3 rows of HHDC with Main Color. Tie off, weave ends and repeat instructions from the beginning to make another square.

COMBINING SQUARES

Place squares together evenly with polka dots facing outward. Pull up a loop in corner (inserting hook through both squares) and chain 4. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work SC in each of the 3 chains back toward the edge of the squares. *Slip stitch into the next space, and in the next space. Turn and work in the back loops of each of the 3 SC you just made. CH 1 and turn. Work back down the SC in the back loops only. (Be careful not to miss the 3rd stitch, it sometimes pulls tight and is hard to see.) Repeat from across * each side.

(Note: I did my best to work 1 slip stitch per row on the sides of the squares, but I know it can be a little tricky to figure out where to insert your hook; if you'd like, you can also work 1 round of SC around the edge before beginning the ribbing border so that it's easier to see where to insert your hook when you start the ribbing.)

Corners: When you reach a corner space, only slip stitch once, before turning and working the SC back up to the top of the border. Return and slip stitch once into the corner space. Turn and work the SC back up to the top. Work SC back down to the edge of the squares, then resume slip stitching into each of the next two stitches and working across the side. (If your corner isn't looking rounded enough, you can slip stitch an additional time into the corner and work up and down an extra time with SC.)

When you reach the starting corner, work the corner the same way as previous corners. Stop when you get to the top of the border and tie off, then use a tapestry needle to sew corners together. Then tie off, weave in any additional ends and enjoy your hot pads!

-Hannah