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# Rainbow Inchworm

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# Rainbow Inchworm Blanket

## LEVEL:

Intermediate

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Approximately 34" x 40" (86cm x 102cm) including edging

## MATERIALS:

- Caron® Simply Soft® (100% acrylic):
  - White (26oz/737g): Color A
  - Limelight (11oz/312g): Color B
  - Mango (0.5oz/14g): Color C
  - Blue Mint (0.5oz/14g): Color D
  - Red (2.5oz/71g): Color E
  - Lemonade (1.5oz/43g): Color F
  - Black (1oz/28g): Color G



## YOU WILL NEED:

- Size J-10 (6.0mm) crochet hook or size to obtain gauge
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

## GAUGE:

In double crochet, 15 sts and 9 rows = 4" (10cm)

Exact gauge is essential for your project to be proper size. As you begin your project, make a sample swatch per the instructions using the recommended yarn and hook. After you complete the swatch, measure it, counting your stitches and rows carefully. If your swatch is larger or smaller than specified, change the hook size and make another swatch to get the correct gauge. Keep trying until you find the hook size that will give you the specified gauge.

## STITCHES USED:

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st), treble crochet (tr), plus the following variations:

**picot:** Ch 2, sl st in second ch from hook.

**sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together):** Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## Notes:

1. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over; yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook. Proceed with new color. Do not fasten off old color until instructed. When the old color is not fastened off, you will be able to pick up old color next time it is needed.
2. The round pieces are worked in continuous rounds with RS facing throughout (unless otherwise stated). Do not join and do not turn at the end of rounds. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round and move marker up as work progresses.

## BLANKET DIRECTIONS:

- With Color A, ch 137.
- **Row 1:** Dc in fourth ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in each ch across, turn. (135 dc)
- **Rows 2-11:** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in each st across, turn.

## Make First Stem

- **Row 12:** Ch 3, dc in next 27 dc; change to Color B, dc in each st across, turn.
- **Row 13:** Ch 3, dc in next 106 dc; change to Color A, dc in each st across, turn. Fasten off Color B.
- **Rows 14-27:** Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

## Make Second Stem

- **Row 28:** Ch 3, dc in next 54 sts; change to Color B, dc in each st across, turn.
- **Row 29:** Ch 3, dc in next 79 sts; change to Color A, dc in each st across, turn. Fasten off Color B.
- **Rows 30-43:** Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

## Make Third Stem

- **Row 44:** Ch 3, dc in next 74 sts; change to Color B, dc in each st across, turn.
- **Row 45:** Ch 3, dc in next 59 sts; change to Color A, dc in each st across, turn. Fasten off Color B.
- **Rows 46-59:** Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

## Make Fourth Stem

- **Row 60:** Ch 3, dc in next 27 sts; change to Color B, dc in each st across, turn.
- **Row 61:** Ch 3, dc in next 106 sts; change to Color A, dc in each st across, turn. Fasten off Color B.
- **Rows 62-72:** Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn; change to Color B in last st of Row 72. Fasten off Color A.

## Edging:

- **Rnd 1:** With Color B, ch 3, 4 dc in first st (corner made), dc in each st across to last dc, 5 dc in last st (corner made); working in ends of rows across side of Blanket, work 109 dc evenly spaced across; working across opposite side of foundation ch, 5 dc in first ch (corner made), dc in each ch across to last ch, 5 dc in last ch (corner made); working in ends of rows across other side of Blanket, work 109 dc evenly spaced across; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. (504 dc)
- **Rnd 2:** Sl st in each st to center dc of first corner, sk next 2 dc of corner, \*(2 dc, 4 tr, 2 dc) in next dc, sk next 2 dc, sl st in next dc, sk next 2 dc; repeat from \* around. Join with a slip to center dc of first corner. Fasten off.

## FLOWER APPLIQUÉ:

**Center: (Make 4 – 2 each with Color D and Color E for petals)**

- With Color F, ch 2.
  - **Rnd 1 (RS):** Work 6 sc in second ch from hook; do not join and do not turn, work in continuous rounds. (6 sc)
  - **Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each st around. (12 sc)
  - **Rnd 3:** [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] six times. (18 sc)
  - **Rnd 4:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] six times. (24 sc)
  - **Rnd 5:** [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next sts] six times. (30 sc)
  - **Rnd 6:** Sc in next 2 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] five times, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts. (36 sc)
  - **Rnd 7:** [Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] six times. (42 sc)
  - **Rnd 8:** Sc in next 3 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] five times, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts. (48 sc)
- Work sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.



### Petals:

**Note:** Petals are worked back and forth in rows.

With RS facing and working in front loops only, join petal color with sc in any sc of Rnd 8.

