# Free Crochet Heart Pattern

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A flat crochet heart worked in rows from the point up. You increase at both ends until the heart is wide enough, work a few straight rows, then make the two rounded tops one after the other. A single crochet border around the edge makes it neat.

In worsted cotton it is about 4.7 in / 12 cm wide with the border, a good size for coasters, appliqués, garlands and cards. Every row has its stitch count.



The red heart in worsted cotton and two smaller hearts in DK.

## Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** beginner (sc in rows, increases and decreases at the ends of rows)
- **Finished size:** about 4.7 in / 12 cm wide and 3.8 in / 10 cm tall with the border
- **Yarn:** worsted (aran / 4) cotton, about 14 yd / 13 m per heart
- **Hook:** 4 mm (US G/6)
- **Gauge:** 18 sc x 20 rows = 4 in / 10 cm
- **Time:** about 30 minutes

## Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** chain · **sc** single crochet · **inc** 2 sc in one stitch · **dec** sc2tog · **sl st** slip stitch · **FO** fasten off

## Before you start

- The turning ch 1 never counts as a stitch.
- Put your increases in the first and last stitch of the row, and your decreases on the first two and last two stitches. That keeps the edges straight.
- Cotton gives the sharpest shape; acrylic works too but the heart will be a little softer.

# The pattern

## Heart

**Color:** start with A (red).

Ch 2 and work row 1 into the 2nd ch from the hook. Rows 15 to 17 make the first rounded top; the other 10 stitches of row 14 wait for the second top.

- ☐ **Row 1:** 3 sc in next st. (3)
- ☐ **Row 2:** Ch 1 turn, inc, sc, inc. (5)
- ☐ **Row 3:** Ch 1 turn, inc, 3 sc, inc. (7)
- ☐ **Row 4:** Ch 1 turn, inc, 5 sc, inc. (9)
- ☐ **Row 5:** Ch 1 turn, inc, 7 sc, inc. (11)
- ☐ **Row 6:** Ch 1 turn, inc, 9 sc, inc. (13)
- ☐ **Row 7:** Ch 1 turn, inc, 11 sc, inc. (15)
- ☐ **Row 8:** Ch 1 turn, inc, 13 sc, inc. (17)
- ☐ **Row 9:** Ch 1 turn, inc, 15 sc, inc. (19)
- ☐ **Rows 10–14:** Ch 1 turn, sc across. (19)
- ☐ **Row 15:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 5 sc, dec, leave 10 unworked. (7)
- ☐ **Row 16:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 3 sc, dec. (5)
- ☐ **Row 17:** Ch 1 turn, dec, sc, dec. (3)

**Finish:** Ch 2 and work R1 into the 2nd ch from the hook; after R17 FO.



The first top is finished; the second top starts after one skipped stitch.

## Second Top

**Color:** start with A (red).

Skip the center stitch of row 14 and join the yarn in the next stitch.

- ☐ **Row 1:** Dec, 5 sc, dec. (7)
- ☐ **Row 2:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 3 sc, dec. (5)
- ☐ **Row 3:** Ch 1 turn, dec, sc, dec. (3)

**Finish:** Skip the center st of R14 after the first top, join the yarn in the next st and work R1 over the last 9 sts; FO.

**Finish:** Border: join at the center dip, sc evenly all around (1 sc in each row end, 3 sc in the bottom point), sl st to the first sc and FO.

## Border

Join the yarn at the dip between the two tops. Work sc evenly all the way around: 1 sc in the end of each row, 1 sc in each stitch along the tops and 3 sc in the bottom point. Slip stitch to the first sc and fasten off. The border hides the stepped edges of the rows.

## Ways to use it

- **Garland:** make 8 to 10 hearts and string them on a 6 ft / 2 m chain, tacking each heart at the top.
- **Coaster:** work two hearts and sc them together through both layers instead of the border.
- **Appliqué:** sew it onto a hat, a bag or a blanket square with matching thread.

## Tips

- **Smaller hearts:** the same rows in DK cotton with a 3 mm hook make a heart about 3.75 in / 9.5 cm wide.
- **Curling?** Pin it flat on a towel, mist it with water and let it dry.

## FAQ

### Why are my two tops different sizes?

Check that you skipped exactly one stitch in the middle and that each top starts with 9 stitches: dec, 5 sc, dec.

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