

## Heart

### Materials

Acrylic DK and a 3.00mm hook or DMC Petra/Perle size 5 and a 1.50mm hook, toy stuffing or plastic canvas, tapestry needle for sewing in ends.

My heart is 20cm/8ins tall when using yarn and 11cm/4¼ins when using thread.

### Stuffing

Stuffing is optional. The double thickness makes the heart sturdy enough but stuffing gives them a more 3D effect. If you prefer them flat but want it firmer, plastic canvas can be used.

### General Notes

**Turning ch 1:** the ch 1 at beginning of dc rows is for turning only and not counted as a stitch unless other wise stated.

**Joining slip stitch:** the ss used to join rounds is not counted as a stitch and is not worked into when you turn.

**Starting chain:** Always work into the back loop of the starting chain unless otherwise stated. This gives a neater finish, making both the bottom and top of the work look the same. When working into **unused loops**, pick up both loops as you would when working into the tops of other stitches.

### Special Stitches

**dc2tog:** (Insert hook in next st, yoh and draw through) twice, yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook.



**dc3tog:** Insert hook in next st, yoh and draw through, miss next st, insert hook in next st, yoh and draw through, yoh and draw through all 34 loops on hook.

### Instructions

**1<sup>st</sup> side:** 84ch, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch taking care not to twist.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 1, dc in each ch, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (84 sts)

**Rnd 2:** Ch 1, 3 dc in next dc, dc in next 25 dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc) 3 times, dc3tog, (dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc) 3 times, dc in next 25 dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (90 sts)

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, dc in next 15 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 13 dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc) twice, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 2 dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc) twice, 2 dc in

next dc, dc in next 13 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 16 dc, 3 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (96 sts)

**Rnd 4:** Ch 1, dc in next dc, 2 dc in each of next 3 dc, (dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next dc) twice, dc in next 14 dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc) 3 times, dc3tog, (dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next dc) 3 times, dc in next 14 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 5:** Ch 1, dc in next 32 dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next 6 dc) twice, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 2 dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next 6 dc) twice, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 35 dc, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next 3 dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 6:** Ch 1, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next 31 dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next 7 dc) 3 times, dc3tog, (dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc) 3 times, dc in next 27 dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 7:** Ch 1, dc in next 23 dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next 8 dc) 3 times, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 2 dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next 8 dc) 3

times, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 29 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, fasten off.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> side

Leaving 3 m unused at the beginning, repeat the 1<sup>st</sup> side. Do not fasten off, leave loop for later use. Place both sides together and work the joining rounds through both pieces.

**Join Inside:** Working on unused loops of starting ch, insert hook through 1<sup>st</sup> ch, dc2tog, dc in next 20 dc, (dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc) 3 times, 2 dc in each of next 3 dc, (dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog) 3 times, dc in next 20 dc, dc2tog, dc in next dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, fasten off and sew in ends.

**Join Outside:** Insert hook in left loop, ch 1, dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in each of next 3 dc, dc in next 42 dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next 8 dc) twice, dc2tog, (ss, ch 8, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, ss) in next dc, dc2tog, (dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next dc) twice, dc in next 37 dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, fasten off and sew in ends.

