Lacy heart

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 4 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.

You will need

Yarn A: dusty rose, rounds 1 to 3 **about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, rounds 4 to 6 **about 10 yd (9 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, fabric stiffener, a sheet of plastic and a board that takes pins.

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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round

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. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next round.

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dc2tog (UK tr2tog): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 dc2tog for the next round.

dc3tog (UK tr3tog): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 dc3tog for the next round.

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

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.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- 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, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The foundation chain lies in a V along the middle of the heart. The sc3tog of round 1 draws its three middle chains together on the inside of the V, under the dip between the two lobes; the 3 sc in one chain on the other side of the chain make the point. The 3 sc in the first chain and the 3 sc in the last chain begin the two lobes.
- In rounds 2 and 3 the dc3tog under the dip has its middle in the sc3tog or dc3tog of the round below, and the (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) at the point stands in the middle stitch of the point below.
- Round 4 is joined in the 3rd stitch of round 3: the chain 3 that round 3 begins with is its 1st stitch. Where a line skips stitches or dc with no chain before it, the two dc beside the gap stand close together under the dip. In rounds 4 and 5 the chain that counts as a dc is the first dc. The last dc of round 4 falls in the 1st stitch of round 3; one stitch is skipped after it, and then the round is joined.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 7¼ in (18 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 9½ in (24 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, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, dusty rose; B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 chs, sc3tog in next 3 chs, sc in next 6 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 7 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 7 chs, sl st in first sc to join **(35 sc, 1 sc3tog)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same st, 3 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc3tog in next 3 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, 3 dc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next 8 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 8 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(44 dc, 2 dc2tog, 1 dc3tog, 1 tr)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next st, [2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st] twice, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc3tog in next 3 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, [dc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts] twice, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 10 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(56 dc, 2 dc2tog, 1 dc3tog, 1 tr)**
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in 3rd st, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 2, sk next st, dc in next st**] 5 times**, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st, sk next st, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 2, sk next st, dc in next st**] 7 times**, **[**ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 4 times**, ch 2, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next st, ch 2, dc in next st, **[**ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 4 times**, ch 2, sk next st, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join **(28 dc, 24 ch-2 sps, 2 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-3 sp)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 10 (counts as dc and ch-7), sk next dc, dc in next dc, ch 7, sk next dc, dc in next dc, ch 7, sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 7, sk next dc, dc in next dc, **[**ch 7, sk next dc, dc in next dc**] 4 times**, ch 7, sk next 2 dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 7, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 7, sk next dc, dc in next dc, ch 7, sk next dc, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-10 to join **(14 dc, 12 ch-7 sps, 1 ch-3 sp)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, [(4 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next ch-7 sp, sc in next dc] twice, 6 sc in next ch-7 sp, sk next 2 dc, 6 sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next dc, **[**(4 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next ch-7 sp, sc in next dc**] 5 times**, (5 dc, picot, 4 dc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc, [(4 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next ch-7 sp, sc in next dc] twice, (4 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next ch-7 sp, sl st in first sc to join **(24 sc, 79 dc, 11 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

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Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle before you stiffen the piece.
- To stiffen: lay the sheet of plastic over the board. Wet the heart with fabric stiffener, as its label says, and press the spare out of it. Pin it out flat on the plastic, right side up. Pin the point of the rose heart straight down, then the ivory rounds, so that the left half mirrors the right half. Pin every picot straight out from its scallop. Under the dip two pairs of dc stand one above the other: the pair beside the gap in round 4, worked in the two dc2tog of round 3, and the pair beside the gap in round 5, which round 6 skips. Pin both pairs straight up, in line with the point. Let it dry before you take the pins out.
- To hang it in a window, cut a length of B three times as long as the heart is wide, pass it through the two ch-7 loops beside the dip, one at each side of it, under their 6 sc, and knot its ends together.

In all: 6 rounds; 4 ends to weave in.

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