

Cherry Heart



PICTURE PERFECT

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PICTURE PERFECT FRAMES

A fun addition to a wall, these fancy frames can be filled with precious photos or pretty fabric for a decorative visual interest.

Skill Level

Varied

Shell Frame: Beginner - The simplest pattern, using only basic stitches.

Sunburst Frame: Easy - An easy pattern, using only basic stitches.

Square Frame: Intermediate - A slightly challenging pattern.

Oval Frame: Tricky - A more complex pattern, using special stitches (details given).

Materials

YARN

DMC Natura

1 x Coral (N18) - YARN A

1 x Topaze (N19) - YARN B

1 x Aquamarina (N25) - YARN C

1 x Gardenia (N36) - YARN D

Yarn Substitution

You can substitute other weights of yarn, just use one hook size lower than recommend for your yarn. Please note that the fibre content will need to be 100% cotton to enable you to stiffen the frames with PVA.

HOOK/NEEDLE

3mm (D US)

NOTIONS

Yarn needle

Stitch Markers

Pins

A 4 piece of cardboard (approx 1mm thick)

Small pieces of pretty fabric

PVC Glue or spray starch

Glue gun

Optional:

An plastic bangle

Compass

Gauge

N/A

Size

Approximately 10 to 15cm (4 - 13") depending on yarn used.

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Tutorial Links

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More Help

The links above and more help with the stitches included in this pattern can be found on my crochet tutorial site:

cherryheartcrochet.co.uk

Webpage: cherryheart.co.uk

You Tube: [Sandra Paul](#)

Ravelry: [Cherry Heart](#)

Instagram: [@sandracherryhrt](#)

Abbreviations

beg - beginning

dec - decrease

inc - increase

pm - place marker

mm - move marker

rm - remove marker

RS - right side

sp - space

st(s) - stitch(es)

tog - together

WS - wrong side

yo - wrap yarn over the hook

Stitch Terms

This pattern is written in UK crochet terms.

US terms are given below to help you translate the pattern:

Term	UK Stitch	US Term	US Stitch
ch	chain		
sl st	slip stitch		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
htr	half treble crochet	hdc	half double crochet
tr	treble crochet	dc	double crochet

Shell Frame

SKILL LEVEL: BEGINNER

Worked in the round.

With Yarn B, take the plastic bangle and attach yarn, the first row stitches will be made by working over the bangle edge and into the centre of the ring.

TIP: *If you don't have a bangle, make 50ch and then sl st into the first ch to form a loop. All stitches for the first row can then be worked into this loop.*

Round 1: 1ch, 72 dc into the loop, making sure the stitches aren't twisted, make an sl st into the 1st dc.

(You may need to adjust the number of stitches of round 1 up or down slightly to cover your bangle, just make sure you end up with a number that is a multiple of 6.)

Round 2: 3ch [counts as 1tr], 1tr into each dc around the circle, sl st into the top of the beg 3ch.

Round 3: (skip 2 sts, 7tr into next st, skip 2 sts, sl st into next st) repeat this around the circle, ending with a sl st into the starting st.

Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Sunburst Frame

SKILL LEVEL: EASY

Worked in the round.

Take your cardboard and compass and draw a circle 9cm across, then a second circle inside the first 6.5cm across. Cut out the large circle and then the smaller centre circle from inside to leave you with a donut shaped ring.

TIP: *If you don't have a compass, try drawing around different size cups or glasses to get the same effect.*

With Yarn D, take the cardboard ring and attach yarn, the first row stitches will be made by working over the cardboard edge and into the centre of the ring.

Row 1: 2ch [counts as 1htr], 89htr into the ring, making sure the stitches aren't twisted, make an sl st into the top of the beg 2ch.

(You may need to adjust the number of stitches of round 1 up or down slightly to cover your cardboard ring, just make sure you end up with a number that is a multiple of 3.)

Round 2: 1ch, 1dc into same st and into each st around the circle, sl st to the 1st dc of the round.

Round 3: 1ch, 1dc in same place, *3ch, skip 2sts, 1dc into next st,* repeat from * to * around the circle, ending with, 1ch, skip 2sts, 1htr into 1st dc of the round.

Round 4: 1ch, 1dc over the htr, *4ch, 1dc into next 3ch loop,* repeat from * to * around the circle, ending with 1ch, 1tr, into 1st dc of the round.

