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Leaflet 968 \$2.75

Busy Baby Squares

to Crochet



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General Instructions

ABBREVIATIONS

ch(s)	chain(s)	Rnd(s)	Round(s)
dc	double crochet(s)	sc	single crochet(s)
ex sc	extended single crochet(s)	sp(s)	space(s)
hdc	half double crochet(s)	st(s)	stitch(es)
mm	millimeters	YO	yarn over

★ — work instructions following ★ as many **more** times as indicated in addition to the first time.

() or [] — work enclosed instructions **as many** times as specified by the number immediately following **or** work all enclosed instructions in the stitch or space indicated **or** contains explanatory remarks.

GAUGE

Correct gauge is essential for proper size. Hook size given in instructions is merely a guide and should never be used without first making a sample square in the stitch, yarn, and hook specified. Then measure it carefully. If it is smaller than specified, try again with a larger size hook; if larger, try again with a smaller size. Keep trying until you find the size that will give you the specified gauge. **DO NOT HESITATE TO CHANGE HOOK SIZE TO OBTAIN CORRECT GAUGE.**

EXTENDED SINGLE CROCHET

(abbreviated ex sc)

Insert hook in st indicated and pull up a loop (*Fig. 1a*), YO and draw through first loop on hook (*Fig. 1b*), YO and draw through both loops on hook (*Fig. 1c*) (**Extended Single Crochet made, Fig. 1d**).

Fig. 1a

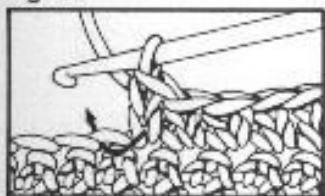


Fig. 1b



Fig. 1c

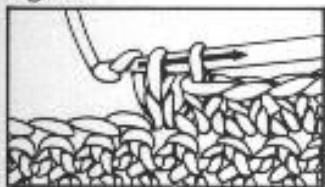


Fig. 1d

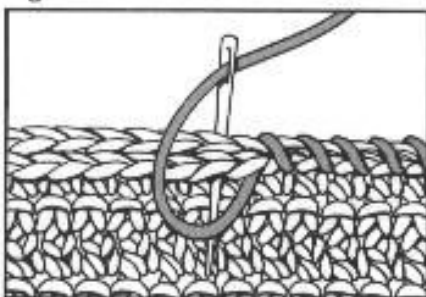


WHIPSTITCH

With **wrong** sides together, insert the needle from **right to left** through both loops on **each** piece (*Fig. 2*). Bring the needle around and insert it from **right to left** through the next loops on both pieces.

Continue in this manner, keeping the sewing yarn fairly loose.

Fig. 2



REVERSE SINGLE CROCHET

Working from **left to right**, ★ insert hook in st to right of hook (*Fig. 3a*), YO and draw through, under and to left of loop on hook (2 loops on hook) (*Fig. 3b*), YO and draw through both loops on hook (*Fig. 3c*) (**Reverse Single Crochet made, Fig. 3d**); repeat from ★ around.

Fig. 3a

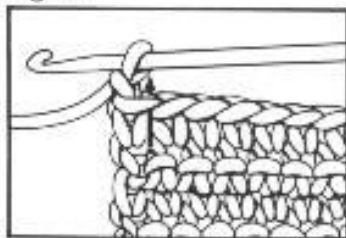


Fig. 3b

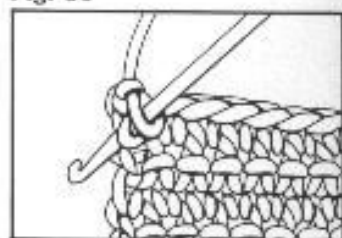


Fig. 3c

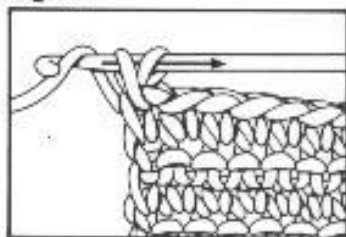
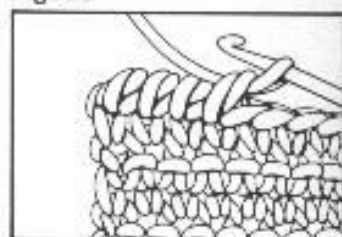


Fig. 3d



REVERSE DOUBLE CROCHET

Working from **left to right**, skip next st, ★ YO, insert hook in next st to right of hook (*Fig. 4a*), YO and draw through, under and to left of loop on hook (3 loops on hook) (*Fig. 4b*), (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) **twice** (*Fig. 4c*) (**Reverse Double Crochet made, Fig. 4d**), ch 1, skip next st; repeat from ★ around.

