

## 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 sc rows is for turning only and not counted as a stitch unless other wise stated.

**Joining slip stitch:** the slst 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

**sc2tog:** (Insert hook in next st, yoh and draw through) twice, yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook.



**sc3tog:** Insert hook in next st, yoh and draw through, skip next st, insert hook in next st, yoh and draw through, yoh and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

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

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

**Rnd 2:** Ch 1, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 25 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc) 3 times, sc3tog, (sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times, sc in next 25 sc, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (90 sts)

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, sc in next 15 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 13 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc) twice, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc, sc3tog, sc in next 2 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc) twice, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 13 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 16 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (96 sts)

**Rnd 4:** Ch 1, sc in next sc, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, (sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) twice, sc in next 14 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc) 3 times, sc3tog, (sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times, sc in next 14 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 5:** Ch 1, sc in next 32 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc) twice, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc, sc3tog, sc in next 2 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc) twice, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 35 sc, 2 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 6:** Ch 1, sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next 31 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc) 3 times, sc3tog, (sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times, sc in next 27 sc, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 7:** Ch 1, sc in next 23 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc) 3 times, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc, sc3tog, sc in next 2 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc) 3 times, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 29 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc, slst 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, sc2tog, sc in next 20 sc, (sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc) 3 times, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, (sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog) 3 times, sc in next 20 sc, sc2tog, sc in next sc, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, fasten off and sew in ends.

**Join Outside:** Insert hook in left loop, ch 1, sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in next 42 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc) twice, sc2tog, (slst, ch 8, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, slst) in next sc, sc2tog, (sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc) twice, sc in next 37 sc, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, fasten off and sew in ends.

