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Striped Shell Baby Blanket

Materials List:
Yarn
Caron Simply Soft (100% acrylic, 6oz [170g], 315yd [288m])
Medium/4
1 skein of each
     Blue Mint #9608 (A)
     White #9701 (B)
     Neon Yellow #9773 (C)
     Berry Blue #9609 (D)
     Off White #9702 (E)

Or any baby blanket/afghan yarn you already have.
Perfect for creating a unique scrap yarn baby blanket or afghan.
Approximately 20oz of Medium/4 yarn.

Hooks & Notions	Gauge	Measurements
US H-8 (5mm)	1 shell = 1" (2.5cm)	29" x 32"
Or size appropriate for		including edging
Yarn used		(72.5cm x 80cm)
Tapestry Needle		

Shell: Five double crochets in one stitch.

Half Shell: Three double crochets in one stitch.

Front Post Single Crochet (FPsc): Working on WS, *insert hook around dc post from front to back and back to front, lifting one dc post of shell, yo, pull around post, yo, pull through 2 loops, completing sc; repeat from * 4 times.

Center (RS):
With A, ch 110, 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. (27 shells)

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

FPsc Row (WS):
<u>If previous row ends with sc</u>: Attach new color in end sc of previous row, *sc in sc, FPsc across shell; repeat from * across ending with sc in last sc. Turn and begin half shell row with new color.

<u>If previous row ends with half shell</u>: Attach new color in top of 1ˢᵗ dc of previous row, FPsc across half shell, *sc in next sc, FPsc across shell; repeat from * across, ending with FPsc across half shell. Turn and begin sc shell row with new color.

Half-Shell Row: Ch 3 (for first dc), 2 dc in same st, *sc in top of 3ʳᵈ dc (previous row shell center), shell in next sc; repeat from * across, ending with 3 dc in last sc of previous row.

Sc Shell Row: Ch 1, *sc in top of 3ʳᵈ dc (previous row shell center), shell in next sc; repeat from * across, ending with sc in last sc of previous row.

Shell Striped Pattern:
Alternate Half-Shell and Sc Shell Rows following color chart below. When starting a new color, with WS facing, add new color with appropriate FPsc Row. Continue alternating shell rows based on which shell row begins new color.

Color Pattern Worked from Center Row of Blanket to Outer Shell Edge:
Center Shell Row
    A - 1
Subsequent Shell Rows
    B – 4
    C – 3
    D – 3
    E – 1
    D – 3
    C – 3
    B – 4
    A – 2
    B – 4
    C – 3
    D – 3
    E – 1
    D – 3

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 D 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.