Ruth's Shell Burial Bunting

Note: Very Important.

Fortunately, we don't have a huge call for demise items. However, they are probably the most 'sensitive' items we create for donation. The people who receive these are in a situation none of us would want to envision. Therefore, it is absolutely essential that they be beautifully made with no holes, errors and with lovely, even tension. Please only attempt this item if you are truly a beautiful crocheter. You will note that no abbreviations are given as the expert crocheter will not need them.

Gauge:

4 sc by 4 rows = a 1 -inch square Size "H" crochet hook

Materials:

4 oz. Worsted weight yarn

7 inch length of 1/4 inch satin ribbon of a matching or coordinating color.

DIRECTIONS:

This bunting is worked in a set of three triangles. Two triangles are joined to make the base, and a 3rd triangle is overlaid onto that base to form a pocket on the bottom half. The edge is worked around the entire unit, joining the pocket to the base.

1st Triangle

Ch 50

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook. Skip 2 sts. In the next st work 5 dc (=1 shell). * Skip 2 sts; sc in the next st. Skip 2 sts; work 1 shell in the next st Repeat from * across, ending with a sc in the last st. Ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Sc in center top of 1st shell. * Work a shell in the next sc between shells. Sc in center top of next shell. Repeat from * across. End with a dc in the last sc. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Work 2 dc in next sc (=1/2 shell). * Sc in center top of next shell. Work a shell in the next sc between shells. Repeat from * across. End with a sc in top of last shell, then 3 dc in last sc $(= \frac{1}{2} \text{ shell})$. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Sc in top of last c worked. * Work a shell in the next sc between shells. Sc in top of next shell. Repeat from * across. End with a sc in the top of the turning ch-3 below. Ch 3, turn.

Row 5: Repeat row 2

Row 6: Repeat row 3

Row 7: Repeat row 4

Continue, repeating rows 2 through 4.

Last row contains 1 shell: Sc in top of 1st shell. Shell between shells, sc in top of last shell, dc in last sc. Finish off.

2nd Triangle

Join yarn to 1st sc of row 1 of the 1st Triangle. Working in the initial chs that the 1st triangle row was worked: ch 1, sc in same sc as joining st, continue to repeat row 1 of the 1st Triangle. Continue the same as 1st Triangle. Finish off after last row.

3rd Triangle

Repeat 1st Triangle. Finish off.

Edge: Overlay 3rd Triangle on top of the bottom half of the base made by 1st and 2nd Triangles. Join yarn at right side peak with a sc through both layers, just at the beginning sc of the 3rd Triangle. Going along the right side up toward the peak at the top, * work a shell in the next row end, sc in the next row end. Repeat from * around, going through both layers around the bottom half. Join with a sl st in the 1st sc of the edge; turn and work along top front of pocket edge, same as 1st Triangle row 1. Join with a sl st to the left side peak. Finish off. Cut a 7-inch length of satin ribbon and thread through left and right side peaks, tying to form a bow in the middle front, pulling the sides to overlap the front.

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