❑ **Row 9:** Working in front loops only, sc in next 7 sts, turn. (8 sc total, including the joining sc)

❑ **Rows 10-11:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

❑ **Row 12:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in last st, turn. (10 sc)

❑ **Rows 13 and 14:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

❑ **Rows 15-17:** Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sc, sc2tog. (4 sc at end of Row 17)

❑ **Row 18:** Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice. (2 sc) Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

With RS facing and working in front loops only, join petal color in next unworked sc of Rnd 8. Repeat Rows 9-18 for next petal. Continue in this manner until 6 petals have been worked all the way around the center of the flower.

### Petal Edging:

**Note:** Work petal edging only after all 6 petals have been completed.

With RS facing, join petal color with sl st in same st as first st of Row 9 of any petal.

**Edging Round:** \*Work 10 sc evenly up the side of the petal; in sts at tip of petal, work (sc, hdc) in first st, (hdc, sc) in next st; work 10 sc evenly down other side of petal, sl st in same st as last st of Row 9 of petal, sl st in same st as first st of Row 9 of next petal; repeat from \* around. Fasten off.

### Eye: (Make 2 for each Flower)

❑ With Color G, ch 2.

❑ **Rnds 1-2:** Work same as Rnds 1 and 2 of Flower Center. (12 sc)

Work sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. With Color A, embroider a "fleck" on each eye.

### LEAF APPLIQUÉ: (Make 11)

❑ With Color B, ch 16.

❑ **Rnd 1 (RS):** Work 3 sc in second ch from hook, sc in next 3 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 3 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next 3 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 3 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 3 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next 3 ch; do not join and do not turn. (32 sts)

❑ **Rnd 2:** \*Sc in next st, (sc, hdc, picot, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from \* once more; join with sl st in first sc. (44 sts and 2 picots) Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### CATERPILLAR APPLIQUÉS:

#### Head: (Make 4 – 1 for each Caterpillar)

With Color C, ch 2.

❑ **Rnds 1-5:** Work same as Rnds 1-5 of Flower Center. (30 sc) Work sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### Middle Segments: (Make 12 – 3 for each Caterpillar)

**Note:** Make 4 segments each with Color D, Color E, and Color F. Ch 2.

❑ **Rnds 1-3:** Work same as Rnds 1-3 of Flower Center. (18 sc)

❑ **Rnd 4:** (Hdc, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 3-times, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st; leave remaining sts unworked. (23 sts)

Work sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### Last Segment: (Make 4 – 1 for each Caterpillar)

❑ With Color B, ch 2.

❑ **Rnds 1-3:** Work same as Rnds 1-3 of Flower Center. (18 sc)

❑ **Rnd 4:** (Hdc, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, (sc, hdc) in next st, (dc, tr) in next st, picot, (tr, dc) in next st, (hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st. (24 sts and 1 picot); leave remaining sts unworked.

Work sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### Antenna: (Make 8 – 2 for each Caterpillar)

❑ With Color D, ch 5.

❑ **Row 1:** (3 hdc, ch 2, sl st) in third ch from hook, sl st in next 2 ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### Nose: (Make 4 – 1 for each Caterpillar)

❑ With Color D, ch 2.

❑ **Rnd 1:** Work same as Rnd 1 of Flower Center. (6 sc)

Work sl st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### LADYBUG APPLIQUÉS:

#### Body: (Make 3)

❑ With Color E, ch 2.

❑ **Rnds 1-5:** Work same as Rnds 1-5 of Flower Center. (30 sc)

❑ **Rnd 6:** Hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, [sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next st] three times, sc in next 4 sc, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sl st in next st; leave remaining sts unworked. (30 sts) Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### Head: (Make 3)

❑ **Row 1:** With RS facing, join Color G with sc in last dc made in Rnd 6, sc in next 8 sts, turn. (9 sc)

❑ **Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

❑ **Rows 3-5:** Sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog, turn. (3 sc at end of Row 5)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### Spot: (Make 12 – 4 for each Ladybug)

❑ With Color G, ch 2.

❑ **Rnd 1:** Work 5 sc in second ch from hook.

❑ Work sl st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### Eye: (Make 6 – 2 for each Ladybug)

❑ With Color A, work same as Ladybug Spot.

### FINISHING:

Use photograph as a guide for placement of Leaves, Caterpillars, and Ladybugs, or arrange as desired.

**Attach Flowers and Leaves:** With Color G, sew Eyes to center of each Flower and embroider mouth centered below Eyes. Sew a Flower on top of each stem, sewing the free loops behind Row 9 of petals to the Blanket. Sew the edges of the petals to Blanket. Sew Leaves to sides of stems.

**Attach Caterpillars:** Sew noses to heads of Caterpillar with Color G. Embroider eyes above and mouth below nose. Sew Caterpillars along stems and lower edge of Blanket. Sew two antennae to head of each caterpillar.

