Stuffed puffy heart

US terms



Finished size
Each heart about 3½ in (9 cm) wide and about 3 in (8 cm) tall before it is stuffed

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

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.

You will need

Yarn A: dusty rose, rounds 1 to 4 **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the sewn details **about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, toy stuffing 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. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches 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)
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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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.

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.
- 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.
- 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 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 every later round the middle stitch of the decrease under the dip is worked into the decrease of the round below, and the stitch that gets the increase at the point is the middle one of the point below. The first st of a round is the one it begins with.
- 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 3 in (8 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5½ in (14 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Heart: make 2

Yarn A, dusty rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 12.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs, sc3tog in next 3 chs, sc in next 3 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 4 chs, sl st in first sc to join	**(23 sc, 1 sc3tog)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(29 sc, 1 sc3tog)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, sc in next st, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(35 sc, 1 sc3tog)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, sc3tog in next 3 sts, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(41 sc, 1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the two hearts flat, both to the same size and shape, spray them with water and let them dry. Weave in their ends on the wrong side.
- Lay the two hearts one on the other, wrong sides together, point on point and dip on dip. Each stitch of round 4 of the front heart then lies over a stitch of round 4 of the back heart: 42 pairs.
- They are sewn together with B in blanket stitch, 42 stitches in all, one in each pair, with the front heart facing you, going round the edge from left to right (from right to left if you are left-handed). Thread the yarn needle with a 60 in (152 cm) length of B and begin in the middle of one straight side, between the lobe and the point. To fasten the yarn, lift the edge of the front heart there and sew two small stitches, one over the other, into one stitch of round 4 on the wrong side of the back heart, leaving a 4 in (10 cm) tail that stays inside between the hearts; they do not show on the right side. Lay the front heart down again: the yarn now comes out between the two hearts at the edge. Then, for every blanket stitch: put the needle down through both hearts at the foot of the next stitch of round 4 (the first time, the stitch just to the right of the one you fastened the yarn in, or just to the left if you are left-handed; the 42nd blanket stitch falls in the fastened one), ¼ in (0.6 cm) in from the edge, straight in line with that stitch, and bring it out beyond the edge, in front of the loop of yarn that lies there. Pull until the yarn lies snug along the edge.
- When 34 stitches are sewn, fill the heart firmly with toy stuffing through the gap, the point and the two lobes first, then the middle. Sew the last 8 stitches. Pass the needle through the beginning of the first blanket stitch, make a small knot at the edge and draw the end into the stuffing.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces.

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