Heart pillow

US terms



Finished size
About 15 in (38 cm) wide and about 13½ in (34 cm) tall as it lies flat with its bobble edge and without its filling (the filling draws it in)

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

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge
11 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: raspberry, the back heart and rounds 1 to 8 of the front heart	**about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, round 9 of the front heart	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a stitch marker, polyester filling (about 9 oz or 255 g in the bulky yarn, an estimate) 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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

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

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 5 times, all in the same place (6 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 6 loops. It leaves 1 bobble for the next round.

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. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next round.

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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. It leaves 1 hdc3tog for the next round.

Gauge

11 stitches and 12 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.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- The foundation chain lies in a V along the middle of the heart. The hdc3tog in the middle of the chain draws the dip together on the inside of the V; the (hdc, dc, hdc) on the other side of the chain is the point. The 5 hdc in the first chain used and the 5 hdc in the last chain begin the two lobes. The 2 skipped chains do not count as a stitch.
- In every later round the middle leg of the hdc3tog is worked into the hdc3tog of the round below, and the (hdc, dc, hdc) into the dc of the point below. The first st of a round is the first of the increases of one lobe.
- Rnds 1 to 7 of the two hearts are the same. After Rnd 7 of the front heart do not fasten off: put its loop on the stitch marker, weave in the other ends of both hearts and block the two hearts as FINISHING says. Then go on with Rnd 8.
- Rnd 8 joins the hearts. Lay the back heart behind the front heart, wrong sides together, point on point and dip on dip, the front heart facing you: each of the 116 stitches of Rnd 7 then lies over one of the other heart. Working over both hearts held together means: work every sc under both top loops of the stitch of the front heart and both top loops of the stitch behind it. The sc3tog at the dip is worked through three such pairs. After the 3 sc at the point stop and fill the heart through the gap, the two lobes first, then the point, then the middle, until it is plump; then work the last 18 sc and join.
- In Rnd 9 the sl st lies in the sc3tog of Rnd 8, so that the dip stays sharp; a bobble lies in the middle one of the 3 sc at the point. A bobble puffs out on the side away from you: push each one toward the front with a finger.
- For a heart about 13¼ in (34 cm) wide in the bulky yarn, stop both hearts after Rnd 5 (96 sts). Then work Rnd 8 as: ch 1, working over both hearts held together, sc in same st, sc in next 29 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 46 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, sl st in first sc to join (96 sts in all). Fill it after the 3 sc, as above, with about 6 oz (170 g) of filling in the bulky yarn. In Rnd 9 work the first pair of brackets 14 times and the second 32 times.
- For a heart about 11¼ in (29 cm) wide in the bulky yarn, stop both hearts after Rnd 3 (76 sts). Then work Rnd 8 as: ch 1, working over both hearts held together, sc in same st, sc in next 21 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 36 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, sl st in first sc to join (76 sts in all). Fill it after the 3 sc, as above, with about 4 oz (115 g) of filling in the bulky yarn. In Rnd 9 work the first pair of brackets 10 times and the second 26 times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 9 in (23 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 11¾ in (30 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Back heart

Yarn A, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 27.
☐ **Rnd 1**	5 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 10 chs, hdc3tog in next 3 chs, hdc in next 10 chs, 5 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 11 chs, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next ch, hdc in next 11 chs, sl st in first hdc to join **(54 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 9 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 5 sts, hdc in next 12 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(64 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next st, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 8 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 13 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(74 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 7 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 14 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 14 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(84 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 6 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 6 sts, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 15 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 15 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(94 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 5 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 16 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 16 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(104 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 17 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 17 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(114 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Front heart

Yarns in order of use: A, raspberry; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 27.
☐ **Rnd 1**	5 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 10 chs, hdc3tog in next 3 chs, hdc in next 10 chs, 5 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 11 chs, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next ch, hdc in next 11 chs, sl st in first hdc to join **(54 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next 9 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 5 sts, hdc in next 12 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(64 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next st, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 8 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 13 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(74 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 7 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 14 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 14 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(84 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 6 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 6 sts, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 15 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 15 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(94 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 5 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 16 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 16 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(104 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 17 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 17 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(114 hdc, 1 hdc3tog, 1 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, working over both hearts held together, sc in same st, sc in next 37 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 56 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, sl st in first sc to join **(115 sc, 1 sc3tog)**
Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 9**	Join B with sl st in 2nd sc, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in next st, sc in next st, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 38 times**, bobble in next st, sl st in first sc to join **(58 sc, 57 bobbles)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block, before Rnd 8: pin the two hearts flat, right side up, both to the same size and shape, about 13 3/8 in (34 cm) wide for hearts of 7 rounds, 11½ in (29 cm) wide for hearts of 5 rounds or 9½ in (24 cm) wide for hearts of 3 rounds; spray them with water and let them dry. These widths, the two smaller widths named in NOTES and the weights of filling are for the bulky yarn and the gauge above. In fine, light or medium yarn pin the hearts to their own size: every width becomes smaller in the same proportion as the finished size under GAUGE, and less filling is needed.
- The back heart and the front heart are already joined by Rnd 8 and filled.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces.

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