

Hospice Hearts

There are lots of patterns for crochet hearts on the internet, but we found this the easiest. You can use any wool for it, but obviously the thicker the wool, the bigger the heart! We would recommend using a 5mm hook for DK, for chunky use a 7 or 8mm.

Round 1:

Crochet 3 chain. In the first chain (furthest from the hook) crochet 11 DC. Join with a slip stitch.

Or

Create a 'magic circle'-3 chain in circle, 11 DC in circle. Join with a slip stitch.



Round 2:

Skip the first two stitches, and then crochet 7 DC into the third stitch (this forms a rounded top half of the hearts.) DC once into each of the next three stitches. In the next stitch, crochet 1 DC, 2 Ch, 1 DC (the two chain form the point at the bottom of the heart.) Then 1 DC in each of the next three stitches. 7 DC in the next stitch. Join with a slip stitch into the top of the 3 chain of the previous round. Finish off with a long tail of 20 chain stitches.

Finishing:



Form a loop with the 20 chain by slip stitching into the 1st Chain. (A loop is needed because all these hearts are to be hung from tree branches.) Pull magic circle tight

Or, using a needle, you can take the tail into the centre of the heart and back to the top again before forming the loop for hanging. Doing this accentuates the V in the top centre of the heart.

DC=Double Chain

Ch=Chain

Adapted from original pattern by St Luke's Hospice Cheshire.