Instructions to Crochet a Heart

Heart is crocheted starting from the pointed bottom with Rows 1 to 5 then separately to each curved top.

With size I hook or larger,

make a large loop on crochet hook (loop will be the bottom of the heart); chain 4; do NOT turn.

Row 1 –entering the front of the 4th chain from the hook (the first stitch that is the large loop);

work 4 dc.

Counting chains 2, 3 and 4 as one dc, now 5 stitches are ready for Row 2.

Row 2 – Chain 3 (Hint: make 3rd chain loose); turn; in first dc, work one dc (an increase),

 in each of the next 3 dc, work one dc; then 2 dc in top of chain 3, (an increase).

 Now 7 stitches are ready for Row 3; chain 3; turn.

For Rows 3, 4, and 5, repeat increase (at the beginning of the row, chain 3 and at the end of the row in the 3rd stitch of the chain 3, work 2 dc).

Row 3 - when completed now 9 stitches.

Row 4 – when completed now 11 stitches.

Row 5 – when completed now 13 stitches. (Bottom part of heart now completed)

For first curved top of heart:

Row 6 - chain 1; turn; slip stitch in first dc,

skip 2 dc; in next dc, work 2 dc, 3 tc, 2 dc – all in same stitch,

skip 2 dc; slip stitch in next dc, (first curved top completed).

For second curved top of heart:

skip 2 dc; in next dc, work 2 dc, 3 tc, 2 dc – all in same stitch,

skip 2 dc; slip stitch in top of chain 3, (second curved top completed).

Fasten off.

Appreviations

dc double crochet

tc triple crochet

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