**Attach Ladybugs:** With Color G, embroider a line down the center of the body of each Ladybug. Sew two spots on each side of the line with Color G. Embroider pupil on each eye. Sew two eyes to head of each Ladybug. Sew Ladybugs to stems.

Using yarn needle, weave in any remaining ends.



# Rainbow Inchworm Toy

## LEVEL:

Easy

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Approximately 12½" (32cm) long

## MATERIALS:

- Caron® Simply Soft® (100% acrylic):
  - Mango (1oz/28g): Color A
  - Blue Mint (0.5g/14oz): Color B
  - Red (0.5g/14oz): Color C
  - Lemonade (0.5g/14oz): Color D
  - Limelight (0.5g/14oz): Color E



## YOU WILL NEED:

- Size G-6 (4.0mm) crochet hook
- Stitch marker
- Polyester fiberfill
- One pair of safety eyes (18mm dia.) – *Caution with small children*
- Yarn needle

## GAUGE:

Gauge is not critical for this project.

## STITCHES USED:

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st), plus the following variations:

**sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together):** Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop, yarn over, and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## Notes:

1. Gauge is not critical for this project. However, work tightly so that stuffing will not show through the stitches.
2. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over; yarn over with new color, and draw through all loops on hook. Fasten off old color. Proceed with new color.
3. Pieces are worked in continuous rounds with RS facing throughout (unless otherwise stated). Do not join and do not turn at the end of rounds. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round and move marker up as work progresses.

## DIRECTIONS:

### Head and Body:

- With Color A, ch 2.
- **Rnd 1 (RS):** Work 6 sc in second ch from hook; do not join and do not turn. (6 sc)
- **Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)
- **Rnd 3:** [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] six times. (18 sc)
- **Rnd 4:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] six times. (24 sc)
- **Rnd 5:** [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] six times. (30 sc)
- **Rnd 6:** Sc in each sc around.
- **Rnd 7:** Sc in next 2 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] five times, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts. (36 sc)

- **Rnd 8:** Sc in each st around.
- **Rnd 9:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] six times, sc in next 24 sts. (42 sc)
- **Rnds 10-17:** Sc in each st around.
- **Rnd 18:** [Sc in next st, sc2tog] fourteen times. (28 sc)
- **Rnd 19:** [Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] four times; change to Color B in last st. (24 sc) Fasten off Color A.
- Insert safety eyes between Rnds 8 and 9, with 6 stitches between the eyes.
- **Rnd 20:** With Color B, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] four times. (28 sc)
- **Rnd 21:** [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] fourteen times. (42 sc)
- **Rnds 22-30:** Sc in each sc around.
- **Rnds 31-32:** Repeat Rnds 18 and 19; change to Color C in last st of Rnd 32. (24 sc) Fasten off Color B.
- Begin stuffing piece firmly. Continue to stuff until piece is complete.
- **Rnds 33-45:** With Color C, repeat Rnds 20-32; change to Color D in last st of Rnd 45. (24 sc) Fasten off Color C.
- **Rnds 46-58:** With Color D, repeat Rnds 20-32; change to Color E in last st of Rnd 58. (24 sc) Fasten off Color D.
- **Rnds 59-68:** With Color E, repeat Rnds 20-29. (42 sc)
- **Rnd 69:** [Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] six times. (36 sc)
- **Rnd 70:** [Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] six times. (30 sc)
- **Rnd 71:** Sc in each sc around.
- **Rnd 72:** [Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] six times. (24 sc)
- **Rnd 73:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts] six times. (18 sc)
- **Rnds 74-75:** Sc in each st around.
- **Rnd 76:** [Sc in next st, sc2tog] six times. (12 sc)
- **Rnd 77:** Sc in each st around.
- **Rnd 78:** [Sc2tog] six times. (6 sc)
- **Rnd 79:** [Sk next 2 st, sl st in next st] twice. Fasten off.

## Nose:

- With Color B, ch 2.
- **Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sc)
- **Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each st around. (12 sc)
- **Rnd 3:** Sc in each st around.

Work sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## Antenna: (Make 2)

- With Color E, ch 2.
- **Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sc)
- **Rnd 2:** [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] three times. (9 sc)
- **Rnd 3:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] three times. (12 sc)
- **Rnd 4:** Working in back loops only, [sc2tog] six times. (6 sc)
- **Rnd 5:** Working in front loops only, sc in each sc around.
- **Rnds 6-8:** Sc in each st around.

Work sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## Finishing:

Sew antennae to top of head. Stuff and sew nose to face. With yarn needle and Color E, embroider a smile on face, centered below nose. Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

## WASHING INSTRUCTIONS:

Afghan can be machine washed and dried.  
Toy can be spot cleaned as necessary.

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