Spread the Love Square

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The "Spread the Love" square was originally designed in celebration of FaveCrafts' 10 year anniversary and their 'Warm Up America!' charity drive. If you're looking for a beautiful new granny square afghan pattern to make, consider the teal and pink hues of this adorable project! It's the perfect pattern to bring a smile to anyone's face.

Difficulty: Easy

Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Finished Size: 7" x 9"

Materials:

- Bernat Super Value Yarn in Peony Pink
- Bernat Super Value Yarn in Cool Blue
- Bernat Super Value Yarn in Aqua
- Bernat Super Value Yarn in Teal Heather
- Bernat Super Value Yarn in White
- Bernat Super Value Yarn in Soft Fern
- Size H Crochet Hook
- · Tapestry Needle

Instructions:

Starting with Cool Blue yarn

Magic Ring, chain 2 and make 12 DC in ring, join to first DC, chain 2 (12 DC)

Round 2: 2 DC in each stitch around, join, chain 2 (24 DC)

Round 3: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next, repeat around, join, chain 2 (36 DC)

Round 4: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 2, repeat around, (48 DC)

Break Cool Blue yarn and join in Teal Heather yarn, chain 1

Round 5: SC in each stitch around (48 SC)

Break Teal Heather yarn and join in White yarn, chain 2



Round 6: *DC + chain 2 + DC all in one stitch, DC, DC, HDC, SC in next 5, HDC, DC, DC, repeat from * around. The DC+ chain 2 + DC are your 4 corners., join, slip stich over so you are working chain corner space.

Round 7: chain 3 (counts as first DC) DC + chain 2 + 2 DC all in first corner, DC in all DC stitches from previous row, HDC in all HDC stitches from previous row, SC in all SC stitches from previous row, 2 DC + chain 2 + 2 DC in all the corners, join, chain 2

Round 8: DC in each stitch around, 2 DC + chain 2 + 2 DC in each corner, join,

Fasten off weave in ends.

Now lets add two rows to either end of our square to make it a 7x9 rectangle.

With wrong side facing you, join in white yarn in upper right hand corner, chain 3 (counts as your first stitch), DC in each stitch across, ending with a DC in the next corner, chain 2, turn (24 DC)

Row 2: DC in each stitch across, fasten off weave in ends. (24 DC)

Repeat these two rows on the opposite end of the square.



Heart Applique Section:

With Peony Pink yarn

Magic Ring, chain 2 and make 14 DC in ring, join to first DC, chain 1

Round 2: HDC + DC in first, 3 TC in next, 2 DC in next, DC +HDC in next, 2 HDC in next, HDC + DC in next, 2 DC in next, DC + HDC in next, 2 HDC, HDC + DC, 2 DC, 3 TC, DC + HDC, slip stitch join to last stitch.

Join in Teal Heather yarn and slip stitch around the edges in the back loop only.

Fasten off and use loose ends to stitch heart applique to center of circle in your FaveCrafts Afghan Section.

With a long strand of soft fern green yarn and your tapestry needle, stitch yarn in and out around round 6 to create dashed lines.

