

## Pretty in Pink Single Shells

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Use two colors of yarn the same weight. Gauge does not matter, but I used size H crochet hook and worsted weight yarn – two Red Heart Super Saver 7-oz skeins, one of Baby Pink and one Light Raspberry.

Using **Raspberry**, chain multiples of 4 + 3 – make it around 24 inches for baby size, and around 34 inches for adult size, or as wide as you like. I chained 77 for my baby size afghan.



**Row 1:** Continue with **Raspberry**. SC in 2nd chain from hook and in the next chain. \*Chain 2, skip 2, sc in the next two chains. Repeat from \* across. Place stitch holder in last stitch and drop this yarn for now.

**Row 2:** Using **Pink**, join with a slip stitch in the top of the first stitch of row 1. SC in same stitch as joining. \*Skip the next stitch. Work 4 sc in the next chain-2 space. Repeat from \* across to the last 2 stitches. Skip the next stitch, sc in the last stitch. Place stitch holder in last stitch and drop this yarn for now.

**Row 3:** Pick up **Raspberry** again, chain 1. Remove hook and use it to pull the loop through the last stitch of prior row, chain 1. SC in the same stitch. SC between the first and 2<sup>nd</sup> stitches (just in front of the first 4-sc group), into the top of the Raspberry sc 2 rows prior. \*Chain 3. Skip the next 4-sc group, between the 4-stitch groups, into the top of the Raspberry sc 2 rows prior. Repeat from \* across to last stitch. SC in the last sc stitch. Chain 1, turn.

**Row 4:** Continue with **Raspberry**. SC in first 2 stitches. \*Chain 3, skip the next chain-3, sc in the next sc stitch. Repeat from \* across to last stitch. SC in the last sc stitch. Place stitch holder in last stitch and drop this yarn for now.

**Row 5:** Pick up **Pink** again, chain 2. Remove hook and use it to pull the loop through the last stitch of prior row, chain 1. SC in same stitch as joining. \*Skip the next sc stitch. Work 4 sc in the next chain space. Repeat from \* across to the last 2 stitches. Skip the next stitch, sc in the last stitch. Place stitch holder in last stitch and drop this yarn for now.

**Repeat rows 3-5** until blanket measures desired length – around 36 inches for baby size, and 5 feet for adult size. Finish off **pink** yarn.

**Last row:** Pick up **Raspberry** again, chain 1. Remove hook and use it to pull the loop through the last stitch of prior row, chain 1. SC in the same stitch. SC between the first and 2<sup>nd</sup> stitches (just in front of the first 4-sc group), into the top of the Raspberry sc 2 rows prior. \*Chain 2. Skip the next 4-sc group, work 2 sc between the 4-stitch groups, into the top of the Raspberry sc 2 rows prior. Repeat from \* across to last two stitches. Work only 1 sc after the last group into the sc 2 rows prior, then sc in the last sc stitch.

**Edging - Row 1:** Sc around the outside in **Raspberry**, working 3 sc in each corner. Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round.

**Row 2:** With **Raspberry**, chain 1, sc in same stitch as joining. \*Chain 1, skip 1, sc in next stitch. Repeat from \* around, but at each corner, work (sc, chain1) in each of the 3 corner stitches. Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round.



**Row 3:** Switch to **Pink**. Slip stitch into the 1<sup>st</sup> chain space of prior round. Chain 1, sc in same space.

\*Chain 1, skip 1, sc in next chain space. Repeat from \* around, but at each corner, chain 2 instead of 1 at the center corner stitch. Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round.

**Row 4:** Switch to **Raspberry**. In each chain space, work (sc, chain 1, skip the next stitch). At each corner chain-2 space, work (sc, chain-1, sc, chain-1). Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round.

**Row 5:** Switch to **Pink**. In each chain space, work (sc, chain 1, skip the next stitch). Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round.

**Row 6:** Switch to **Raspberry**. In each chain space, work (sc, chain 1, skip the next stitch). At each corner chain-2 space, work (sc, chain-1, sc, chain-1). Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round.

**Row 7:** Switch to **Pink**. Repeat row 5

**Row 8:** Switch to **Raspberry**. SC in first chain space, chain 3, skip next stitch, skip the next chain space and the following stitch, and sc in the next chain space. At each corner, work (sc, chain 3) in each of the three corner-most chain spaces. Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round.

**Row 9:** Switch to **Pink**. In each chain space, work 4 sc. Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round.

**Row 10:** Switch to **Raspberry**. Work a sc in each sc of row 8 (Raspberry stitches), chain 3, skip next 4 pink stitches. (Work over the pink yarn from prior row). Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round. Finish off Raspberry yarn.

**Row 11:** Switch to **Pink**. Repeat row 9

**Row 12:** With **Pink**, \*work a sc in between each group of 4-sc from prior row, picot (chain 3, slip stitch in top of same sc just worked), chain 3, skip next group of 4-sc. Repeat from \* around. At corners, work chain 4 rather than chain 3 as needed to keep edge from curling.

Repeat from \* around, but at each corner chain 2 instead of 1 at the center corner stitch. Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round.

Repeat from \* around, but at each corner chain-2 space, work (sc, chain-1, sc, chain-1). Join with a slip stitch in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the round.