Fig. 4a

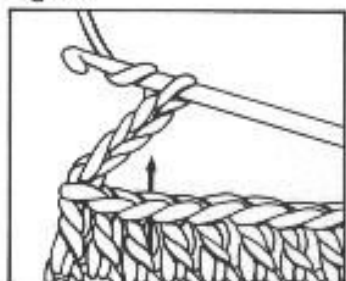


Fig. 4b

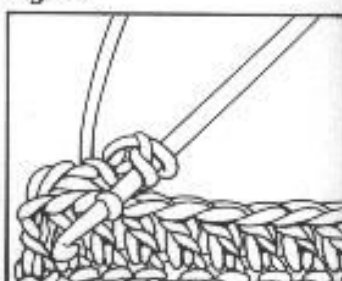
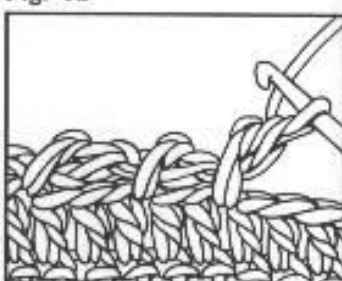


Fig. 4c



Fig. 4d



Activity Mat

Finished Size: Approximately 37" x 49"

MATERIALS

Worsted Weight Yarn, approximately:

For Basic Squares: Assorted colors - 33 ounces,
(940 grams, 2,215 yards) total

For Each Activity: Small amount for each

Crochet hook, size G (4.50 mm) **or** size needed for gauge
Yarn needle

GAUGE: Basic Square = 6" x 6"

Make 48 Basic Squares, page 3.

Make any 8 Activities, pages 3-6, and attach each to a Basic Square.

FINISHING

JOINING

Note: Refer to Diagram #1 for placement of Activity Squares. Mat is assembled by joining 8 Squares into 6 vertical strips, then by joining strips.

Join as follows: Whipstitch Squares together (*Fig. 2, page 1*), beginning at center sc of any corner and ending at center sc of next corner.

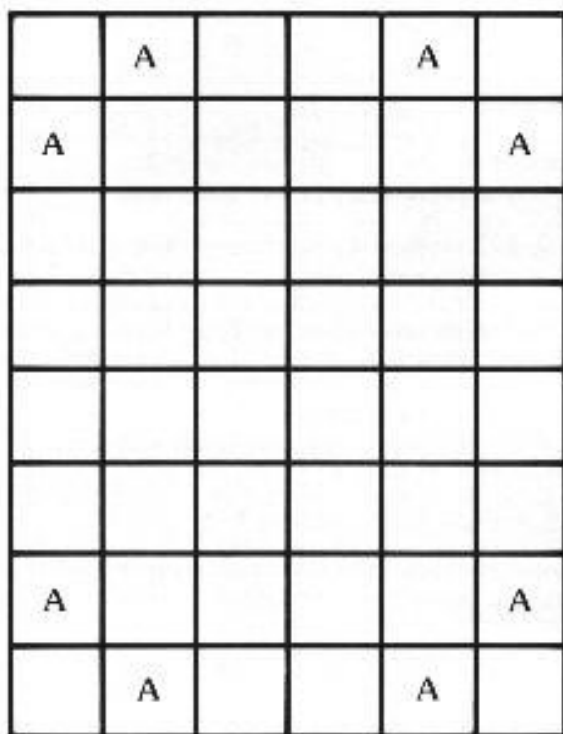
Join strips in same manner.