Round 5: 1ch, 1dc over the tr, * 7ch, 1dc into next 4ch loop,* repeat from * to * around the circle, ending with 7ch, sl st into the top of the 1st dc of the round.

Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Square Frame

SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

Worked in the round.

With Yarn D, chain 56 and then make a sl st into the 1st ch to make a loop. Then work into the chains as follows:

Round 1: 1ch, 2dc in same place, (1dc in next 13 ch, 3dc in next ch [*makes corner*]), three times, 1dc in next 13 ch, 1dc in starting ch, sl st into 1st dc of the round.

Round 2: 1ch, 2dc in same place, *1dc in each stitch up to middle dc of 3dc that make up corner, 3dc into middle dc,* repeat from * to * around square, ending with 1dc into the starting st, sl st into 1st dc of the round.

Round 3: As Round 2.

Cut Yarn D and add in Yarn C the work as follows:

Round 4: As Round 2.

Round 5: 5ch [*counts as 1tr 2ch*], 2tr in same st, **1htr, *1dc, 1htr, 1tr, (1tr, 2ch, 1tr) in next st, 1tr, 1htr,* repeat from * to * two more times, 1dc, 1htr, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into middle of 3 corner dc's,** repeat from ** to ** twice more, then from * to * three times, 1tr into starting st, sl st to 3rd ch of beg ch of 5.

Round 6: sl st into ch sp, 5ch, sl st into same sp, ** *3ch, skip 2tr and 1htr, sl st into dc, 3ch, skip 1htr and 2tr, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) into 2ch sp,* repeat from * to * two more times, 3ch, skip 2tr and 1htr, sl st into dc, 3ch, skip 1htr and 2tr, (sl st, 5ch, sl st) into corner sp,** repeat from ** to ** three more times, ending last repeat with an sl st into the starting ch sp.

Cut yarn and weave in all ends.

Oval Frame

SKILL LEVEL: TRICKY

Worked in the round.

With Yarn A, chain 60 and then make a sl st into the 1st ch to make a loop. Then work into the chains as follows:

Round 1: 1ch, 1dc in same place, 1dc in next 4 ch, *2dc in next ch, (1dc in next 3 ch, 2dc in next ch) six times,* 1dc in next 5 ch, repeat from * to * again, sl st into 1st dc of the round.

Round 2: 1ch, 1 dc in same place, 1dc in next 7 sts, *2dc in next ch, (1dc in next 4 ch, 2dc in next ch) five times,* 1dc in next 11 ch, repeat from * to * again, 1dc in next 3 ch, sl st into 1st dc of the round.

Round 3: 1ch, 1dc in same place, 1dc in next 17 sts, 2dc in next st, mp, 1dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, 1dc in next 18 sts, (3ch, 1dc in next 3 sts) three times, pm in last dc made, 1dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, 1htr in next 2 sts, 1tr in next 6 sts, 1htr in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, 1dc in next 4 sts, pm in last dc made, 1dc in next 3 sts, (3ch, 1dc in ext 3 sts) twice, 3ch, sl st into 1st dc of the round.

Cut yarn and with RS still facing, re-attach yarn to st indicated by the first marker, then work as follows:

Row 4: 1dc in next st, 3ch, 1dc in next 2 sts, 3ch, skip 1, 1 dc in next 2 sts, 4ch, skip 1, 1dc, 1htr, 5ch, 1tr in next 2 sts, mp, 1tr in next 2 sts, 5ch, 1htr, 1dc, 4ch, skip 1, 1dc in next 2 sts, 3ch, skip 1, 1dc in next 2 sts, 3ch, 1dc sl st into next st [*indicated with second marker*].

Cut yarn and weave in all ends.

Finishing

For all frames, pin out to shape face down on a protected surface and then either coat with PVA glue or spray with starch to stiffen. Leave to dry over night. If using starch, you may need to repeat the process with the front of the frames.

Using the stiffened frame as a guide, trace the inner shape of the frame onto cardboard, then draw a second line approximately 1cm outside this inner shape. Cut out the shape using this outer line. Check the size by holding the backing piece against the frame and trim the edges back a little if necessary so they won't show from the front. Cover the cardboard backing piece with a fabric of your choice and then, using a glue gun, stick the cardboard backing to the frame.

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