

Crochet heart pin cushion

The heart may be a pin cushion in this project but it could also be a decoration or gift for Valentine's day.

Basic magic ring



LEFT INDEX FINGER: starting from the front, wrap the yarn twice round the finger in a clockwise direction, crossing the first round of yarn with the second.

LEFT MIDDLE AND RING FINGER: grip the working yarn.

LEFT THUMB: hold the yarn tail against the underside of index finger.



With the hook turned towards the finger, insert the hook under the first round of yarn, hook the strand of the second round of yarn and draw the second strand under the first.

Twist the hook into the upright position and work 1 chain stitch. Continue as instructed in the crochet pattern.

Finished size

Diameter: approximately 9cm.

You will need:

- DK-weight cotton yarn such as Rowan Cotton Glacé:
6m for the centre – pink
14m for the main – light blue
8m for the outer – green
8m for the edging – purple
- 4mm crochet hook
- Toy filling or bag of sand
- Tapestry needle

Work a heart (make 2)

Using the yarn for the centre and a 2.5mm hook, make a magic ring start and work 1 chain stitch.

ROUND 1: work **6 double crochet (dc)** stitches into the centre of the ring, **slip stitch (sl st)** into the first dc of the round. (6 sts)

ROUND 2: ch3 (counts as the first st), **2 treble (tr) sts** into the base of the ch [3tr sts into the next st] 5 times. (18 sts)

Fasten off the yarn using a tapestry needle and the invisible method.

Join in the main yarn to any stitch.

ROUND 3: ch1, 2dc sts into the next st, 1tr in the foll st, [2tr into the next st, 1tr into the foll st] 6 times, 2tr into the next st, 2dc sts into the foll st, sl st into the next st, sl st into the base of the beginning ch. (25 sts)



ROUND 4: 2dc into the next dc, 1tr into the next st, 2tr into each of the next 4 sts, 1tr into the next st, 1dc into each of the next 4 sts, 2tr into the next st, into the foll st work [1tr, 1 double treble, 1tr] 2tr into the next st, 1dc into each of the next 4 sts, 1tr into the next st, 2tr into each of the next 4 sts, 1tr into the foll st, 2dc into the next st. (39 sts)

Fasten off the yarn using a tapestry needle and the invisible method around the slip st at the end of round 3.

Join in the outer yarn to the fastening off loop of the last round.

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ROUND 5: ch1, 1dc into the next dc, 1dc into each of the next 4 sts, 2dc into the foll st, 1dc into each of the next 13 sts, into the next st work [1dc, 2ch, 1dc], 1dc into each of the next 13 sts, 2dc into the foll st, 1dc into each of the next 4 sts, slip st into the next st. (41 sts)

Fasten off the yarn using a tapestry needle and the invisible method around the beginning ch at the start of round 5.

Finishing

Join in the edging yarn to the fastening off loop of the last round of one heart.

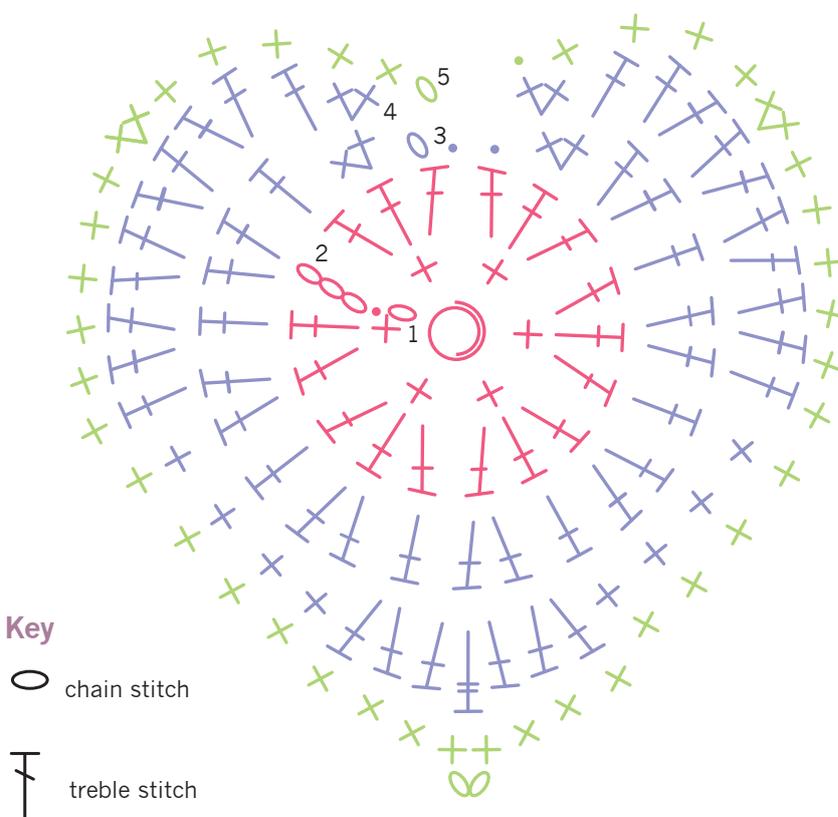
Hold the two hearts with the wrong sides together and working through back loop of the front heart and the adjacent top loop of the back heart, work 1dc into each st around half the heart shape, insert the toy filling or the bag of sand, work 1dc into each st as before to the end of the round. Fasten off the yarn using a tapestry needle and the invisible method.

Alternative heart design

An alternative heart design can be seen in the top right corner of the photograph.

This design uses three shades of yarn – pink, light blue and green. Rounds 1–5 of one heart shape are worked in pink and rounds 1-5 of the second heart shape are worked in light blue. On the pink heart shape, surface crochet stitches are worked in light blue, through the base of the stitches of round 3. Repeat on the light blue heart shape using pink yarn.

The hearts are joined using green yarn and slip stitch.



Key

O chain stitch

T treble stitch

• slip stitch