

Crocheted Heart Pattern

MATERIALS

- yarn of your choice, you only need a few yards so this is a good stash buster!
- polyfil or yarn scraps for stuffing
- yarn needle
- stitch markers
- crochet hook a half or full size smaller than what is recommended for your chosen yarn (you want your stitches to be tight to hide the stuffing)

ABBREVIATIONS

CH = chain

SC = single crochet

INV DEC = invisible decrease (see special stitches)

FLO = front loop only

YO = yarn over

YU = yarn under

PM = place (stitch) marker



PATTERN NOTES AND SPECIAL STITCHES

- To create a tighter stitch pattern, you may want to yarn under (YU) when making your SC stitches.
- **Invisible Decrease (INV DEC)** - This is an alternative way to make a single crochet two together (SC2TOG) and is common for amigurumi and other stuffed items. To make an INV DEC, insert your hook under the FLO only of the first stitch, then immediately go under the FLO of the next stitch. YU and pull through both of these loops. YO and pull through both loops on your hook to complete your SC.

PATTERN

Upper Part (make 2)

Make a magic ring and place 6 SC into the ring. Do not join. This pattern is worked in continuous rounds and the use of a stitch marker to mark your first stitch is highly recommended.

Round 2 - SC in the first stitch, PM. Place 1 more SC into the same stitch and then make 2 SC in every stitch around. (12)

Round 3 - SC in the first stitch, PM, and then make 1 SC in every stitch around. (12)

Round 4 - SC in the first stitch, PM. Make 2 SC in the next stitch. *Place 1 SC in next stitch and 2 SC in next stitch. Repeat from * around. (18)

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PATTERN CONT'D

Fasten off first Upper Part, leave a tail of about 15 cm (6 in) of yarn for sewing. Sew in the tail from your magic ring so it doesn't come open later (you can leave the tail and use it for extra stuffing). Repeat instructions for second Upper Part, including weaving in the tail from the magic ring, but do not fasten off.

Lower Part

Round 1 - With RS of both upper parts facing you, join the upper part you just finished to the first one made with a SC in the marked stitch of the first upper part. Replace your stitch marker and then, working around both upper parts, put 1 SC in each stitch around. You no longer need the stitch marker that was in the second upper part you made. (36) There will be a gap in between the two upper parts, we will address this later.

Rounds 2 - 4 - SC in each stitch around (36), replacing your stitch marker in the first SC of each round. Before moving on to the decreases, use your tail from the first upper part to sew the gap between the upper parts closed.

For the rest of the rounds, while not stated in the instructions, place your stitch marker in the first INV DEC of each round.

Round 5 - *INV DEC over next 2 stitches, then SC in each of next 7 stitches. Repeat from * to end. (32)

Round 6 - SC in each stitch around (36), replacing your stitch marker in the first SC of each round.

Round 7 - *INV DEC over next 2 stitches, then SC in each of next 6 stitches. Repeat from * to end. (28)

Round 8 - *INV DEC over next 2 stitches, then SC in each of next 5 stitches. Repeat from * to end. (24)

Round 9 - *INV DEC over next 2 stitches, then SC in each of next 4 stitches. Repeat from * to end. (20)
Stuff your heart.

Round 10 - *INV DEC over next 2 stitches, then SC in each of next 3 stitches. Repeat from * to end. (16)

Round 11 - *INV DEC over next 2 stitches, then SC in each of next 2 stitches. Repeat from * to end. (12)
Add more stuffing if needed.

Round 12 - *INV DEC over next 2 stitches, then SC in the next stitch. Repeat from * to end. (8)

Round 13 - *INV DEC over next 2 stitches. Repeat from * to end. (4)

Fasten off.

Weave in ends.