Four hearts square

US terms



Finished size
About a square of about 11 in (28 cm), each patch about 5 1/8 in (13 cm) across with its blush round

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 8 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: red, rounds 1 to 4 of the patchs and the hearts	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, some of the patchs	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: blush, round 5 of the patchs	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 85 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the patch measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.

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- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Patch: the tr is its corner st, and no chain is worked at a corner, so that the patch has no holes. From Rnd 2 on, the first st of a round, its ch 3, stands in the top of the ch 3 that began the round before. In Rnd 5 the 3 sc in a tr are a corner; the 2nd of them is the corner st.
- Heart: the foundation chain lies in a V along the middle of the heart. The hdc3tog draws the dip together on the inside of the V; the (hdc, dc, hdc) is the point. The 5 hdc in the first ch used and the 5 hdc in the last ch begin the two lobes. The 2 skipped chains do not count as a stitch. In Rnd 2 the middle leg of the hdc3tog is worked into the hdc3tog of Rnd 1 and the (hdc, dc, hdc) into its dc.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

RS right side, the one that shows.

[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(12 dc, 4 tr): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

hdc3tog (UK htr3tog): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (7 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 7 loops.

Patch: make 4

Make 2 as the lines say, with Rnds 1 to 4 in A, and 2 with Rnds 1 to 4 in B. Rnd 5 is in C on all four.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, tr in ring, **[**3 dc in ring, tr in ring**] 3 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(12 dc, 4 tr)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, **[**dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(28 dc, 4 tr)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 4 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, **[**dc in next 7 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr**] 3 times**, dc in next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(44 dc, 4 tr)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 6 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, **[**dc in next 11 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr**] 3 times**, dc in next 4 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(60 dc, 4 tr)

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Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Join C with sl st in any tr, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**3 sc in next tr, sc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Heart: make 4

Make 2 in A and 2 in B. The lines say A.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 11.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	5 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, hdc3tog in next 3 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, 5 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 3 chs, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next ch, hdc in next 3 chs, sl st in first hdc to join	(22 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next st, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 5 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin every patch to a square, its sides straight, and every heart, right side up, to 3½ in (8.9 cm) wide and 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) tall; spray them with water and let them dry.
- Hearts: lay each patch right side up, either side at the top, and pin a heart of the other color on it, right side up: B on the two red patches, A on the two cream ones. The dip, the top of the hdc3tog of Rnd 2, lies on the upright line through the middle of the patch, 1½ in (3.8 cm) below the upper edge of Rnd 4, where the blush round begins; the point, the dc of Rnd 2, lies on the same line, 7/8 in (2.2 cm) above the lower edge of Rnd 4. The outermost stitches of the two lobes are then about ½ in (1.3 cm) from the edges of Rnd 4 at the sides. Weave in the beginning end of the heart on its wrong side, then sew the heart down all round with its tail: small stitches through both loops of Rnd 2 and into the patch. Fasten off on the back.
- Patchwork: lay the patches right sides up, with every heart upright. Upper row: red on the left, cream on the right. Lower row: cream on the left, red on the right.
- Seams: with C, whip stitch through both loops of both edges. To whip stitch, lay the two edges side by side, right sides up, and go over them again and again, down into the one and up out of the other, one stitch for each pair of sc. Sew the two patches of the upper row, then the two of the lower row, each with a 24 in (61 cm) length: from the corner st at the top to the corner st at the bottom of the side, 19 pairs (the corner st, 17 sc and the corner st). Then sew the two rows together with one seam of 38 pairs and a 45 in (114 cm) length, straight across the middle.
- Border: with A and the right side facing, join with a sl st in the corner st at the upper right, ch 1, which does not count as a stitch, and work 3 hdc in the same st; * hdc in each of next 17 sc, 1 hdc in the seam, through the two corner sts that are sewn together there, hdc in each of next 17 sc, 3 hdc in the corner st; work on from * round the square, leaving out the last 3 hdc; sl st in the first hdc to join (152 hdc: 35 on each side and 3 in each corner). Fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces.

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