

Floral Cascade

Cascading flowers take center stage on this romantic afghan. The center floral panel is bordered by alternating panels of leaves and berries. We used post and popcorn stitches to create the three-dimensional motifs; reverse single crochets join the panels.

Finished Size: 54" x 67"

MATERIALS

Red Heart Worsted Weight Yarn,
[8 ounces (452 yards) per skein]:
Pink - 6 skeins
White - 4 skeins
Crochet hook, size J (6.00 mm) or size needed for gauge

GAUGE: 11 dc and 7 rows = 4"

Each Leaf Panel = 4 ³/₄ "

Each Berry Panel = 9 ³/₄ "

Floral Panel = 15 ¹/₂ "

STITCH GUIDE

BACK POST TREBLE CROCHET (*abbreviated BPtr*)

YO twice, insert hook from **back** to **front** around post of st indicated (**Fig. 13, page 126**), YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 3 times. Skip st in front of BPtr unless otherwise indicated.

FRONT POST TREBLE CROCHET (*abbreviated FPtr*)

YO twice, insert hook from **front** to **back** around post of st indicated (**Fig. 13, page 126**), YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 3 times. Skip st behind FPtr unless otherwise indicated.

RIGHT LARGE LEAF

YO 6 times, working in **front** of previous rows, insert hook around post of center FPtr 2 rows **below** (**Fig. 18, page 127**), YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 6 times, YO 5 times, insert hook around same post **above** leg just made, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, ★ YO 4 times, insert hook around same post **above** leg just made, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 4 times; repeat from ★ once **more**, YO and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

LEFT LARGE LEAF

YO 4 times, working in **front** of previous rows, insert hook around post of center FPtr 2 rows **below** (**Fig. 8, page 127**), YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 4 times, YO 4 times, insert hook around same post **below** leg just made, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 4 times, YO 5 times, insert hook around same post **below** leg just made, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, YO 6 times, insert hook around same post

below leg just made, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 6 times, YO and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

BACK POPCORN

6 Dc in st indicated, drop loop from hook, insert hook from the **back** in first dc of 6-dc group, hook dropped loop and draw through.

FRONT POPCORN

6 Dc in st indicated, drop loop from hook, insert hook from the **front** in first dc of 6-dc group, hook dropped loop and draw through.

RIGHT SMALL LEAF

YO 5 times, working in **front** of previous row, insert hook around post of next BPtr one row **below** (**Fig. 18, page 127**), YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, YO 4 times, insert hook around same post **above** leg just made, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 4 times, YO and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

LEFT SMALL LEAF

YO 4 times, working in **front** of previous row, insert hook around post of previous BPtr one row **below** (working **below** st already around post, if any) (**Fig. 18, page 127**), YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 4 times, YO 5 times, insert hook around same post **below** leg just made, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, YO and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

LOWER PETALS

YO 5 times, working **behind** previous row, insert hook around post of first marked dc (**Fig. 18, page 127**), † YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, ★ YO 4 times, insert hook around same post **below** leg just made, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 4 times; repeat from ★ once **more**, YO 5 times, insert hook around same post **below** leg just made, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times †, YO 5 times, insert hook around post of **next** marked dc, repeat from † to † once working each leg **above** leg just made, YO and draw through all 9 loops on hook, remove markers.

LEFT PETAL

YO 5 times, working **behind** previous rows, insert hook in top of next BPtr 2 rows **below** (next to Lower Petals), YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, ★ YO 4 times, insert hook in **same** st, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on

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hook) 4 times; repeat from ★ once **more**, YO 5 times, insert hook in **same** st, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, YO and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

RIGHT PETAL

YO 5 times, working **behind** previous rows, insert hook in **same** BPtr as Left Petal, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, ★ YO 4 times, insert hook in **same** st, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 4 times; repeat from ★ once **more**, YO 5 times, insert hook in **same** st, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, YO and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

TOP PETAL

YO 5 times, working in **front** of previous rows and working **between** Left and Right Petals, insert hook in **same** BPtr as Petals, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, ★ YO 4 times, insert hook in **same** st, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 4 times; repeat from ★ once **more**, YO 5 times, insert hook in **same** st, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times, YO and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

LEAF PANEL (Make 4)

With White, ch 15 **loosely**.

