

Love Hearts



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Sweet little love hearts that are fun to knit with a small amount of yarn. Perfect to use up your leftover stash! The hearts are knitted in one piece, starting at the bottom and finishing at the top, with only very little sewing to be done. They look gorgeous knitted up or they can be felted into cuddly little love hearts. These are a wonderful quick little knit and sure to put a smile on your Valentine!

Materials: any worsted pure wool which is feltable. Fiber fill to stuff heart.

Needles: US size 2 (3 mm) set of 5 dpns

Gauge: exact gauge isn't important.

Finished Size: approximately 3 inches (8 cm) felted and 4 inches (10 cm) unfelted

Yarn used:

Love Hearts are shown in Basics 8 ply 100% Australian Pure Wool.

Abbreviations

sts - stitches

kfb - knit into front and back of stitch

SSK - slip 2 stitches as if to knit and then knit together

k2tog - knit 2 together

Directions Love Hearts

Cast on 4 stitches on 2 dpns (2 sts on each needle).

Round 1 - kfb into each stitch (8 sts)

Round 2 - knit

Arrange stitches on 4 dpns so that there are 2 stitches on each needle.

For easy reference:

The front side of the heart are needles 1 and 2.

The back side of the heart are needles 3 and 4.

Round 3 - *kfb, k to last stitch, kfb, repeat from * for other side (12 sts)

Round 4 - knit all



Repeat rounds 3 and 4 until you have 48 stitches in total - 24 stitches on each side.

Knit 3 rounds

You will now be working one half of the heart (needles 1 and 4) first, and then the other half (needles 2 and 3).

There should be 12 stitches on each needle.

Round 1 - *SSK, knit to last two stitches, K2tog, repeat from * for other needle

Round 2 - knit all



Repeat the last two rounds until you have 8 stitches on each needle. Then do round 1 one more time. You should have 6 stitches on each needle now.

Line up the two needles and finish using the kitchener stitch.



Lightly stuff the heart. Remember not to overstuff if you are felting it.

Add yarn back to the other half and repeat the above instructions.



Felting

Place your heart(s) in the washing machine with a little detergent and a towel. Wash cycle on hot.

If the heart hasn't felted enough repeat wash cycle.

