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## Holiday Star

Designed by Mary Lamb Becker

## Experience Level

Intermediate

## Size

$46 "$ x 60"

## Materials

Bernat First Choice worsted weight yarn (3 oz per skein): 13 skeins natural \#6940 and 1 skein each scarlet \#6933 and hunter green \#6981
Size I/9 crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
Large-eyed tapestry needle

## Gauge

7 dc = 2"
To save time, take time to check gauge.

## Pattern Note

Join rnds with a sl st unless otherwise stated.

## Star Motif

Make 24
Rnd 1: With scarlet, ch 5, join to form a ring, ch 5 (counts as first dc, ch- 2), [dc in ring, ch 2] 5 times, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-5.
Rnd 2: Ch 5 (counts as first sc, ch-4), sc in next dc, [ch 4, sc in next dc] 4 times, ch 4, join in first ch of beg ch-5.
Rnd 3: Ch 1, *2 sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 3, 2 sc in same sp, rep from * around, join in beg sc, fasten off.
Rnd 4: Attach hunter green with a sc in first ch-3 sp, sc in same sp, ch 2,2 sc in same sp, *ch 1, sk 1 st, sc dec over next 2 sts, ch 1, sk 1 st **, [2 $\mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{ch} 2,2 \mathrm{sc}]$ in next ch-3 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc, fasten off.

## Afghan Center

Row 1 (RS): With natural, ch 159, dc in 4th ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. (157 sts, counting last 3 chs of foundation ch as first dc)
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first st, *ch 1, sk I st, sc in next st, rep from * across, turn.
Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc throughout), dc in first ch-1 sp, 2 dc in each rem ch-1 sp across, dc in last sc, turn.

Rows 4-57: Rep Rows 2 and 3, ending with a RS row, at end of Row 57, turn. Row 58: Ch 3, dc in each st across turn.

## First End Band

Row 1 (RS): Ch 2 (counts as first bpdc), bpdc over each rem dc across to last dc, hdc in last dc, turn.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each rem st across, turn.
Rows 4-13: [Rep Rows 2 and 3] 5 times, ending with a dc row, fasten off.

## Second End Band

Row 1: Rotate afghan so foundation ch

is at top of work and RS is facing, attach natural with a sl st in same ch on foundation ch as last st of Row 1, rep Row 1 of first end band.
Rows 2-13: Rep Rows 2-13 of first end band.

## Four-Sided Border

Rnd 1: With RS facing, attach natural yarn with a sl st in first st on Row 13 of $2 n d$ end band, ch 3 , *dc in each rem st across 2nd end band to last st, [2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc ] in last st (for corner), working over row ends, dc evenly $s p$ across side of afghan to corner, [2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc ] in corner st, rep from * around, ending with [2
dc, ch 3, dc] in corner st, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

## Finishing End Bands

Row 1 (WS): Ch 2, working across short end of afghan, fpdc over each st across to corner ch-3 sp, hdc in ch-3 sp, turn.
Row 2: Ch 4 (counts as first dc, ch-1), sk next st, dc in next st, *ch 1, sk 1 st, dc in next st, rep from * across, ending with dc in corner ch-3 sp, fasten off.
Row 3: With RS facing, attach scarlet with a sc in first ch-1 sp, sc in same sp , 2 sc in each rem ch- 1 sp across, fasten off.
Row 4: With RS facing, attach hunter green with a sl st in first sc, ch 3, dc in each rem st across, fasten off.
With WS facing, attach natural with a sl st to upper right corner of opposite end of afghan, rep Rows 1-4 of finishing end band.

## Attaching Star Motifs

With natural and large-eyed tapestry needle, sew 6 star motifs across each end of afghan, evenly sp between ridged rows.
Arrange 12 star motifs in a diamond shape in center of afghan as fol-

lows: Pin first motif 8" below top end band, centering between sides; pin 2nd motif 8" above bottom end band, centering between sides.
Pin 3rd motif approximately 9 " from right edge, centering between top and bottom; pin 4th motif approximately 9 " from left edge, centering from top to bottom.

Note:There will be approximately 22" between last 2 motifs placed.
Pin 2 motifs evenly sp between first and 3rd motifs; pin 2 motifs between first and 4th motifs; pin 2 motifs between 2nd and 3rd motifs; pin 2 motifs between 2nd and 4th motifs. Sew in place as for previous motifs.

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