Row 1 (Right side): Dc in fourth ch from hook (3 skipped chs count as first dc, now and throughout) and in each ch across: 13 dc.

Note: Mark last row as **right** side and bottom edge.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc, now and throughout), turn; dc in next 5 dc, work BPtr around next dc, dc in last 6 dc.

Row 3: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 5 dc, work FPTr around next BPtr, dc in last 6 dc.

Row 4: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 5 dc, work BPtr around next FPTr, dc in last 6 dc.

Row 5: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 2 dc, work Right Large Leaf, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, work FPTr around next BPtr, dc in last 6 dc.

Row 6: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 5 dc, work BPtr around next FPTr, dc in last 6 sts.

Row 7: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 5 dc, work FPTr around next BPtr, dc in next 2 dc, work Left Large Leaf, skip next dc, dc in last 3 dc.

Row 8: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 5 sts, work BPtr around next FPTr, dc in last 6 dc.

Rows 9-113: Repeat Rows 5-8, 26 times; then repeat Row 5 once **more**.

Row 114: Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each st across.

Row 115: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 8 dc, work Left Large Leaf, skip next dc, dc in last 3 dc.

Rows 116 and 117: Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each st across.

Finish off.

BERRY PANEL (Make 2)

With Pink, ch 29 **loosely**.

Row 1: Dc in fourth ch from hook and in each ch across: 27 dc.

Row 2 (Right side): Ch 3, turn; dc in next 12 dc, work FPTr around next dc, dc in last 13 dc.

Note: Mark last row as **right** side and bottom edge.

Row 3: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 13 sts, work BPtr around FPTr below last dc made, skip next dc, dc in last 12 dc.

Row 4: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 10 dc, skip next dc, work FPTr around next BPtr, dc in same st, work FPTr around next dc, dc in last 13 dc.

Row 5: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 12 dc, work BPtr around next FPTr, dc in next 2 sts, work BPtr around FPTr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, work Back Popcorn in next dc, dc in last 9 dc.

Row 6: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 8 dc, skip next Popcorn, work FPTr around next BPtr, dc in same st, work Front Popcorn in next dc, dc in next dc, work FPTr around next BPtr, dc in last 13 sts.

Row 7: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 11 dc, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPTr, dc in same st and in next 4 sts, work BPtr around FPTr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, work Back Popcorn in next dc, dc in last 7 dc.

Row 8: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 6 dc, skip next Popcorn, work FPTr around next BPtr, dc in same st, work Front Popcorn in next dc, dc in next 3 dc, work FPTr around next dc, dc in next BPtr, work FPTr around BPtr **below** dc just made, skip next dc, dc in last 11 dc.

Row 9: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 8 dc, work Back Popcorn in next dc, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPTr, dc in same st and in next dc, work BPtr around next FPTr, dc in next 5 sts, work Back Popcorn in next FPTr, dc in last 7 dc.

Row 10: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 12 sts, work FPTr around next BPtr, dc in next dc, work Front Popcorn in next dc, dc in next BPtr, work FPTr around BPtr **below** dc just made, skip next Popcorn, dc in last 9 dc.

Row 11: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 6 dc, work Back Popcorn in next dc, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPTr, dc in same st and in next 4 sts, work BPtr around FPTr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in last 12 dc.

Row 12: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 10 dc, skip next dc, work FPTr around next BPtr, dc in same st, work FPTr around next dc, dc in next 3 dc, work Front Popcorn in next dc, dc in next BPtr, work FPTr around BPtr **below** dc just made, skip next Popcorn, dc in last 7 dc.

Row 13: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 6 dc, work Back Popcorn in next FPTr, dc in next 5 sts, work BPtr around next FPTr, dc in next 2 sts, work BPtr around FPTr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, work Back Popcorn in next dc, dc in last 9 dc.

