Linked hearts square

US terms



Finished size
About 9¾ in (25 cm) across, the lace edge included

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 3 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: cream, rounds 1 to 7 of the square	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: antique rose, round 9 of the square and the rose heart	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, round 8 of the square and the gold heart	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 55 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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 of the square the piece measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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.
- 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 or a row 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Each heart is one flat band of two rows, left open at the dip. Its right side is the side that faces you in Row 1. The foundation chain is the inner edge of the heart and Row 2 is its outer edge; the 3 sc in one st are the point, and the two short ends of the band meet at the dip.
- The tr of the square is its corner st; no chain is worked at a corner, so that the square has no holes.
- In Rnd 9 the 2nd sc, where B is joined, is the middle one of the 3 sc of a corner. Between two corners there are 4 shells of 5 dc, and a sc stands between every two shells. The last sc of the round is the one before the first corner; after it the last 2 sts are skipped. The shells are wider than the edge they stand on: they are pinned out as scallops.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round, **sp** space.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 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

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Square

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; C, gold; B, antique rose.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 8 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, **[**dc in next 15 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr**] 3 times**, dc in next 6 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(76 dc, 4 tr)

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 10 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, **[**dc in next 19 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr**] 3 times**, dc in next 8 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(92 dc, 4 tr)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 12 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, **[**dc in next 23 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr**] 3 times**, dc in next 10 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(108 dc, 4 tr)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join C with sl st in any tr, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**3 sc in next tr, sc in next 27 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(120 sc)
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 9**	Join B with sl st in 2nd sc, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in next st**] 4 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in next st**] 4 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-4 to join	(108 dc, 88 ch-1 sps, 20 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Rose heart

Yarn B, antique rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 44.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 42 chs	(43 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 47 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail for sewing.	

Gold heart

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 44.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 42 chs	(43 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 47 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the square with its sides straight and every shell pulled out round, spray it with water and let it dry. Pin the rose band on a flat surface, right side up, in the shape of a heart, 4¾ in (12.1 cm) wide and 4 3/8 in (11.1 cm) tall: the foundation chain inside, the middle one of the 3 sc of Row 2 straight down at the point, the two short ends edge to edge at the dip. Spray it with water and let it dry. With its tail sew the two short ends together, through the chains and through each pair of row ends; do not cut the tail. Leave the gold band open.
- The link: lay the rose heart right side up with its point toward you. Lay the gold band to the right of it, right side up, its 3 sc toward you and its two ends away from you. Take the left-hand end of the gold band, carry it over the right-hand straight side of the rose heart, put it down through the opening of the rose heart from the front to the back and bring it out behind the right-hand lobe of the rose heart. Pull the band along until its point lies to the right of the rose heart, bring its two ends together without a twist and sew them as you sewed those of the rose heart, leaving the tail long.
- Placing: lay the square right side up with one side at the top; the distances are measured from its magic ring. Pin the rose heart with the outer end of its seam, at the dip, 1½ in (3.8 cm) to the left and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) above the ring, and its point, the middle one of the 3 sc, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the left and 1½ in (3.8 cm) below it. Pin the gold heart to the same shape, the outer end of its seam 1½ in (3.8 cm) to the right and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) above the ring, and its point 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the right and 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) below it. Each heart leans outward by the same amount. The bands cross twice: at the upper crossing rose lies over gold, at the lower crossing gold lies over rose.
- Sewing: with the tail of each heart sew down its outer edge, through both loops of Row 2 and into the square; with a new 30 in (76 cm) length of B for the rose heart and of C for the gold one sew down the inner edge, through the foundation chain. At a crossing the band below is sewn to the square and the band above is sewn to the band below. Fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces.

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