Heart choker

US terms



Finished size

About 12 5/8 in (32 cm) long without the three button rings, with straps about ¾ in (2 cm) wide and a heart about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) wide and 1½ in (3.8 cm) tall; buttoned it is about 12¾ in (32 cm), 13 1/8 in (33 cm) or 13½ in (34 cm) round

Skill

Easy

Worked in rows and rounds, with 3 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn

Lace (0), 2 colors

Hook

1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

Gauge

34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: dusty pink, the straps **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cherry red, the heart **about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a ¼ in (6 mm) red button, sewing thread, a needle for the button 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

34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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 or a row does not count as a stitch.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Heart: Rnd 1 is worked along the chain from end to end and then joined into a ring with the sl st: see that it is not twisted. The joining is the point of the heart, where Rnd 2 ends with ch 1 over it, and the sc3tog is the dip between its two lobes. At the end close the small gap between the first and the last chain with the tail of the foundation.
- Straps: the side that faces you in Rows 1 and 3 is the right side. The two straps are alike. The foundation edge is the neck edge; the picots hang from the other.
- Strap, Row 2: the ch 4 stands on the first st. A V is (tr, ch 1, tr) in one st, with 2 sts skipped between one V and the next. Row 3: a picot stands on the sc in the middle of every V, and the last sc goes in the top of the ch 4 that began Row 2.
- For a longer or shorter choker, chain 3 more or fewer for each strap for every V more or fewer, and work the brackets of Rows 2 and 3 that many times more or fewer: one V more in both straps makes the choker about 0.7 in (1.8 cm) longer.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along the band, without the rings: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 20½ in (52 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 23¾ in (60 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 30½ in (77 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

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

sk skip.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 6 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 16 times: work what is inside 16 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(28 sc, 1 sc3tog): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc3tog (UK dc3tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

Heart

Yarn B, cherry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 26.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 2 chs, sc3tog in next 3 chs, sc in next 2 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 5 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(28 sc, 1 sc3tog)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, ch 1, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc, 14 hdc, 1 sc3tog, 1 ch-1 sp)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Strap: make 2

Yarn A, dusty pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 51.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(50 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 4 (counts as tr), **[**sk next st, (tr, ch 1, tr) in next st, sk next st**] 16 times**, tr in next st	(34 tr, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next tr, **[**sc in next tr, sc in next ch-1 sp, picot, sc in next tr**] 16 times**, sc in next tr	(50 sc, 16 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the heart right side up with its point and its dip in line and its two lobes alike. Pin the straps right side up, straight and level, every picot drawn straight out. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the heart right side up with its point toward you, and the two straps right side up, one to its left and one to its right, the neck edges away from you. Slip the end of each strap under the side of the heart, so that ¼ in (0.6 cm) of it, measured along its Row 2, lies behind the heart, and the middle of its Row 2 is 7/8 in (2.2 cm) above the point of the heart. The neck edge then lies behind the lobe, below its top. The straps reach in under the stitches only; nothing shows in the opening.
- With an 8 in (20 cm) length of B for each strap and the yarn needle, sew the strap to the back of the heart along two lines: where the outer edge of the heart crosses the strap, and along the end of the strap, beside the opening. Take up only the backs of the stitches of the heart.
- Button rings: hold the choker right side up. Join A with sl st round the st that ends Row 2 (the ch 4 or the last tr) at the free end of the right strap, then ch 15 and work back along this chain: sl st in the 8th ch from the hook (the outer ring), ch 4, sk next 3 chs, sl st in next ch (the middle ring), ch 4, sk next 3 chs, sl st in the place A was joined (the inner ring). The three rings lie end to end, each with 3 chains on one side and 4 on the other, the outer one closed round its end. Fasten off and weave the end into the strap. Pin each ring 3/8 in (1 cm) long, spray the rings with water and let them dry.
- Button: with sewing thread, sew the button to the right side of the left strap, on Row 2, its middle ¼ in (0.6 cm) from the free end, over the first V.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces.

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