Rows 14-107: Repeat Rows 6-13, 11 times; then repeat Rows 6-11 once **more**.

Row 108: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 10 dc, skip next dc, work FPTr around next BPtr, dc in same st and in next 4 dc, work Front Popcorn in next dc, dc in next BPtr, work FPTr around BPtr **below** dc just made, skip next Popcorn, dc in last 7 dc.

Row 109: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 6 dc, work Back Popcorn in next FPtr, dc in next 8 sts, work BPtr around FPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, work Back Popcorn in next dc, dc in last 9 dc.

Row 110: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 8 dc, skip next Popcorn, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in same st, work Front Popcorn in next dc, dc in last 15 sts.

Row 111: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 17 sts, work BPtr around FPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, work Back Popcorn in next dc, dc in last 7 dc.

Row 112: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 6 dc, skip next Popcorn, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in same st, work Front Popcorn in next dc, dc in last 17 dc.

Row 113: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 18 sts, work Back Popcorn in next FPtr, dc in last 7 dc.

Rows 114-117: Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each st across.

Finish off.

FLOWER PANEL (Make 1)

With Pink, ch 45 loosely.

Row 1: Dc in fourth ch from hook and in each ch across: 43 dc.

Row 2 (Right side): Ch 3, turn; dc in next 18 dc, work FPtr around next dc, dc in last 23 dc.

Note: Mark last row as **right** side and bottom edge.

Row 3: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 22 dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in last 19 dc.

Row 4: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 14 dc, work Right Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, skip next dc, working **above** legs of Leaf, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in same st and in last 23 dc.

Row 5: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 22 dc, work BPtr around next dc, dc in next FPtr, work BPtr around FPtr **below** dc just made, skip next dc, dc in last 17 sts.

Row 6: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 15 dc, skip next dc, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in same st and in next 2 sts, work FPtr around BPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, work Left Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in last 19 dc.

Row 7: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 20 sts, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in same st and in next 4 sts, work BPtr around FPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in last 15 dc.

Row 8: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 9 dc, work Right Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in next 3 dc, skip next dc, working **above** legs of Leaf, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in same st and in next 2 dc, work Right Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in next 3 sts, working **above** legs of Leaf, work FPtr around BPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in last 20 dc.

Row 9: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 18 sts, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in same st and in next 7 sts, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in last 14 sts.

Row 10: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 10 dc, place marker around last dc made for Petal placement, dc in next 3 dc, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in next 4 dc, place marker around last dc made for Petal placement, dc in next 5 sts,

work FPtr around BPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, work Left Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in last 15 dc.

Row 11: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 16 sts, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in same st, work BPtr around next dc, dc in next 7 dc, work Lower Petals, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in last 14 dc.

Row 12: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 13 dc, ch 1, skip next BPtr, dc in next 7 sts, skip next dc, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in same st and in next 2 sts, work FPtr around BPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in last 16 dc.

Row 13: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 14 dc, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in same st and in next 4 sts, work BPtr around FPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in next dc, work Left Petal, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, dc in next ch-1 sp and in next 4 dc, work Right Petal, skip next dc, dc in last 9 dc.

Row 14: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 13 sts, work Top Petal, skip next dc, dc in next 5 sts, skip next dc, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in same st and in next 2 dc, work Left Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in next 3 sts, work FPtr around BPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, work Left Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in last 11 dc.

Row 15: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 13 sts, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in next 8 sts, work BPtr around FPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in last 19 sts.

Row 16: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 13 dc, work Right Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in next 3 dc, skip next dc, working **above** legs of Leaf, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in same st and in next 5 dc, place marker around last dc made for Petal placement, dc in next 3 dc, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in next 4 dc, place marker around last dc made for Petal placement, dc in last 10 dc.

Row 17: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 12 dc, work Lower Petals, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in next 8 dc, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in same st, working **below** st already around post, work BPtr around FPtr **below** dc just made, skip next dc, dc in last 17 sts.

Row 18: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 15 dc, skip next dc, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in same st and in next 2 sts, work FPtr around BPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in next 7 dc, ch 1, skip next BPtr, dc in last 14 sts.

