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TECHNIQUE USED: Crochet

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SIZES

Small (Medium, Large, X-Large)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Chest 18 (21, 23, 27)"/45.5 (53.5, 58.5, 68.5) cm Length (neck edge to tail) 12 (15, 17, 20)"/30.5 (38, 43, 51) cm

MATERIALS

Caron International's Simply Soft (100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, 315 yds/288 m skein): 1 (2, 2, 3) skeins MC.

Caron International's Simply Soft Brites (100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, 315 yds/288 m): 1 skein A; 1 skein B; 1 skein C; 1 skein D, all sizes.

Shown in: #9727 Black (MC); #9610 Grape (A); #9607 Limelight (B); #9608 Blue Mint (C); #9604Watermelon (D).

One size US J-10 (6 mm) crochet hook or size to obtain gauge Yarn Needle

GAUGE

In double crochet, 12 sts and 8 rows = 4"/10 cm.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), reverse single crochet (reverse sc), slip stitch (slip st)

SPECIAL TERMS

bobble: Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over and draw through 1 loop (2 loops on hook), [yarn over, insert hook in same st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over and draw through 1 loop] 4 times (6 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all 6 loops on hook.

dc2tog: Double crochet 2 together – [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

NOTES

- 1. To change colors when making bobbles, work the last double crochet (or ch 3) before the bobble to the last yarn over, yarn over with the bobble color and draw through all loops on hook to complete the double crochet (or ch 3). Work the bobble with the bobble color to the final yarn over, yarn over with MC and draw through all 6 loops on hook to complete the bobble.

 2. In the coat shown, the bobbles are worked in the following order: A, B, C, D, C, B, A, B. However, any order, or even a random color selection, will work.
- 3. To use scrap yarn for bobbles, estimate about 2 yards per bobble.
- 4. Three separate balls of MC are used when forming leg openings. Before beginning chest shaping, ensure that you have three separate balls of MC (roll additional balls from a larger skein).

COAT

With MC, ch 36 (44, 48, 56).

Lower Edge

Row 1 (RS): Dc in third ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across, turn—35 (43, 47, 55) dc.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, change to A, bobble in next st, *change to MC, dc in next 3 sts, change to C, bobble in next st; repeat from * across to last st; change to MC, dc in last st, turn—9 (11, 12, 14) bobbles.

Rows 4 and 5: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 6: Ch 3, change to C, bobble in next st; change to MC, dc in each st to last 2 sts; change to C, bobble in next st; change to MC, dc in last st, turn.

Repeat Rows 4–6 until piece measures 5 (6 1/2, 7 1/2, 9)"/12.5 (16.5, 19, 23) cm from beginning. End with Row 5. Fasten off. Turn work.

Shape Chest

Row 1: With MC, ch 10 (11, 12, 14), dc in first dc of Coat; change to C, bobble in next st; change to MC, dc in each st across to last 2 sts; change to C, bobble in next st; change to MC, dc in last st, ch 11 (12, 13, 15), turn.

Row 2: Dc in third ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across, dc in each st across, dc in each ch across, turn —55 (65, 71, 83) sts.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, dc in next 10 (11, 12, 14) sts; change to C, bobble in next st; change to MC, dc in next 31 (39, 43, 51) sts; change to C, bobble in next st; change to MC, dc in each st across, turn.

Rows 5 and 6: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 7 (divide for leg openings): Ch 3, dc in next 4 (4, 5, 6) sts; join a separate ball of MC and dc in next 6 (7, 7, 8) sts; change to C, bobble in next st; change to MC, dc in next 31 (39, 43, 51) sts; change to C, bobble in next st; change to MC and dc in next 6 (7, 7, 8) sts; join a third ball of MC and dc in remaining 5 (5, 6, 7) sts, turn.

Continue to work with three separate balls of MC, to form leg openings. Repeat Rows 5–7 until piece measures 8 1/2 (11 1/2, 13 1/2, 16 1/2)"/21.5 (29, 34.5, 42) cm from beginning. End with Row 7.

Repeat Rows 5–7 once more, using only one ball of MC to work across all stitches to close leg opening. Piece should measure 10 (13, 15, 18)"/25.5 (33, 38, 45.5) cm from beginning.

Shape Neck

Row 1: Ch 3, *dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to last 2 (0, 2, 2) sts, dc in remaining sts (if any), turn—42 (49, 54, 63) sts.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3; change to A, bobble in next st, *change to MC, dc in next 3 sts; change to C, bobble in next st; repeat from * to last 0 (3, 0, 1) sts, dc in remaining sts (if any), turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn. Fasten off.

LEGS

With RS facing, join MC with slip st in edge of leg opening.

Round 1: Ch 3, work 18 (30, 38, 50) dc evenly spaced around leg opening; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

Round 2: Ch 3, dc in each dc around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

Repeat Round 2 until Leg measures 2 (3, 4, 5)"/5 (7.5, 10, 12.5) cm from beginning. Fasten off.

FINISHING

With WS facing and using yarn needle, sew edges of chest together.

Edging

Edge the neck, leg openings and lower opening of Coat as follows: With RS facing, join A with slip st in edge.

Round 1: Ch 1, reverse sc evenly spaced around edge.

Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

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