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crocheted soaker

(pictured opposite, bottom)

MATERIALS:

3 ozs Beehive Imported Baby Wool, Shrink-Resist Finish or 3 ozs Columbia-Minerva Baby Yarn, Shrink Resistant.

Size F (4) plastic crochet hook.

GAUGE:

9 sts—2 inches; 3 rows—1 inch.

NOTE: Use yarn double throughout.

Starting at waistband, ch 9.

Row 1 — Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across (8 sc); ch 1, turn.

Row 2 — Picking up back loop only, make sc in each sc across; ch 1, turn. Repeat row 2 until piece measures 19 inches from starting chain. Now work as follows:

Row 1 — Sc closely across long side of waistband; ch 1, turn.

Row 2 — Skip first sc, * sc in next sc, dc in next sc. Repeat from * across, ending with sc in last sc. Turn.

Row 3 — Skip first sc, * sc in next dc, dc in next sc. Repeat from * across, ending with sc in last dc. Turn. Repeat row 3 until piece measures 3½ inches from bottom of waistband.

Next row — Ch 1, skip first sc, next dc and next sc, * sc in next dc, dc in next sc. Repeat from * across, ending with sc in last dc. Turn. Repeat last row until piece measures 5 inches from bottom of waistband. Repeat row 3 until piece measures 10½ inches from bottom of waistband and all sts are worked off. Break off.

BORDER:

Attach yarn to top of waistband.

Row 1 — Sc closely along bias edges. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2 and 3 — Sc in each sc across, working 3 sc in sc on tip of point. Break off at end of row 3. Sew ends of waistband together, turn up point to bottom of waistband seam and sew edges together for 3 inches.

TASSEL: (make 2)

Cut a piece of cardboard 3 inches long. Place a 6-inch length of yarn across cardboard. Wind yarn 30 times around cardboard. Tie securely with the 6-inch length. Remove from cardboard. Wind yarn around several times ½ inch from tied end. Tie securely. Cut opposite ends and trim evenly.

Make a chain ¾ yard long. Lace through spaces of waistband. Tie into a bow. Attach one tassel at each end of chain.

knit soaker

(pictured opposite, top)

MATERIALS:

2 ozs Beehive Imported Baby Wool, Shrink-Resist Finish or 2 ozs Columbia-Minerva Baby Yarn, Shrink Resistant.

1 pair each Sizes 2 and 5, 10-inch long knitting needles.

Narrow elastic.

Size F (4) crochet hook.

GAUGE:

11 sts—1 inch (garter st)

DIRECTIONS:

Starting at waistband with No. 2 needles, cast on 76 sts. Work in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for 1½ inches, dec 20 sts evenly across last row (56 sts). Change to No. 5 needles, attach another ball of yarn and, with double yarn, work in garter st (k each row) until piece measures 7 inches in all. Now work in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for 5 inches. Then work in garter st for 5½ inches, inc 20 sts evenly on last row. Break off 1 ball of yarn, change to No. 2 needles and work in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for 1½ inches. Bind off in ribbing. Starting at top of waistband, sew side seams for 6½ inches.

CASING:

Attach yarn at top on wrong side of ribbing * ch 5, skip ½ inch, sl st ¼ inch from top, ch 5, skip ½ inch from last sl st, sl st in top edge of ribbing. Repeat from * around. Break off. Run elastic through casing.

knit soaker

(pictured opposite, center)

MATERIALS:

3 ozs Beehive Imported Baby Wool, Shrink-Resist Finish or 3 ozs Columbia-Minerva Baby Yarn, Shrink Resistant.

1 pair each Sizes 2 and 5 14-inch long knitting needles.

Size F (4) plastic crochet hook.

GAUGE:

6 sts—1 inch; 10 rows—1 inch.

Starting at waistband with No. 2 needles, cast on 140 sts. Work in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for 10 rows.

Next row — K 2, * yo, p 2 tog, k 2, p 2, yo, k 2 tog, p 2, k 2. Repeat from * across. Continue in ribbing until waistband measures 1½ inches dec evenly on last row to 117 sts. Change to No. 5 needles. Attach another ball of yarn and with double yarn work in moss st (k 1, p 1 alternately across row), dec 1 st at both ends on every 3rd row (keeping continuity of pat) until 3 sts remain. Bind off. Sew ends of waistband tog. Turn point up to bottom of waistband seam and sew edges tog for 4½ inches.

CORD:

Cut four 3-yard strands of yarn. Knot tog at one end, and twist tightly in one direction until they buckle; then fold in half, twist in opposite direction. Draw this cord through eyelets on waistband. Make 1 row of sc around leg openings.

TASSEL: (make 2)

Cut a piece of cardboard 3 inches square. Place a 10-inch strand of yarn across cardboard. Wind yarn 15 times around cardboard. Tie securely with 10-inch strand; remove from cardboard and wind yarn around several times ½ inch down from tied end. Tie securely. Cut and trim opposite ends. Attach to ends of cord.