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Crochet 3D Heart



With **Valentine's Day** coming up, is there a better time to try to make a heart than now?

Let your imagination guide you and you'll find all kinds of uses for these crocheted hearts. They make wonderful pendants or can be used for earring drops. Use them to make lovely pins, key chains, cell phone or bag charms. Hang on your pet's collar or your Christmas tree... no matter what you use them for, they look great.

Materials used

- crochet hook No.1 (2,25 mm)
- red cotton yarn
- polyfil to stuff
- tapestry needle and scissors

Abbreviations

- sc - single crochet
- sl st - slip stitch
- sc2tog - single crochet decrease (work 2 sc together)
- st(s) - stitch(es)
- rd - round

Stitches and crochet techniques used

Slip stitch

Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw through all loops.

Single crochet

Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop (2 loops on hook), yarn over, draw through both loops on hook.

Single Crochet Decrease (Sc2tog)

Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, (two loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, draw up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all 3 loops.

Magic adjustable ring

First make a loop with your yarn leaving 3" long tail. Insert hook in center of loop made, yarn over and draw up loop. Yarn over, pull through to make your first chain. (Do not count this as your first sc) Continue to crochet over the loop and the yarn tail until you have the required number of scs for your first round. For example, if the pattern calls for 5 scs, then sc 5 times into the ring. (Insert hook into the center of the ring and draw up loop, yarn over and draw through both loops.) When finished, pull the tail to close the ring.

The Heart

Beginning at the top of the heart.

Start with magic adjustable ring.

Rd 1: Work 6 sc into the center of ring (6)

Rd 2: Work 2 sc in each st around (12)

Rd 3: * Sc in next st, work 2 sc in next st, repeat from * around (18)

Sl st in next st, cut yarn leaving 10" long tail and pull through last loop. You've just finished the first top half of the heart (**Top A**).

To make another top half repeat the rounds 1-3 as follows:

Rd 1 : Work 6 sc into the center of ring (6)

Rd 2: Work 2 sc in each st around (12)

Rd 3: * Sc in next st, work 2 sc in next st, repeat from * around (18)



Image 01 - Finished two top halves



Image 02 - Bottom



Image 03 - Close the gap with tapestry needle



Image 04 - Gap closed



Image 05

The second top half of the heart is finished (**Top B**). Do not cut yarn. (Image 01)

Rd 4 : Sc in next 9 sts of the Top B.

Merge the halves together: Insert hook into first stitch after sl st made on **Top A** and continue to make 1 sc in all 18 stitches. Insert hook back into **the Top B** and work 1 sc in next 9 sc. (One round completed with 36 sc) (Image 02)

With the tail from **Top A** close the gap between the two top halves. (Image 03 and 04)

Rd 5 : Sc around (36)

Rd 6 : * Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, repeat from * around (30)

Rd 7 : * Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, repeat from * around (24)

Rd 8 : * Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, repeat from * around (18)

Rd 9 : * Sc in next st, sc2tog, repeat from * around (12)

Stuff! (Image 05) While stuffing make sure the tail you used to close the gap is not stuck inside, you'll need it later to pull tight and shape the heart.

Continue with "sc in next st, sc2tog" until you have 5 scs left.

Cut yarn and pull it through last loop. Now pull the Top A tail tight to shape the heart and hide the tail inside with tapestry needle.

Weave tail through 5 scs and pull tight to close. Weave in end.

Your heart is finished!

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