EDGING

Rnd 1: With right side facing, join yarn with slip st in any corner; ch 1, sc evenly around, working 3 sc in each corner; join with slip st to first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, do **not** turn; work Reverse Single Crochet in each sc around (*Figs. 3a-d, page 1*); join with slip st to first st, finish off.

DIAGRAM #1



Pillow

Finished Size: Approximately 12" x 12"

MATERIALS

Worsted Weight Yarn, approximately:

For Basic Squares: Assorted colors - 6 ounces,
(170 grams, 405 yards) total

For Each Activity: Small amount for each

Crochet hook, size G (4.50 mm) **or** size needed for gauge
12" x 12" Pillow form

Yarn needle

GAUGE: Basic Square = 6" x 6"

Make 8 Basic Squares, page 3.

Make any 4 Activities, pages 3-6, and attach each to a Basic Square.

FINISHING

JOINING

Note: Pillow Front is assembled by joining 2 Activity Squares into 2 strips, then by joining strips.

Join as follows: Whipstitch Squares together (*Fig. 2, page 1*), beginning at center sc of any corner and ending at center sc of next corner.

Join strips in same manner.

Repeat for Pillow Back using Basic Squares.

EDGING

Rnd 1: With **wrong** sides together, having Front of Pillow facing you and working in **both** loops of both pieces, join yarn with slip st in any corner; ch 1, sc evenly around, working 3 sc in each corner and inserting pillow form before closing; join with slip st to first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, do **not** turn; work Reverse Double Crochet around (*Figs. 4a-d, page 1*); join with slip st to first st, finish off.

Carry Along Pad

Finished Size: Approximately 25" x 25"

MATERIALS

Worsted Weight Yarn, approximately:

For Basic Squares: Assorted colors - 12 ounces,
(340 grams, 805 yards) **total**

For Each Activity: Small amount for **each**

Crochet hook, size G (4.50mm) or size needed for gauge

Large snap - 1 Yarn needle

GAUGE: Basic Square = 6" x 6"

Make 16 Basic Squares.

Make any 4 Activities, pages 3-6, and attach each to a Basic Square.

FINISHING

JOINING

Note: Refer to Diagram #2 for placement of Activity Squares. Carry Along Pad is assembled by joining 4 Squares into 4 vertical strips, then by joining strips.

Join as follows: Whipstitch Squares together (*Fig. 2, page 1*), beginning at center sc of any corner and ending at center sc of next corner.

Join strips in same manner.

EDGING

Rnd 1: With **right** side facing, join yarn with slip st in upper left corner (*Diagram #2*); ★ ch 1, sc evenly across to next corner, 3 sc in corner; repeat from ★ around; join with slip st to first sc.

Rnd 2: Slip st in next 2 sc, ch 1, sc in same sc and in each sc across to within 4 sc of next corner (center sc), ★ ch 9, skip next 7 sc, sc in next sc and in each sc across to within 4 sc of next corner (center sc); repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, loop a short piece of yarn around next sc of Rnd 1 to mark Handle placement, ch 9; join with slip st to first sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, do **not** turn; work Reverse Single Crochet in each ch and in each sc around (*Figs. 3a-d, page 1*); join with slip st to first st, finish off.

HANDLE

Row 1: With **right** side facing, join yarn with slip st in marked sc; ch 3, hdc in next sc, ex sc in next sc, sc in next sc, ex sc in next sc, hdc in next sc, dc in last sc: 7 sts.

Rows 2-30: Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across.

Finish off.

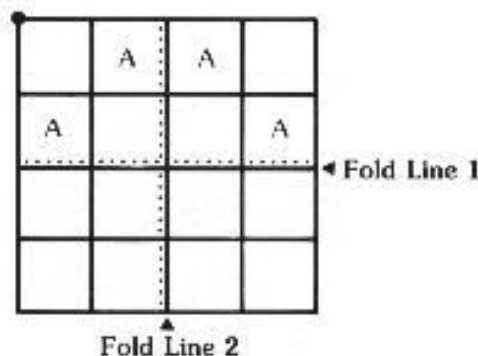
Edging: With **right** side facing, join yarn with slip st in end of Row 1; ch 1, work Reverse Single Crochet evenly around Handle; finish off.