Row 19: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 8 dc, work Left Petal, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, dc in next ch-1 sp and in next 4 dc, work Right Petal, skip next dc, dc in next dc, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in same st and in next 4 sts, work BPtr around FPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in last 15 dc.

Row 20: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 9 dc, work Right Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in next 3 dc, skip next dc, working **above** legs of Leaf, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in same st and in next 2 dc, work Right Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in next 3 sts, working **above** legs of Leaf, work FPtr around BPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in next 5 sts, work Top Petal, skip next dc, dc in last 14 sts.

Rows 21-106: Repeat Rows 9-20, 7 times; then repeat Rows 9 and 10 once **more**.

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Row 107: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 16 sts, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in same st and in next 8 dc, work Lower Petals, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in last 14 dc.

Row 108: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 13 dc, ch 1, skip next BPtr, dc in next 7 sts, work Right Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in next 3 sts, working **above** legs of Leaf, work FPtr around BPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in last 16 dc.

Row 109: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 14 dc, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in same st and in next 6 sts, work Left Petal, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, dc in next ch-1 sp and in next 4 dc, work Right Petal, skip next dc, dc in last 9 dc.

Row 110: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 13 sts, work Top Petal, skip next dc, dc in next 13 sts, work FPtr around BPtr **below** last dc made, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, work Left Small Leaf, skip next dc, dc in last 11 dc.

Row 111: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 13 sts, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in last 28 sts.

Row 112: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 24 dc, place marker around last dc made for Petal placement, dc in next 3 dc, work FPtr around next BPtr, dc in next 4 dc, place marker around last dc made for Petal placement, dc in last 10 dc.

Row 113: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 12 dc, work Lower Petals, skip next dc, work BPtr around next FPtr, dc in last 28 dc.

Row 114: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 27 dc, ch 1, skip next BPtr, dc in last 14 sts.

Row 115: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 8 dc, work Left Petal, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, dc in next ch-1 sp and in next 4 dc, work Right Petal, skip next dc, dc in last 23 dc.

Row 116: Ch 3, turn; dc in next 27 sts, work Top Petal, skip next dc, dc in last 14 sts.

Row 117: Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each st across; finish off.

JOINING

Place Flower Panel and one Leaf Panel with **wrong** sides together and bottom edges to your right. Beginning at left edge and working through **both** pieces around posts of dc at end of rows, join Pink with slip st in first row; ch 1, working from **left** to **right**, work 2 reverse sc in same row and in each row across (**Figs. 11a-d, page 126**), slip st in same row as last reverse sc made; finish off.

Repeat to join Leaf Panel to opposite side of Flower Panel. Join one Berry Panel to each side of previously joined Panels in same manner.

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SIDE TRIM

With **right** side of one long edge facing and working around posts of dc at end of rows, join White with slip st in first row at left edge; ch 1, working from **left** to **right**, work 2 reverse sc in same row and in each row across, slip st in same row as last reverse sc made finish off.

Repeat for opposite edge of Afghan.

Holding five 18" strands of corresponding color yarn together for each fringe, add fringe across short edges of Afghan (**Figs. 20a & b, page 127**).

Shamrock Wrap

St. Paddy himself would be delighted with our lucky shamrock afghan! The petals in each square are framed by a double crochet border. All of the squares are then whipstitched together and surrounded by a picot edging for a soft springtime effect.

Finished Size: 46" x 66"

MATERIALS

Red Heart Worsted Weight Yarn
[3½ ounces (198 yards) per skein]:
White - 12 skeins
Green - 5 skeins
Crochet hook, size I (5.50 mm) or size needed for gauge
Yarn needle

GAUGE: Each Square = 4"

STITCH GUIDE

BEGINNING CLUSTER

Ch 3, ★ YO twice, insert hook in ring, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice; repeat from ★ once **more**, YO and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

CLUSTER

★ YO twice, insert hook in ring, YO and pull up a loop, (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, YO and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

PICOT

Ch 3, slip st in third ch from hook.