Raised Hearts Baby Afghan Free Crochet Pattern



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MATERIALS:3-5 oz skein Bernat Softee Baby yarn in Pale Pink and 4-5 oz skeins in White, size F hook or hook to obtain gauge.

FINISHED SIZE: 40" X 41"

Gauge: 5 sc = 1", 5 rows sc = 1", 5 Fpdc\Bpdc = 1", 3 rows Fpdc\Bpdc = 1", 4 hdc sts = 1", 3 rows hdc = 1"

AFGHAN:

SPECIAL STITCHES: The stitches used to make the raised sts are Front Post dc or Fpdc and Back Post dc or Bpdc. This is a dc worked around the previous row's st instead of in the top of the sts as normally done. In the Fpdc you are working the st by inserting your hook from the front of the piece, behind the previously worked st and then back through to the front, yo and work as established for dc. Bpdc is the same but instead of inserting your hook from the front of the piece you insert it from the back of the piece and then around the previously worked dc and then back through the back, yo and finish working normal dc.

You will be alternating two colors as you work. Due to the special Fpdc and Bpdc you will not be able to work the white yarn behind the sts as you crochet. Simply drop the white, make the raised sts, pick the white back up carefully running it behind the worked sts and continue working. When working the background you can work the pink yarn behind your sts picking up and dropping as indicated.

ROW 1: With F hook and White yarn ch-160, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in ea ch across, ch-1, turn. (159 sts)

ROW 2-4: Sc ea st across, ch-1, turn.

<u>ROW 5:</u> Sc next 11 sts, * join pink, drop white, Fpdc next st, drop pink, pick up white, sc next 16 sts, rep from * 8 times, sc last 11, ch-1, turn.

Please note, from now on the ins will not state pick up or dropping of yarns: Sc = white and Fpdc\Bpdc = pink.

ROW 6: Sc next 10 sts, * Bpdc next 3, sc next 14, rep from * 8 times, Bpdc next 3, sc next 10, ch-1, turn.

ROW 7: Sc next 9 sts, * Fpdc next 5, sc next 12, rep from * 8 times, Fpdc next 5, sc next 9, ch-1, turn.

ROW 8: Sc next 8 sts, * Bpdc next 7, sc next 10, rep from * 8 times, Bpdc next 7, sc next 8, ch-1, turn.

ROW 9: Sc next 7 sts, * Fpdc next 9, sc next 8, rep from * 8 times, Fpdc next 9, sc next 7, ch-1, turn.

ROW 10: Sc next 6 sts, * Bpdc next 11, sc next 6, rep from * across, ch-1, turn.

<u>ROW 11:</u> Sc next 6 sts, * Fpdc next 5, sc next st, Fpdc next 5, sc next 6, rep from * across, ch-1, turn.

ROW 12: Sc next 6 sts, * Bpdc next 4, sc next 3, Bpdc next 4, sc next 6, rep from * across, ch-1, turn.

ROW 13: Sc next 6 sts, * Fpdc next 3, sc next 5, Fpdc next 3, sc next 6, rep from * across, ch-1, turn.

<u>ROW 14:</u> Sc next 6 sts, * Bpdc next 2, sc next 7, Bpdc next 2, sc next 6, rep from * across, fasten off pink, ch-1, turn.

ROW 15-18: Sc ea st across, ch-1, turn.

ROW 19: Sc next 19 sts, join pink, * Fpdc next, sc next 16, rep from * 8 times, sc next 4, ch-1, turn.

ROW 20: Sc next 19 sts, * Bpdc next 3, sc next 14, rep from * 8 times, sc next 4, ch-1, turn.

ROW 21: Sc next 17 sts, * Bpdc next 5, sc next 12, rep from * 8 times, sc next 6, ch-1, turn.

ROW 22: Sc next 17 sts, * Fpdc next 7, sc next 10, rep from * 8 times, sc next 6, ch-1, turn.

ROW 23: Sc next 15 sts, * Bpdc next 9, sc next 8, rep from * 8 times, sc next 8, ch-1, turn.

ROW 24: Sc next 15 sts, * Fpdc next 11, sc next 6, rep from * 8 times, sc next 8, ch-1, turn.

ROW 25: Sc next 14 sts, * Bpdc next 5, sc next st, Bpdc next 5, sc next 6, rep from * 8 times, ch-1, turn.

ROW 26: Sc next 15 sts, * Fpdc next 4, sc next 3, Fpdc next 4, sc next 6, rep from * 8 times, sc next 8, ch-1, turn. ROW 27: Sc next 14 sts, * Bpdc next 3, sc next 5, Bpdc next 3, sc next 6, rep from * 8 times, sc next 9, ch-1, turn.

ROW 28: Sc next 15 sts, * Fpdc next 2, sc next 7, Fpdc next 2, sc next 6, rep from * 8 times, fasten off pink, sc next 8, ch-1, turn.

ROW 29-32: Sc ea st across, ch-1, turn.

<u>ROW 33-46:</u> Rep rows 5-18.

ROW 47-60: Rep rows 19-32.

Row 61-83: Rep rows 5-18.

ROW 84-97: Rep rows 19-32.

ROW 98-111: Rep rows 5-18.

ROW 112-125: Rep rows 19-32.

ROW 126-139: Rep rows 5-18.

ROW 140-153: Rep rows 19-32.

ROW 154-167: Rep rows 5-18.

<u>RND 168</u>: You will now be working in rnds. Sc evenly in ea st an end of rows around, working (2 sc, ch-2, 2 sc) in ea corner, sl st top beg sc, ch-1, turn. (654 sts)

RND 169-171: Hdc ea st around working (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ea ch-2 sp, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (662 sts)(670 sts)(678 sts)

RND 172: Ch 3 more times (1st trc), trc next st, * ch-5, sk next 5 sts, trc next 2 sts, rep from * around, working (2 trc, ch-2, 2 trc) in ea ch-2 sp and ending with ch-5, sk 5 sts, trc last st, sl st top beg ch-4, ch-1, turn.

RND 173: Hdc ea st and in ea ch-5 around and working (2 hdc, ch-2, 2 hdc) in ea ch-2 sp, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (694 sts)

RND 174-177: Hdc ea st around, working (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ea ch-2 sp, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. At the end of rnd 177 fasten off. (702 sts)(710 sts)(718 sts)(726 sts)

PINK RIBBON (MAKE TWO):

ROW 1: With pink yarn and F hook ch-5, sc 2^{nd} ch from hook, dc next ch, sc next ch, dc last ch, ch-1, turn. (4 sts)

ROW 2-632: (Sc next dc, dc next st) twice, ch-1, turn. At the end of row 632 fasten off.

Thread one ribbon over and under trc in rnd 172 of afghan on two sides, leave the same amount of excess at ea end, rep with other ribbon on the last two sides of the afghan. Tie ends into bows.



Abbreviations Used In This Pattern

Ch = Chain
St = Stitch
Sl St = Slip Stitch
Sc = Single Crochet
Fpdc = Front Post Double Crochet
Bpdc = Back Post Double Crochet
Rnd = Round
Beg = Beginning
Rep = Repeat
Bet = Between
Ea = Each
Tog = Together

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