Add snap to end of Handle and to base.

Fold Pad, referring to Diagram #2 and keeping Activities to the outside.

Thread Handle through corner loops.

DIAGRAM #2



Basic Square

Ch 21 **very** loosely.

Row 1: Ex sc in third ch from hook (*Figs. 1a-d, page 1*) and in each ch across: 19 ex sc.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across.

Repeat Row 2 until Square measures approximately $5\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Edging (Right side): Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in first ex sc (corner), sc in next 17 ex sc, 3 sc in next ex sc (corner); working in ends of rows, work 17 sc evenly spaced across; working in free loops of beginning ch, 3 sc in first ch (corner); sc in next 17 chs, 3 sc in next ch (corner); working in ends of rows, work 17 sc evenly spaced across; join with slip st to first sc, finish off.

Activities

Rainbow



With Red, ch 11 **loosely**.

Row 1 (Right side): Ex sc in third ch from hook, (2 ex sc in next ch, ex sc in next ch) across; finish off: 13 ex sc.

Row 2: With **right** side facing, join Orange with slip st in first ex sc; ch 2, ex sc in same st and in next ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc, (ex sc in next 2 ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc) 3 times, ex sc in last ex sc; finish off: 17 ex sc.

Row 3: With **right** side facing, join Yellow with slip st in first ex sc; ch 2, ex sc in same st and in next ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc, (ex sc in next 3 ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc) 3 times, ex sc in last 2 ex sc; finish off: 21 ex sc.

Row 4: With **right** side facing, join Green with slip st in first ex sc; ch 2, ex sc in same st and in next ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc, ex sc in next 4 ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc, ex sc in next 4 ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc, ex sc in last 2 ex sc; finish off: 25 ex sc.

Row 5: With **right** side facing, join Blue with slip st in first ex sc; ch 2, ex sc in same st and in next ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc, (ex sc in next 5 ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc) 3 times, ex sc in last 4 ex sc; finish off: 29 ex sc.

Row 6: With **right** side facing, join Purple with slip st in first ex sc; ch 2, ex sc in same st and in next ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc, (ex sc in next 6 ex sc, 2 ex sc in next ex sc) 3 times, ex sc in last 5 ex sc; finish off: 33 ex sc.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement, sew **wrong** side of Rainbow to **right** side of Square.

Button Me



Additional materials: one 1½" button

TAB

Row 1 (Right side): Ch 3, 3 ex sc in third ch from hook; 3 ex sc.

Rows 2-4: Ch 2, turn; 2 ex sc in first ex sc, ex sc in each ex sc across to last ex sc, 2 ex sc in last ex sc; 9 ex sc.

Row 5 (Buttonhole row): Turn; slip st **loosely** in first 2 ex sc, ch 5 **loosely**, skip next 5 ex sc, slip st **loosely** in last 2 ex sc.

Row 6: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in first 2 sts, ex sc in next 5 chs, ex sc in last 2 sts.

Rows 7-9: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across.

Edging: Ch 1, do **not** turn; working in end of rows and across beginning ch, sc evenly around to first st of Row 9; finish off.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement:
Sew **wrong** side of Tab to **right** side of Square.
Add button.

Tie Me



LEFT SIDE

Ch 8 **loosely**.

Row 1: Ex sc in third ch from hook and in each ch across; 6 ex sc.

Row 2 (Eyelet row): Ch 2, turn; ex sc in first 4 ex sc, ch 1, skip next ex sc, ex sc in last ex sc.

Row 3: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc and in ch-1 sp across.

Rows 4-11: Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 4 times.

Edging (Right side): Ch 1, do **not** turn; working in end of rows and across beginning ch, sc evenly around to first st of Row 11; sc in each ex sc across; join with slip st to first sc, finish off.

RIGHT SIDE

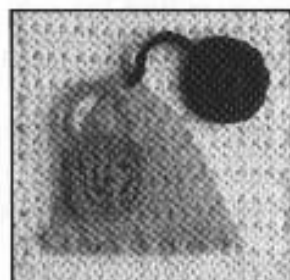
Rows 1-11: Work same as Left Side.

