Hugs & Kisses
Baby Blanket
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Yarn List
6 Balls - Caron Baby Cakes, Dreamy Rose.

Hook
5 mm / H Hook

Abbreviations
Beg = Beginning
Ch = Chain
Rep = Repeat
Fpdc = Front Post Double Crochet
Sl st = Slip Stitch
Sk = Skip
Sp = Space
St = Stitch
Tog = Together

Revision 1

Special Stitch
Criss Cross – Skip next stitch and place dc. dc into the skipped stitch.

Bobbles – dc5tog. In the next stitch, *yarn over, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops, repeat from * 4 times, until you have 6 loops on hook, yo and pull through all to complete 5 dc together.

Introduction
A brand new granddaughter is arriving soon, so that means a brand new baby blanket in honor of her. This crochet project features a series of cross stitches and bobbles, or X’s & O’s, so that is how this became the Hugs & Kisses Baby Blanket.

Stitch multiples are 28 + 18 if you wish to change the size.

Instructions

Ch 158

Row 1: (WS) Dc 4th chain from hook (Chain and dc counts as 2 dc in same stitch), 1 dc in each next 5 ch. *Dc3tog using next three chains (bottom of chevron). 1 dc in each of the next 12 chains. 3 dc in each of next chain (top of chevron). 1 dc in each of next 12 chains. Repeat from * across until the last 9 chains remain. Final ending of row is dc3tog using next three chains. 1 dc in each of next 5. 2 dc in final chain. Turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc into same stitch. 1 sc in each next 5 ch. *sc3tog using next three stitches (bottom of chevron). 1 sc in each of the next 12 stitches. 3 sc in each of next 12 stitches. Repeat from * across until the last 9 stitches remain. Final ending of row is sc3tog using next three stitches. 1 sc in each of next 5. 2 sc in final chain. Turn.

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 1 dc into next stitch. 1 dc into stitch before (criss cross made). Criss cross. Criss cross. Side section has 3 criss crosses. *dc3tog using next three stitches (bottom of chevron). Criss Cross 6 times. 3 dc into next stitch (top of chevron). Criss cross 6 times. Repeat from * across until the last 9 stitches remain. Final ending of row is dc3tog using next three stitches. Criss cross 3 times. 1 dc in final stitch. Turn.

Row 4: Rep row 2.

Row 5: Ch 2, hdc in same sp, bobble, hdc, hdc, bobble, hdc, hdc3tog in valley (bottom of chevron), *hdc, bobble, hdc, repeat from * to peak, 3 hdc in peak (top of chevron), repeat from * again to valley, hdc3tog, repeat from * two more times, increase hdc in last stitch. Turn.

Row 6: Rep row 2.

Row 7: Rep row 3.

Row 8: Rep row 2.

Row 9: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 1 dc into same stitch. 1 dc in each next 5 st. *dc3tog using next three stitches (bottom of chevron). 1 dc in each of the next 12 stitches. 3 dc in each of next 12 stitches. Repeat from * across until the last 9 stitches remain. Final ending of row is dc3tog using next three stitches. 1 dc in each of next 5. 2 dc in final chain. Turn.

Repeat rows 2 through 9 until blanket measures 40”. 11 pattern repeats total.

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