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Dear Friend,

Thank you very much for appreciating and supporting the efforts of an independent crochet designer. It is my mission to bring you exciting, fun, top-quality designs with detailed instructions to help you get maximum enjoyment from your crochet.

Now, on a more serious note. This is an original crochet pattern, joyfully created by me—an independent, self-employed crochet designer. This pattern holds a registered United States copyright with world rights retained. Please do not copy, scan, share, email, post, or otherwise distribute this pattern in any manner. To do so is equivalent to stealing from me. It is a federal offense, and an international crime.

Internet pattern sharing has put many designers out of business and this makes me incredibly sad. Every designer I know feels the same sadness and betrayal when this happens. I'm appealing to you, as purchaser of this pattern, to support the efforts of independent crochet designers by NOT sharing, emailing, posting or otherwise distributing my patterns. Refraining from doing so is the first step in breaking the chain of unlawful distribution.

Why is sharing such a problem? I'll explain. Say you copy and email this pattern to your three closest crochet friends. The next day they each email it to three of their crochet friends. The next day those people do the same. At the end of a week, the pattern will have been emailed to over 3,000 people. And that is not even considering that somewhere in there, there is bound to be at least a handful of crocheters who send the pattern out to dozens of people at once.

Thanks very much for supporting the efforts of independent, self-employed crochet designers.
Best wishes and happy crocheting!

Carolyn