Edging (Right side): Ch 1, turn; sc in each ex sc across; working in end of rows and across beginning ch, sc evenly around; join with slip st to first sc, finish off.

Tie: Ch 150; finish off.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement:
Sew **wrong** side of Sides to **right** side of Square.
Lace Tie through Eyelet rows and tie in a bow.

Shapes



TRIANGLE

Row 1 (top): Ch 3, 3 ex sc in third ch from hook; 3 ex sc.

Rows 2-10: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across to last ex sc, 2 ex sc in last ex sc; 12 ex sc.

Edging (Right side): Ch 1, do **not** turn; working in end of rows and across beginning ch, sc evenly around to first st of Row 10; finish off.

SQUARE

Rnd 1: Ch 3, (ex sc, ch 2) 4 times in third ch from hook; join with slip st to first ex sc; 4 ex sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, ex sc in same st, (ex sc, ch 2, ex sc) in next ch-2 sp. ★ ex sc in next ex sc, (ex sc, ch 2, ex sc) in next ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ around, slip st in first ex sc, ch 10; join with slip st to top of Triangle, finish off.

CIRCLE

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 9 ex sc in third ch from hook; join with slip st to first ex sc; 9 ex sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 2 ex sc in same st and in each ex sc around, slip st in first ex sc, ch 10; join with slip st to top of Triangle, finish off.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement, sew **wrong** side of Triangle to **right** side of Basic Square.

Zip Me



Additional materials: 5" zipper and sewing thread

PANEL (Make 2)

Ch 5 **loosely**.

Row 1 (Right side): Ex sc in third ch from hook and in each ch across; 3 ex sc.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across to last ex sc, 2 ex sc in last ex sc; 4 ex sc.

Row 3: Ch 2, turn; 2 ex sc in first ex sc, ex sc in each ex sc across; 5 ex sc.

Rows 4-13: Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 5 times; 15 ex sc.

Edging: Ch 1, do **not** turn; working in end of rows and across beginning ch, sc evenly around to first st of Row 13; finish off.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement:
Sew **right** side of zipper to **wrong** side of each Panel.
Sew **wrong** side of Panels to **right** side of Square.

Buckle Me



Additional materials: two 1/2" plastic rings

RING (Make 2)

Join yarn with slip st in ring; ch 1, 20 sc in ring; join with slip st to first sc, finish off.

SHORT STRAP

Row 1 (Right side): Holding rings together, join yarn with slip st in rings; ch 2, 4 ex sc in rings; 4 ex sc.

Rows 2-5: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across. Finish off.

LONG STRAP

Ch 6 loosely.

Row 1 (Right side): Ex sc in third ch from hook and in each ch across: 4 ex sc.

Rows 2-16: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across. Finish off.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement, sew **wrong** sides of Straps to **right** side of Square.

What's Inside?



POCKET

Ch 12 loosely.

Row 1 (Right side): Ex sc in third ch from hook and in each ch across: 10 ex sc.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in first ex sc, 2 ex sc in each ex sc across: 19 ex sc.

Rows 3-5: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across.

Row 6: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in first ex sc, [(pull up a loop in next ex sc, YO and draw through first loop on hook) twice, YO and draw through all 3 loops on hook (**decrease made**)], ex sc in next ex sc, (decrease, ex sc in next ex sc) across: 13 ex sc.

Row 7 (Eyelet row): Ch 2, turn; ex sc in first ex sc, (ch 1, skip next ex sc, ex sc in next ex sc) across: 6 ch-1 sps.

Row 8: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc and in each ch-1 sp across: 13 ex sc.

Row 9: Ch 1, turn; sc in first ex sc, (ch 3, sc in next ex sc) across; finish off.

Tie: Ch 25; finish off.

Repeat for second Tie.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement: Sew **wrong** side of Pocket to **right** side of Square. Beginning at center of Eyelet row, weave Tie through each side and sew one end to Square; tie in a bow.

