



## Hills and Valley Play Mat

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SIMPLY SOFT®

DESCRIPTION    SIZING

### Abbreviations

**Ch(s)** = Chain(s)

**RS** = right side

**sc** = single crochet

**Sc2tog** = Draw up a loop in next st) twice. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook

**Sl st** = Slip stitch

### Details & Instructions

### MEASUREMENTS

**Finished Measurements**

**38 1/2"/98cm wide  
by 40"/101.5cm long**

### MATERIALS

Simply Soft

Shade no longer available	<b>Contrast A ()</b>	3
Shade no longer available	<b>Contrast B ()</b>	2

One size US H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge. Stitch marker (optional). Yarn needle.



## GAUGE

In single crochet, 16 sts and 16 rows = 4"/10cm.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st)

### HELPFUL

All increases and decreases are worked on RS rows of each strip. You may wish to use a stitch marker to indicate the RS.

### STRIP A (make 6)

With A, ch 18.

**Row 1 (RS):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each remaining ch across, turn—17 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—15 sc.

**Rows 4–11:** Repeat last 2 rows 4 more times—7 sc at the end of Row 11.

**Rows 12–14:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Row 15:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc, turn—9 sc.

**Rows 16–23:** Repeat last 2 rows 4 more times—17 sc.

**Rows 24 and 25:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Rows 26–145:** Repeat Rows 2–25 five more times.

**Rows 146–168:** Repeat Rows 2–24.

Fasten off.

### EDGING

Join C with sc in any corner, sc evenly spaced all the way around strip, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

### EMBROIDERY

With B, embroider a 12-pointed star, as shown in diagram, in center of each wide section of strip.

### STRIP B (make 5)

With B, ch 8.

**Row 1 (RS):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each remaining ch across, turn—7 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc, turn—9 sc.

**Rows 4–11:** Repeat last 2 rows 4 more times—17 sc at the end of Row 11.

**Rows 12–14:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Row 15:** Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—15 sc.

**Rows 16–23:** Repeat last 2 rows 4 more times—7 sc.

**Rows 24 and 25:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Rows 26–145:** Repeat Rows 2–25 five more times.

**Rows 146–168:** Repeat Rows 2–24.

Fasten off.

### EDGING AND EMBROIDERY

Work edging same as edging for strip A. With A, embroider a 12-pointed star, in center of each wide section of strip.

### FINISHING

Arrange strips, as shown in photograph, alternating strip A and strip B. With C, sew long edges of strips together.

### BORDER

Join C with sc in any corner, sc evenly spaced all the way around blanket, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

