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Easter Egg Placemats

When it comes to colors, the more the merrier! Set the table with these quick-to-work placemats—the perfect way to combine bits and pieces of your stash.

BY LINDA PERMANN



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g balls, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #512 Turqua (A)
- 1 skein #774 Light Raspberry (B)
- 1 skein #256 Carrot (C)
- 1 skein #320 Cornmeal (D)
- 1 skein #776 Dark Orchid (E)

Note Five skeins can make approx 10–12 placemats if you alter stripe patterns.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 7 (4.5mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Locking stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**



the yarn

Super Saver in Turqua



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length Approx 18"/45.5cm

Width Approx 13"/33cm (at widest point)

GAUGE

15 dc and 8 dc rows = 4"/10cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 17.

Row 1 Dc in fourth ch from hook (skipped chs count as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across—15 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across, dc in first skipped ch.

Rows 3–8 Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across, dc in third ch of turning ch. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the yarn

a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger; insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Ch 1 to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work sts of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

NOTES

1 Placemats are worked in two different stripe patterns. Consult the sections below to determine the color order. For example, in Stripe Pattern 1, A is Color 1, B is Color 2, and so on.

2 When pattern says “drop color and secure,” secure loop with a locking stitch marker to keep it from unraveling.

3 When instructed to change color in last st of row, work last st until last yarn over, drop old color, draw dropped loop of opposite (new) color through 2 loops on hook as last yarn over, and remove marker. Continue next row with new color.

4 When no color is listed in row instructions, continue working in same color as last row.

Stripe Pattern 1

Work colors in this order: A, B, C, D, E.

Stripe Pattern 2

Work colors in this order: E, B, D, A, C.

PLACEMAT

Starting at tip with Color 1, make an adjustable ring.

Row 1 (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 6 dc in ring—7 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3, turn; dc in first st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, place marker in last st made to mark middle st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in last st—11 dc.

Note Move marker up to middle st in each row as work progresses.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; dc in first st, dc in each st across to 1 st before marker, 2 dc in st before marker, dc in marked st, 2 dc in next st, dc in each st across to last st, 2 dc in last st—15 dc. Drop Color 1 and secure (see Notes for technique).

Row 4 (WS) Insert hook in last st of previous row, draw up a loop of Color 2, leaving a long tail, ch 1, turn; sc in first st and in each st across—15 sc. Drop Color 2 and secure.

Row 5 (WS) Do not turn. Insert hook in first st, draw dropped loop of Color 1 through st, removing marker, ch 3, dc in first st, dc in each st across to 1 st before marker, 2 dc

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in st before marker, dc in marked st, 2 dc in next st, dc in each st across to last st, 2 dc in last st, changing to dropped loop of Color 2 in last dc (see Notes for technique), removing marker—19 dc.

Fasten off Color 1.

Row 6 With Color 2, repeat Row 3—23 dc. Do not drop Color 2.

Row 7 Repeat Row 3—27 dc.

Drop Color 2 and secure.

Row 8 (RS) With Color 3, repeat Row 4.

Drop Color 3 and secure.

Row 9 (RS) With Color 2, repeat Row 5—31 dc. Fasten off Color 2.

Row 10 With Color 3, repeat Row 3—35 dc.

Do not drop Color 3.

Row 11 Ch 3, turn; dc in next st and in each st across.

Row 12 Repeat Row 3—39 dc.

Drop Color 3 and secure.

Row 13 (RS) With Color 4, repeat Row 4. Drop Color 4 and secure.

Row 14 (RS) Do not turn. Insert hook in first st, draw dropped loop of Color 3 through st, removing marker, ch 3, dc in next st and in each st across, changing to dropped loop of Color 4 in last dc (see Notes for technique), removing marker.

Fasten off Color 3.

Row 15 With Color 4, repeat Row 11.

Row 16 Repeat Row 3—43 dc.

Rows 17 and 18 Repeat last 2 rows—47 dc at end of Row 18.

Drop Color 4 and secure. Remove stitch marker in middle st.

Row 19 (WS) With Color 5, repeat Row 4.

Drop Color 5 and secure.

Row 20 (WS) With Color 4, repeat Row 14, changing to dropped loop of Color 5 in last dc. Fasten off Color 4.

Rows 21–25 With Color 5, repeat Row 11, 5 times.

At end of Row 25, drop Color 5 and secure.

Row 26 (WS) With Color 1, repeat Row 4. Drop Color 1 and secure.

Row 27 (WS) With Color 5, repeat Row 14, changing to dropped loop of Color 1 in last dc. Fasten off Color 5.

Rows 28 and 29 With Color 1, repeat Row 11, 2 times.

