

## Easy Little Hearts



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This cute little heart softie is knitted in just one piece.

It's super quick to make-and a great way to use up any left-over yarn.

If you are using a different weight of yarn just use a size smaller than the recommended needle to give a firm close stocking stitch fabric. Lighter yarn will give a smaller heart (which may be a bit fiddly to sew up) thicker yarn such as Aran will give a larger heart, why not play with your yarn stash and make a basket full of love?



## Pattern Information

Size- 4cm /1.5" tall

Needle size: - 3.0mm (UK 11 /US 2 or3)

Tension – unimportant, knitting needs to be close and firm

Recommended yarn: -

Paintbox Yarns- Simply DK, Stylecraft special DK or any light worsted /double knit yarn

Each heart takes 5m of DK yarn

### You will also need-

Toy stuffing

Blunt sewing up needle

Tweezers

## Abbreviations

CO= Cast on (use any method)

k=knit

p=purl

kfb= knit into front and then back of the same stitch  
(one stitch increased)

k2tog = knit the next two stitches together as one stitch. (one stitch decreased)

ssk= slip next st knit wise, slip following stitch purl wise, Insert the tip of the left needle, from left to right, into the fronts of the 2 slipped stitches and knit them together as one stitch. (one stitch decreased)

rep= repeat the stitches shown in the brackets

### **Notes**

Leave long tails at cast on and finish of knitting to use for sewing up.

At Row14- leave 13 stitches unused and continue to work on the first set of 13 purlled stitches. Simply ignore the unused stitches on the needle until they are needed again for the second heart section.

## Hearts Pattern

R1:CO 3

R2: K1, kfb, k1 (4 sts)

R3 p

R4: kfb every stitch (8 sts)

R5: p

R6: kfb every stitch (16 sts)

R7: p

R8: (k1, kfb) repeat to end of row (24 sts)

R9: p

R10: k

R11: p

R12 k6, kfb, k10, kfb. k6 (26sts)

*First section shaping*

R13: p13, leave remaining 13 stitches unused on the needle,

R14: k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1, ssk, k2, ssk (9 sts)

R15: p

R16: k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1, ssk (6sts)

R17: Cut yarn to give a 20cm tail

Thread tail through 6st on needle and pull tight

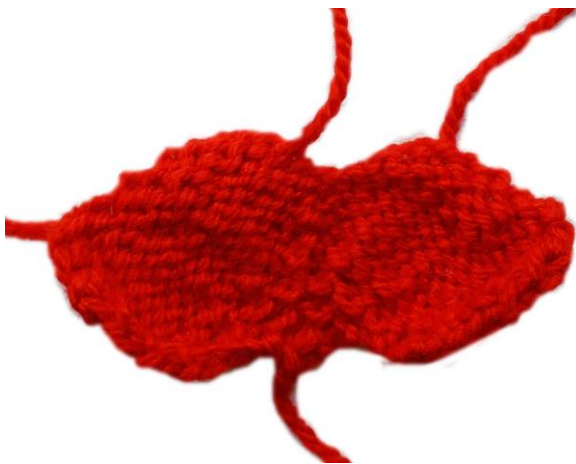
*Second section shaping*

Re-join yarn and p remaining 13 stitches

Repeat R13-18

## Making up the Hearts

All seams are sewn on the outside of the heart (with wrong sides together) using mattress stitch to join the edges. Use matching yarn to sew all seams. Use tails at CO and BO edges to sew up.



1. Your finished heart – opened -up with wrong side showing. The Cast edge is at the bottom.



2. Fold the two sides into the middle as shown. Pull the C&T yarns to curve shape the top of the heart.

You now have a heart shape which is ready to sew up.



3. Use the C&T yarn to sew shut the gather at the top of the heart, and to sew down the inner side seam to the centre back join.



4. Repeat for the other top half of the heart, tuck any yarn ends from the top shaping into the heart –there is no need to weave them in.



5. Use chisel ended (eyebrow) tweezers to gently stuff the top and middle of the heart.

Push a tiny amount of stuffing into the lower point of the heart. Use the Cast on tail to sew the back seam shut.



If you wish you can add a hanging loop to the finished heart.

I do hope you have enjoyed this pattern.

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