SWEETHEART BLANKET

Dreams of romance will be yours when you slumber beneath this sweetheart of a blanket. Decorative openwork edging frames the solid panels, which are embellished with clusters arranged in the shape of sentimental hearts.

Finished Size: 53" x 72"

MATERIALS
Worsted Weight Yarn:
   60 ounces, (1,700 grams, 4,115 yards)
Crochet hook, size I (5.50 mm) **or** size needed
   for gauge
Yarn needle

GAUGE: In pattern, 14 sc and 16 rows = 4"

Gauge Swatch: 5¹/₂"w x 4¹/₂"h
Work same as Center through Row 18.
Finish off.

STITCH GUIDE

CLUSTER
★ YO, insert hook in Back Loop Only of sc indicated
(Fig. 25, page 142). YO and pull up a loop, YO and draw
through 2 loops on hook; repeat from ★ 3 times **more**, YO
and draw through all 5 loops on hook **(Fig. 15a,
page 140)**. Push Cluster to **right** side.

STRIP (Make 7)

CENTER
Ch 20 **loosely**.
Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across:
19 sc.
Row 2 (Right side): Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.
Note: Loop a short piece of yarn around any stitch to mark
Row 2 as **right** side and bottom edge.
Rows 3 and 4: Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.
Row 5: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 9 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc in
last 9 sc: 18 sc and one Cluster.
Row 6: Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across: 19 sc.
Row 7: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 7 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc in
next 3 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc in last 7 sc: 17 sc and
2 Clusters.
Row 8: Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across: 19 sc.
Row 9: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 5 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc in
next 7 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc in last 5 sc: 17 sc and
2 Clusters.

Row 10: Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across: 19 sc.
Row 11: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 3 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc
in next 11 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc in last 3 sc: 17 sc and
2 Clusters.
Row 12: Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across: 19 sc.
Rows 13 and 14: Repeat Rows 11 and 12.
Row 15: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 3 sc, work Cluster in next sc, (sc
in next 5 sc, work Cluster in next sc) twice, sc in last 3 sc: 16 sc
and 3 Clusters.
Row 16: Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across: 19 sc.
Row 17: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 5 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc
in next sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, work Cluster
in next sc, sc in next sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc in last 5 sc:
15 sc and 4 Clusters.
Rows 18-22: Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across: 19 sc.
Row 23: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 9 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc
in last 9 sc: 18 sc and one Cluster.
Row 24: Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across: 19 sc.
Row 25: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 8 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc
in next sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc in last 8 sc: 17 sc and
2 Clusters.
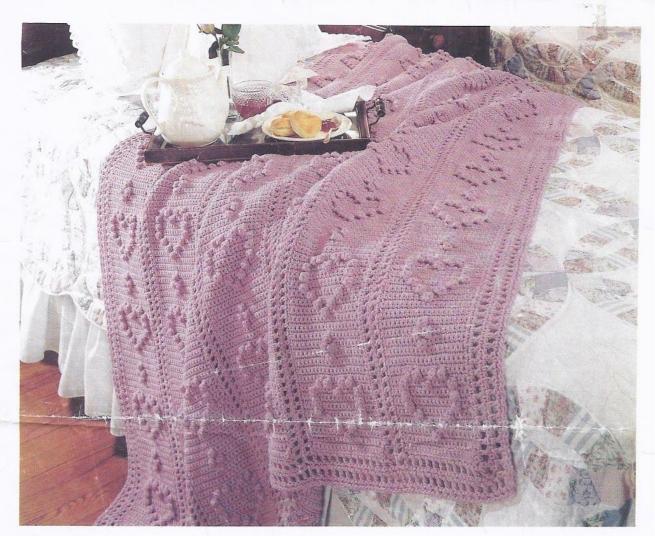**Row 26:** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across: 19 sc.
Row 27: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 9 sc, work Cluster in next sc, sc
in last 9 sc: 18 sc and one Cluster.
Rows 28-32: Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across: 19 sc.
Rows 33-273: Repeat Rows 5-32, 8 times; then repeat
Rows 5-21 once **more**, do **not** finish off.

BORDER
Rnd 1: Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, ch 1, sc in next sc, ch 1, (skip
next sc, sc in next sc, ch 1) across to last sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in
last sc, † ch 1; working across end of rows, skip first 2 rows, sc
in next row, ch 1, (skip next row, sc in next row, ch 1) across to
last 2 rows, skip last 2 rows †; working in free loops of
beginning ch **(Fig. 26b, page 142)**, (sc, ch 2, sc) in ch at
base of first sc, ch 1, sc in next ch, ch 1, (skip next ch, sc in
next ch, ch 1) across to last ch, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last ch, repeat
from † to † once, sc in same st as first sc, hdc in first sc to form
last corner ch-2 sp: 296 sc and 296 sps.

Rnd 2: Ch 6, dc in same sp, ch 1, (dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to next corner ch-2 sp, ★ (dc, ch 3, dc) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to next corner ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**; join with slip st to third ch of beginning ch-6, finish off: 300 sts and 300 sps.

ASSEMBLY

Place two Strips with **wrong** sides together and bottom edges at the same end. Working through both loops, whipstitch Strips together *(Fig. 30b, page 143)*, beginning in center ch of first corner ch-3 and ending in center ch of next corner ch-3.

EDGING

Rnd 1: With **right** side facing, join yarn with sc in any corner ch-3 sp *(see Joining With Sc, page 142)*; ch 1, (sc in next sp, ch 1) across to next corner ch-3 sp, ★ (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-3 sp, ch 1, (sc in next sp, ch 1) across to next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, sc in same sp as first sc, ch 1, sc in first sc to form last corner ch-2 sp: 460 sc and 460 sps.

Rnd 2: Ch 4, (dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to next corner ch-2 sp, ★ (dc, ch 3, dc) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to next corner ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, dc in same sp as beginning ch-4, dc in third ch of beginning ch-4 to form last corner ch-3 sp: 464 sps.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, ch 1, (sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to next corner ch-3 sp, ★ (sc, ch 2, sc) i corner ch-3 sp, ch 1, (sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**; join with slip st t first sc: 468 sps.

Rnd 4: (Slip st, ch 2, slip st) in first corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (slip st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to next corner ch-2 sp, ★ (slip st, ch 2, slip st) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (slip st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to next corner ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**; join with slip st to first slip st, finish off.