Row 30 Ch 3, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last st—45 sts.

Rows 31–33 Repeat Row 30, 3 more times—39 sts.

At end of last row, drop Color 1 and secure.

Row 34 (RS) Insert hook in last st of previous row, draw up a loop of Color 2, leaving a long tail, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st—37 sc. Drop Color 2 and secure.

Row 35 (RS) Do not turn. Insert hook in first st, draw dropped loop of Color 1 through st, removing marker, ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last st, changing to dropped loop of Color 2 (see Notes for technique), removing marker—35 sts. Fasten off Color 1.

Rows 36–38 With Color 2, repeat Row 30, 3

times—29 sts at end of Row 38.

Row 39 Turn; sk first 2 sts, 3 dc in next st, *dc2tog, dc in next dc; repeat from * across to last 5 sts, dc2tog, 3 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st—21 sts.

Fasten off Color 2.

Edging

With RS facing, join Color 1 with sl st in any st around edge, ch 1, sc in same st as joining,

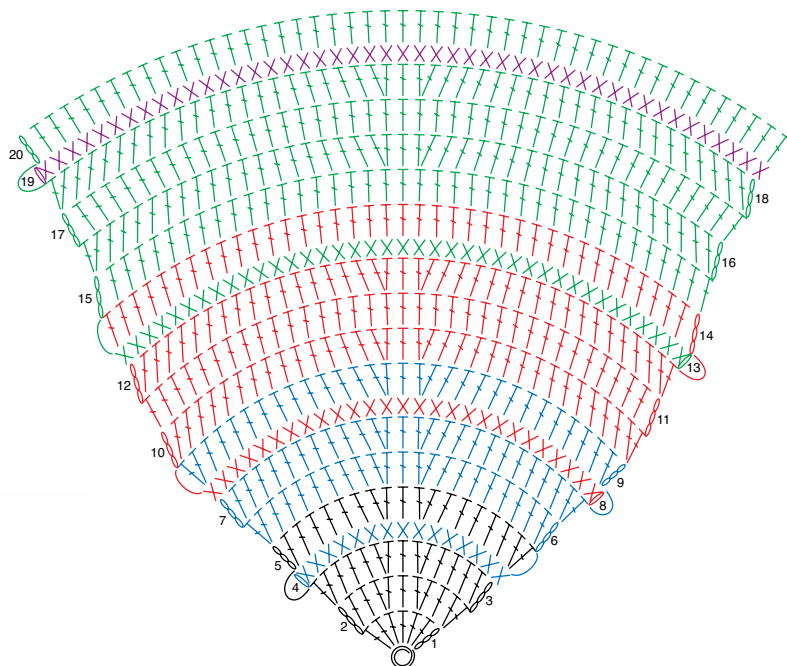
sc evenly spaced around entire outer edge of placemat. Increase at curved edges as needed, so placemat lays flat. Encase elongated loops at edges of rows. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

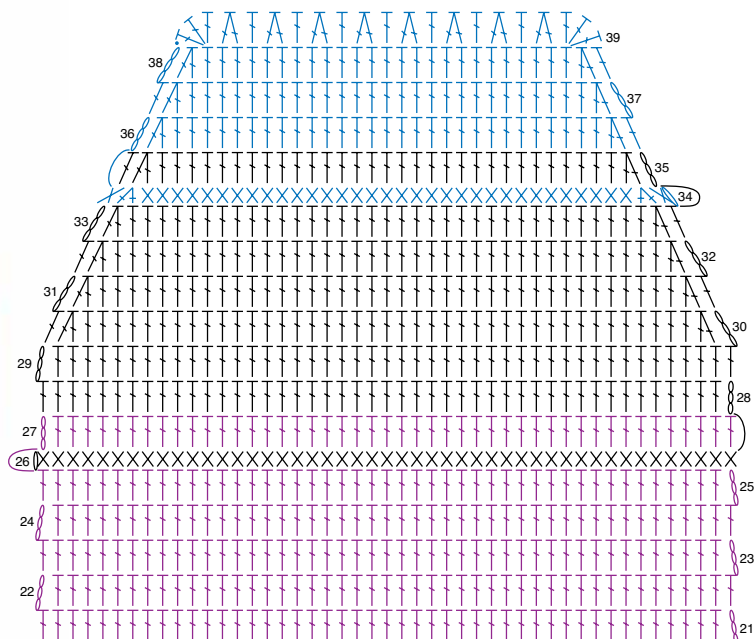
Weave in all ends.

Wet block placemats and pin to shape.

Let dry completely. ☀



ROWS 1-20



ROWS 21-39



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