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Sherbet Shell Baby Blanket

Materials List:
Yarn
Sensations Cuddle (70% acrylic, 30% nylon, 3.5oz [100g], 404yd [370m]) 3/Light
2 skeins each
     White #55 (A)
     Pink #49908 (B)
     Light Green #49905 (C)

Hooks & Notions	Gauge	Measurements
US H-8 (5mm)	1 shell = 1" (2.5cm)	31" x 40"
Tapestry Needle		(77.5cm x 100cm)

NOTE: This beautiful yarn has been discontinued, so replace it with any soft, baby yarn.

Shell: Make seven double crochets in one stitch.

Half Shell: Make four double crochets in one stitch.

Front Post Cluster (FPcl): *Yo, insert hook from the front to the back (the reason it is called a front stitch) and to the front again under the first double crochet post of the shell, lifting the post up. Yarn over, pull the yarn around the post, yarn over and pull through two loops on the hook (half of a double crochet made). Leave remaining loops on hook. Repeat from * until all double crochet posts of shell have been worked. Yo and pull through all loops on hook. Lock cluster with sl st.

Center (RS):
With A, ch 126, sc in 2nd ch from hook, *sk 1 ch, shell in next ch, sk 1 ch, sc in next ch, repeat from* across ending with sc in last ch. (31 shells)

Note: Foundation ch requires 4 + 2. To increase or decrease pattern add or subtract 4 ch from foundation ch.

Half-Shell Row: Ch 3 (for first dc), 3 dc in same st, *sc in top of 4th dc (previous row shell center), shell in next sc; repeat from * across, ending with 4 dc in last sc of previous row. Turn.

Sc Shell Row: Ch 1, *sc in top of 4th dc (previous row shell center), shell in next sc; repeat from * across, ending with sc in last sc of previous row. Turn.

Shell Striped Pattern:
Alternate Half-Shell and Sc Shell Rows following color chart below. Last row of one color is followed by Changing Color Rows in new color.

Changing Color Rows:
FPcl Row (WS): Add new color with sc in last sc of previous row. *Ch 2, FPcl over next shell, ch 2, sc in sc of previous row; repeat from * across. Ch 3, turn.

New Color Half-Shell Row (RS): Ch 3 (for first dc), 3 dc in same st, *sc in sl st (top of cluster), shell in next sc; repeat from * across, ending with 4 dc in last sc of previous row. Turn.

Resume alternating regular Sc Shell and Half-Shell Rows, ending with regular Sc Shell Row ready for next color change rows.

Color Pattern Worked from Center Row of Blanket to Outer Shell Edge:
Center Shell Row
     A - 3
Subsequent Shell Rows
     B – 6
     A – 2
     C – 6
     A – 2
     B – 6
     A – 6
     B – 6
     A – 2
     C – 6

Turn blanket around to unworked side of foundation ch. With RS facing, attach A to end sc with a sc. Starting with Center Shell Row above, repeat pattern and colors to duplicate other half of blanket.

Finishing Edge:
Row 1: With WS facing, attach C to non-shell edge corner and work sc across non-shell edge. Ch 1 and turn.
Row 2: With RS facing, *sc in sc, sk 1 sc, shell in next sc, sk 1 sc; repeat from * across, ending with sc in last sc. End off yarn and weave in ends.

Repeat finishing edge on other non-shell end.

Block if desired.

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