

circles border baby blanket

MATERIALS

Yarn

TLC Baby Amore, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 286yd/262m (acrylic/nylon)

- 2 balls #9552 Orchid (A)
- 1 ball #9832 Light Blue (B)
- 1 ball #9001 White (C)
- 1 ball #9256 Yellow (D)

Hook

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

Notions

- Yarn needle



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

32"/81.5cm x 30"/76cm including circles

GAUGE

13 stitches and 10 rows = 4"/10 cm over pattern stitch using size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTE

Work begins with the main body of the blanket. 32 circles, 8 of each color, are then made and sewn around the edges of the blanket.

BLANKET

With A, chain 85.

Row 1 Half double crochet in 2nd chain from hook and each chain to end—84 half double crochet.

Row 2 Chain 2, turn, half double crochet in front loop only of first stitch, half double crochet in back loop only of next stitch, *half double crochet in front loop only of





next stitch, half double crochet in back loop only of next stitch; repeat from * across row.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 24"/61cm from beginning. Do not fasten off.

Edging Round Chain 2, do not turn; working in ends of rows along side, single crochet in end of each row along side; work 3 single crochet in corner; working on opposite side of foundation chain, single crochet in each chain across; work 3 single crochet in corner; working in ends of rows along opposite side, single crochet in end of each row along side; work 3 single crochet in corner; single crochet in each stitch across to end; join with slip stitch in first single crochet. Fasten off.

CIRCLE (MAKE 32; 8 IN EACH COLOR)

Chain 4; form a ring by working a slip stitch in the first chain.

Round 1 Chain 2, work 8 half double crochets into the ring; join by working a slip stitch in the first half double crochet.

Round 2 Chain 2, work 2 half double crochet in each stitch around; join by working a slip stitch in the first half double crochet—16 half double crochet.

Round 3 Chain 2, work 1 half double crochet in first stitch, 2 half double crochet in next stitch, *half double crochet in next stitch, 2 half double crochet in next stitch; repeat from * around; join by working a slip stitch in the first half double crochet—24 half double crochet. Fasten off.

Repeat the circle instructions to make 8 circles in each color, for a total of 32 circles.

FINISHING

With right sides of circles all facing in the same direction, place circles around outer edge of blanket, alternating colors. Sew 1 circle to each corner, 8 circles along each long edge, and 6 circles along each short edge. Sew edges of each circle to blanket and to edges of circles on either side.

Weave in all ends. ■

