Interlocking hearts

US terms



Finished size
About 9½ in (24 cm) wide and about 5 in (13 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with 2 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: red, the red heart **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, the blush heart **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
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.

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch

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. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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.

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Before you start

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Each heart is one flat band, worked in three rows and left open at the dip. Rows 1 and 3 have their right side on the front. The foundation chain is the inner edge of the heart and row 3 is its outer edge; the 3 sc in one stitch are the point, and the two short ends of the band meet at the dip.
- 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 the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 12 in (30 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Red heart

Yarn A, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 50.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 48 chs	**(49 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 10 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 53 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, [sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in next 11 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 59 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Blush heart

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 50.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 48 chs	**(49 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 10 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 53 sc)**

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, [sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in next 11 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 59 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Red heart: pin the red band on a flat surface, right side up, in the shape of a heart, 5 7/8 in (15 cm) wide and 4 7/8 in (12.5 cm) tall: the foundation chain inside, the middle one of the 3 sc of row 3 straight down at the point, the two short ends edge to edge at the dip. Spray it with water and let it dry. Sew the two short ends together with the tail, one stitch through the chains and one through each pair of row ends, row 1 to row 1, row 2 to row 2, row 3 to row 3.
- The link: lay the red heart right side up with its point toward you. Lay the blush 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 blush band, carry it over the right-hand straight side of the red heart, put it down through the opening of the red heart from the front to the back and bring it out behind the right-hand lobe of the red heart. Pull the band along until its point lies to the right of the red heart.
- Blush heart: bring its two ends together, right side up and without a twist, and sew them together in the same way as those of the red heart. Pin the blush heart to the same shape and size, spray it with water and let it dry.
- The pair lies flat with the two dips level, 3 5/8 in (9.2 cm) apart. The bands cross twice: at the upper crossing red lies over blush, at the lower crossing blush lies over red.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces.

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