

## Crossroads Baby Afghan By Ruth Volk 2/21/2010

Size H crochet hook  
Red Heart Eco Ways Recycle Blend yarn  
4 skeins Misty Violet  
2 skeins Petal  
Abbreviations: Chain = CH, Double Crochet = DC, SC = Single Crochet, SK = Skip

**Yarn Change Technique:** Because I detest changing colors and then trying to hide those little yarn tails, I developed a technique when using 2 colors, one every other row. I don't cut the yarn when I'm ready to add a new color. Instead, I pull up a loop and leave the prior color dangling (put in a stitch holder). Then pull a loop of the new color into the row just ended. From there on, leave each color dangling when you switch for the new row. Take the prior color, chain up to the row to start, and slip stitch into the first stitch of the row to get started. This results in a nice neat edge with no loose ends to hide.



Using Misty Violet, CH 83.

### Row 1:

DC in 4<sup>th</sup> chain from hook, and in each chain across.  
You should have 81 total stitches, counting the initial ch 3 as one stitch.  
CH 3 and turn.

### Row 2: (Misty Violet)

DC in next 2 stitches.  
\*CH 3, slip one stitch, slip stitch in next stitch, CH 3, skip one stitch.  
DC in next 3 stitches.  
Repeat from \* across.  
CH 3 and turn.

**Row 3:** (Petal pink) Use my **Row Change Technique** described above - pull up a loop of the Misty Violet to keep it from dropping off, let go of the Misty Violet and pull up a loop of the Petal pink yarn into the last stitch of the previous row.

Ch 1 and SC in that same first stitch. SC in the next 2 stitches.

\***Cross:** Ch 1, YO and pull up a loop under the 1<sup>st</sup> chain-3 of the previous row, YO and pull through 2 loops on hook. YO and pull up a loop under the 2<sup>nd</sup> chain-3 of the previous row, YO and pull through 2 loops on hook, YO and pull through the remaining 3 loops on the hook. Ch 1.  
SC in the top of the next 3 stitches (the 3 DCs of the previous row). Repeat from \* across.

Repeat rows 2 through 3 30 times.

For the final row, DC in every stitch across.

**Fringe:** Using the same Misty Violet, \*chain 12, slip stitch in same stitch and in the next 2 stitches. Repeat from \* across, ending in chain 12 and slip stitch. Cut yarn, weave in ends.  
Attach Misty Violet to opposite end of blanket and put the same fringe row on that end as well.