Nordic heart ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 3¾ in (10 cm) wide and about 3½ in (9 cm) tall, without the hanging loop

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

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: Nordic red, rounds 1 to 4 **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oat white, round 5 **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 15 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a little toy stuffing and a spray bottle.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 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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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **tr** treble crochet (UK dtr), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **st** stitch.

2 hdc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Hdc in next 3 sts: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the hole under three chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 2 is not a stitch. The first dc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 5 times: 5 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (2 sc, 38 hdc, 1 dc): the round now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: sp space, RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Heart: make 2

☐	**Start**	With A, make a magic ring. *Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.*
☐	**Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 3 tr in ring, 4 dc in ring, tr in ring, 4 dc in ring, 3 tr in ring, ch 3, sl st in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring. (7 tr, 8 dc)
☐	**Round 2**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), 3 dc in first ch-3 sp, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, sl st in first dc to join (28 dc, 1 tr)
☐	**Round 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 3 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join (2 sc, 38 hdc, 1 dc)
☐	**Round 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join (51 sc) Fasten off A.
☐	**Round 5**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 24 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts, sl st in first sc to join (53 sc)
☐		Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing.

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Finishing

- Block: pin both hearts to the same shape on a flat surface, right sides up, left and right alike, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide and 3½ in (9 cm) tall. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Choose the heart with the neater right side for the front, and embroider it before the two are sewn together. Lay it right side up with its point at the bottom. The middle line runs straight up from the point through the magic ring to the dip.
- Snowflake: with B, mark its center on the middle line, 1/8 in (0.5 cm) below the magic ring. Work six arms from the center outward, each ¾ in (2 cm) long in 3 backstitches of the same length: one straight up, one straight down, and two on each side, so that all six are the same distance apart.
- On each arm work two straight stitches for a V: both begin on the arm, 3/8 in (1 cm) from the center, and slant outward, one to each side, each 3/8 in (1 cm) long, their outer ends 3/8 in (1 cm) apart, so that the V opens outward.
- Dots: with B, work eight large French knots over the tops of Round 3. Count the 41 sts of Round 3 from its first sc, beside the dip: work a knot over the 5th, 9th, 13th and 17th st on one side, and over the 25th, 29th, 33rd and 37th st on the other.
- To join: lay the two hearts wrong sides together, point on point and dip on dip, the tail of the back heart tucked in between. With the tail of the front heart, sew them together edge to edge, beginning at the dip: put the needle under both loops of one st of each heart, draw the yarn through, and go on to the next pair. When about 2 in (5 cm) are left open, put in the stuffing, a thin even layer that fills the lobes and the point and leaves the heart soft; then sew the opening shut.
- For the hanging loop, join B with a slip stitch in the dip, through both hearts, ch 14, work a slip stitch in the same place and fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 378 stitches.

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.

Notes

- 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.
- 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 and the two ch-3 spaces of Round 1 are not counted.
- In Round 1 the chain 3 at the start and the chain 3 at the end do not count as stitches: each is a ch-3 sp for Round 2. In Round 2 the first ch-3 sp is the chain 3 that began Round 1: it stands beside your hook, at the ring. The last 3 dc go in the chain 3 that ended Round 1. The round is joined in the first dc, not in the ch 2.
- The single tr of Round 2 is the point of the heart; after it the point is the dc of Round 3, and then the middle sc of three; the place where the rounds begin and are joined is 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.

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- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.5 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm).

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