SKILL LEVEL

FINISHED SIZES
Centerpiece: 14½ inches square
Coasters: 3½ inches square
Playing-card bag: 3¼ x 5 inches

MATERIALS
• South Maid size 10 crochet cotton (white: 400 yds per ball; colors: 350 yds per ball):
  600 yds #1 white
  80 yds #12 black
  70 yds #494 victory red
• J&P Coats Royale Classic size 10 crochet cotton (350 yds per ball):
  10 yds #196 cardinal
• Size 7/1.65mm steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
• Tapestry needle

GAUGE
3 dc blocks = 1 inch; 4 dc rows = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES
Weave in loose ends as work progresses.
Join rounds with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Double treble (dtr): Yo hook 3 times, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up a lp, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 3 times, yo, draw through all 4 lps on hook.

Picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook.

Shell: (Hdc, ch 1) 3 times in indicated st.

3 double crochet decrease (3-dc dec): [Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 3 times, yo, draw through all 4 lps on hook.

Beginning decrease (beg dec): Sl st in next 3 sts, ch 3.
Ending decrease (end dec): Leave last 3 sts of row unworked, turn.

White mesh: Ch 2, sk next 2 sts dc in next st.

White beginning mesh (white beg mesh): Ch 5 (counts as first dc, ch 2), sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc.

Block: Dc in next 3 sts, or dc in next 2 chs, dc in next dc.

Beginning gray square even rows (beg gray square even rows): Ch 3 (first dc), dc in each of next 3 sts.

Red square: 2 dc in same st as last dc of previous block, sk next 2 sts or chs, dc in next st.

Yellow square: Sk next 2 sts or chs, 3 dc in next dc.

Green square: Ch 2, 3-dc dec in next 3 sts.

Lavender square: Do not work final dc of previous block, but replace it with 3-dc dec in final dc of previous block and in next 2 sts, ch 2, dc in next dc.

Pink square: Do not work final dc of previous mesh, sk next dc, [2 dc in next ch] twice, sk next dc.

Blue square: Do not work final dc of previous mesh, ch 1, [2-dc dec in next 2 sts] twice, ch 1.

Gray square: Do not work final dc of previous mesh, but replace it with 2-dc dec in final dc of previous block and in next dc, ch 2, 2-dc dec in next 2 dc.

BEGINNING CENTERPIECE

Row 1 (RS): With white, ch 120, dc in 4th ch from hook and in each of next 2 chs (counts as first block), [ch 2, sk next 2 chs (mesh), dc in each of next 4 chs (block)] 19 times, turn. (20 blocks, 19 mesh)

Row 2: Ch 5, dc in 4th and 5th chs from hook, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, dc in next 2 chs, dc in next dc] 19 times, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next ch, tr in same ch as last dc made, [tr in base of last tr] twice, turn. (21 blocks, 20 mesh)

Row 3: Ch 5, dc in 4th and 5th chs from hook, dc in next tr, ch 2, sk next 2 tr, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc] 19 times, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next ch, tr in same ch as last dc made, [tr in base of last tr] twice, turn. (2 blocks, 41 mesh)

Row 4: Ch 5, dc in 4th and 5th chs from hook, dc in next tr, sk next 2 tr, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc] 41 times, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next ch, tr in same ch as last dc made, [tr in base of last tr] twice, turn. (2 blocks, 43 mesh)

ROWS 5–57: Following chart, ch 3 or ch 5 at beg of each row, work according to chart and Special Stitches, turn.

ROWS 58–60: Following chart and Special Stitches, work beg dec (see Special Stitches) at beg of each row and end dec (see Special Stitches) at end of each row, turn.

EDGING

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in last dc on row 60, sc in each dc and 2 sc in each ch-2 sp across top, 2 sc in each corner dc or ch, 2 sc in each ch sp and around dc posts across sides, [inc 1 sc every 6 rows on side] 8 times, sc in each ch where a dc was worked and 2 sc in each ch-2 sp across bottom, sc in same manner across side up to beg corner, sc in last dc of row 60, join in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, sc in same sc as joining, *[sc in next 4 sc, picot (see Special Stitches)] 28 times, sc in next 5 sc, picot, [sc in each of next 2 sc, sk next 2 sc, sk next 2 sc, sk next 2 sc, sk next 2 sc,
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coasters

**HEART & DIAMOND TOP**

**Row 1 (WS):** With white, ch 20, dc in 8th ch from hook, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch] 4 times, turn. (5 mesh)

