Valentine heart garland

US terms



Finished size
About 25¾ in (65 cm) long with the cord laid straight, and 2¼ in (6 cm) deep

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rows and rounds, with 8 pieces and color changes.

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.

You will need

Yarn A: red, the red hearts	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, the pink hearts	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the cord	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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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 1 the red heart measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are counted in the cord alone, and chains that are not named there are not counted.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 17¼ in (44 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 20 in (51 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 32¾ in (83 cm).

Instructions

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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Red heart: make 4

Yarn A, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 3 tr in ring, 3 dc in ring, ch 1, tr in ring, ch 1, 3 dc in ring, 3 tr in ring, ch 3, sl st in ring **(7 tr, 6 dc, 2 ch-1 sps, 2 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sl st in first sc to join **(28 sc, 1 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.

Pink heart: make 3

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 3 tr in ring, 3 dc in ring, ch 1, tr in ring, ch 1, 3 dc in ring, 3 tr in ring, ch 3, sl st in ring **(7 tr, 6 dc, 2 ch-1 sps, 2 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sl st in first sc to join **(28 sc, 1 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.

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Cord

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 91.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 89 chs	**(90 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- The cord has 90 stitches. Lay it across the back of a red heart, level with the ring in the middle, so that 12 stitches of the cord are left free up to the middle of the heart; sew it to the back of the heart from edge to edge, with stitches that do not show on the front.
- Sew on the other hearts in the same way, pink and red in turn, the middle of each 11 stitches from the middle of the one before, all with the points to one side of the cord; 12 stitches are left free after the middle of the last one.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces; 384 stitches (42 in each red heart, 42 in each pink heart, 90 in the cord); 18 ends to weave in.

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