Snap Me



Additional materials: 3 large snaps

TRIANGLE (Make 3)

Row 1: Ch 3, 3 ex sc in third ch from hook: 3 ex sc.

Rows 2-6: Ch 2, turn; 2 ex sc in first ex sc, ex sc in each ex sc across to last ex sc, 2 ex sc in last ex sc: 13 ex sc.

Edging (Right side): Ch 1, do **not** turn; working in end of rows and across beginning ch, sc evenly around to first st of Row 6; finish off.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement: Sew **wrong** side of Triangle to **right** side of Square. Repeat for remaining Triangles. Add snaps.

Match My Color



Additional materials: 3 large buttons and 3 matching colors of embroidery floss

POCKET (Make 3)

Ch 8 loosely.

Row 1 (Right side): Ex sc in third ch from hook and in each ch across: 6 ex sc.

Rows 2-5: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across.

Edging: Ch 1, do **not** turn; working in end of rows and across beginning ch, sc evenly around to first st of Row 5; finish off.

Fold length of floss in half and thread loop through holes of button; insert hook in loop, ch 20; finish off. Repeat for remaining buttons.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement: Sew **wrong** side of each Pocket to **right** side of Square. Attach floss ends to corner of Square.

Open Me



BOX

Ch 11 **loosely**.

Row 1 (Right side): Ex sc in third ch from hook and in each ch across: 9 ex sc.

Rows 2-5: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across.

Row 6: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in first 2 ex sc, sc in next 5 ex sc, ex sc in last 2 ex sc.

Row 7: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in first ex sc, sc in next ex sc, slip st in next 5 sc, sc in next ex sc, ex sc in next ex sc.

Edging: Ch 1, do **not** turn; working in end of rows and across beginning ch, sc evenly around to first st of Row 7; finish off.

LID

Row 1 (Right side): Ch 3, 3 ex sc in third ch from hook: 3 ex sc.

Rows 2-4: Ch 2, turn; 2 ex sc in first ex sc, ex sc in each ex sc across to last ex sc, 2 ex sc in last ex sc: 9 ex sc.

Rows 5 and 6: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across.

Edging: Ch 1, turn; sc in each ex sc across; working in end of rows and across beginning ch, sc evenly around; join with slip st to first sc, finish off.

CRAYON (Make 4)

Holding 2 strands together, ch 13 **loosely**; slip st **loosely** in back ridge of second ch from hook and in each ch across (**Fig. 5**); finish off.

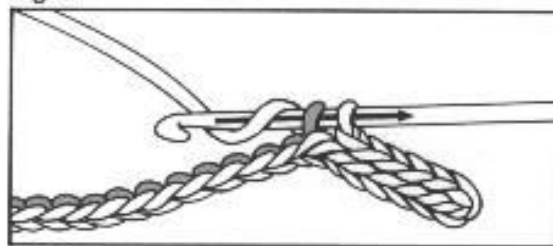
Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement:

Sew **wrong** side of Box to **right** side of Square.

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Place Crayons in Box.

Fig. 5



Balloons



Additional materials: small amount of embroidery floss

BALLOON (Make 3)

Ch 4, 15 dc in fourth ch from hook; join with slip st to top of beginning ch-4, ch 1, sc in same st (bottom); finish off.

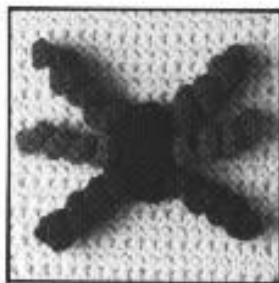
Tie floss around bottom.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement:

Sew **wrong** side of each Balloon to **right** side of Square.

Attach a piece of floss to Square and tie a bow around strings to secure.

Curlys



CURLY (Make 3)

Ch 40 **loosely**, 2 sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across; finish off.

LOOP

Ch 5 **loosely**.

Row 1: Ex sc in third ch from hook and in each ch across: 3 ex sc.

Rows 2-5: Ch 2, turn; ex sc in each ex sc across.

Finish off.

Using Cover Photo as a guide for placement:

Sew Loop to **right** side of Square.

Thread Curlys through Loop.