**Row 2:** Ch 8 (counts as first sp), dc in first dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next st] 5 times, ch 2, dtr (see Special Stitches) in same ch as last dc made, turn. (7 mesh)

**Row 3:** Ch 8, dc in dtr, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc] twice, ch 2, sk next 2 chs and next dc, [2 dc in next ch] twice, ch 2, sk next dc and next 2 chs, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next st] twice, ch 2, dtr in same ch as last dc made, turn. (9 mesh)

**Rows 4–10:** Ch 5 (counts as first dc, ch-2), work according to chart and Special Stitches.

**Row 11:** Sl st in each of next 2 chs and in next dc, [ch 5, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next st] 6 times, turn. (7 mesh)

**Row 12:** Sl st in each of next 2 chs and in next dc, [ch 5, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next st] twice, ch 2, dtr in same ch as last dc made, turn. (9 mesh)

**EDGING**

**Rnds 1–10:** Working 2 sc around post of last dc, sc in each of next 2 dc on row 11, sc in next ch, 2 sc in ch sp, sc in each of next 3 dc on row 10, 2 sc over dc post, [3 sc in ch sp, 2 sc over dc post] 3 times, 2 sc in ch sp, sc in bottom ch of same ch sp, sc in each of next 2 chs of row 3, 2 sc over tr post on row 2, sc in same ch sp, sc in free lp of each of next 15 chs, 2 sc dc over dc post, sc in each of next 3 chs on row 2, 2 sc in ch sp, sc in base of next 3 tr on row 3, 2 sc over tr post, [3 sc in ch sp, 2 sc over dc post] 3 times, 2 sc in ch sp, sc in top ch of same ch sp, sc in next 2 dc, 2 sc over dc post, sc in same dc and in next 2 dc on row 11, 2 sc in ch sp, sc in top ch of same ch sp, sc in each of next 15 dc. (110 sc)

**Rnds 11–14:** Place WS of Top piece on top of Bottom piece, using care not to sc in any sc twice, sc in each of next 4 sc on Bottom, sc through first ch-1 sp of Top into next sc on Bottom, [sc in each of next 4 sc on Bottom, sc through next ch lp of Top into next sc on Bottom] 21 times.

**Rnds 15–18:** [Sc in each of next 5 sc, picot (see Special Stitches)] 22 times, join in next sc, fasten off. (22 picots)

**PLAYING-CARD BAG**

**Rnds 1 (RS):** With white, ch 32, 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in
each of next 29 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each of next 29 chs, sc in same ch as first 2 sc, join in first sc. (64 sc)

**Rnd 2:** Ch 4 (counts as first dc, ch-1), [ch 1, sk next sc, dc in next sc] 15 times, [ch 1, dc in next sc] twice, [ch 1, sk next sc, dc in next sc] 15 times, ch 1, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. (34 dc, 34 ch-1 sps)

Rnds 3–21: Ch 4, sk next ch-1 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4.

**Rnd 22:** [Ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, shell (see Special Stitches) in next dc, sk next ch-1 sp, sl st in next dc] around, fasten off.

**RED DRAWSTRING & DIAMOND**

With cardinal, ch 90, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each rem ch across, ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook, *hdc in next ch, 2 dc in next ch, 2 tr in next ch, 2 dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch*, ch 1, working on opposite side of ch, sc in first ch, rep from * to *, join in first sc, fasten off.

**HEART**

With cardinal, ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, 2 tr in next ch, (3 tr, ch 2, sl st) in last ch, working on opposite side of foundation ch, ch 3, 3 tr in first ch, 2 tr in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch, ch 1, join in first sc, fasten off.

**BLACK DRAWSTRING & SPADE**

With black, ch 90, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each rem ch across, ch 11, *insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and draw up a lp, insert hook in next ch and draw up a lp, yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook, sc in next ch, sl st in next ch, (sl st, ch 3, 2 tr) in next ch, 2 tr in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in last ch, ch 1, working on opposite side of ch, sl st in first ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, 2 tr in next ch, (2 tr, ch 3, sl st) in next ch, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, dc in last ch, fasten off.

**CLUB**

With black, ch 6, dc in 3rd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, (sl st, ch 3, 3 tr, ch 3) 3 times in last ch, sl st in same ch, working on opposite side of ch, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, dc in last ch, fasten off.

**FINISHING**

Starting at opposite sides of Bag, weave cardinal Drawstring through ch sps on rnd 20 and black Drawstring through ch sps of rnd 19. Sew Heart to free end of cardinal drawstring and Club to free end of black drawstring.

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