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EASY

knitting

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each of 400 Grey Heather **A**, 316 Soft White **B**, 319 Cherry Red **C**, and 672 Spring Green **D**.

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 4.5mm [US 7]

Small stitch holder, small amount of black yarn (for embroidery on birds), stuffing, yarn needle

GAUGE: 24 sts = 4" (10 cm); 20 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette st (knit on right side, purl on wrong side). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

Buy Yarn

4 MEDIUM

RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); prints, multicolor and heather 5 oz (141 g), 236 yd (215 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

Holiday Heart Ornaments

Use these knit ornaments to create a tree with a home-crafted cozy feel. These clever designs are perfect to make and give to those we love!

Each heart ornament measures about 6" (15 cm) wide (at widest) and 5½" (14 cm) tall (at tallest).

Special Stitch

kfb (Knit into front and back) = Knit next st but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same st and remove from needle.

Notes

1. Instructions and materials are given for making a set of six heart ornaments. Each ornament is decorated with different knit shapes: Two with layered hearts, two with mittens, and two with birds.
2. Each ornament is made from two large hearts sewn together and stuffed.

LARGE HEARTS (make 12 – 4 each with A and D, and 2 each with B and C)

Cast on 3 sts.
Row 1 (right side): Knit.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: [Kfb] 3 times—6 sts.
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5 (increase row): K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1—8 sts.
Rows 6–21: Repeat last 2 rows 8 more times—24 sts at the end of Row 21.
Rows 22–28: Beginning with a wrong side (purl) row, work in Stockinette st (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 7 rows.

First Lobe

Row 29 (right side): K12 for first lobe, place remaining 12 sts on a stitch holder for second lobe.
Work across 12 first lobe stitches only.
Row 30: Purl.
Row 31 (decrease row): K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—10 sts remain.
Rows 32–35: Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—6 sts remain.
Bind off as if to purl.

Second Lobe

Return the 12 second lobe stitches from holder to needle, ready to work a right side (knit) row.
Row 29 (right side): Knit.
Rows 30–35: Work same as Rows 30–35 of first lobe—6 sts remain.
Bind off as if to purl.

MEDIUM HEARTS (make 2, 1 each with A and B)

Cast on 3 sts.
Rows 1–3: Work same as Rows 1–3 of large heart—6 sts.
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5 (increase row): K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1—8 sts.
Rows 6–15: Repeat last 2 rows 5 more times—18 sts at the end of Row 15.
Rows 16–18: Beginning with a wrong side (purl) row, work in Stockinette st for 3 rows.

First Lobe

Row 19 (right side): K9 for first lobe, place remaining 9 sts on a stitch holder for second lobe.
Work across 9 first lobe stitches only.
Row 20: Purl.
Row 21 (decrease row): K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—7 sts remain.
Rows 22–23: Repeat Rows 20 and 21—5 sts remain.
Row 24: Purl.
Bind off as if to knit.

Second Lobe

Return the 9 second lobe stitches from holder to needle, ready to work a right side (knit) row.
Row 19 (right side): Knit.
Rows 20–24: Work same as Rows 20–24 of first lobe—5 sts remain.
Bind off as if to knit.

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SMALL HEARTS (make 2)
With **C**, cast on 3 sts.
Rows 1–4: Work same as Rows 1–3 of large heart—6 sts.
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5 (increase row): K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1—8 sts.
Rows 6 and 7: Repeat last 2 rows—10 sts.
Rows 8–10: Beginning with a wrong side (purl) row, work in Stockinette st for 3 rows.

First Lobe
Row 11 (right side): K1, k2tog, k2 for first lobe, place remaining 5 sts on a stitch holder for second lobe.
Work across 4 first lobe stitches only.
Row 12: Purl.
Row 13 (decrease row): K1, k2tog, k1—3 sts remain.
Bind off as if to purl.

Second Lobe
Return the 5 second lobe stitches from holder to needle, ready to work a right side (knit) row.
Row 11 (right side): K2, k2tog, k1—4 sts remain.
Rows 12 and 13: Work same as Rows 12 and 13 of first lobe—3 sts remain.
Bind off as if to purl.

MITTEN (make 2 – 1 each with B and D)
Beginning at cuff edge, cast on 8 sts.
Rows 1–4: [K1, p1] 4 times.
Row 5: K3, [kfb] twice, k3—10 sts.
Row 6: Purl.

Thumb
Row 7 (right side): [Kfb] twice for thumb, place remaining 8 sts on a holder for hand—4 sts remain.

Work across 4 thumb stitches only.
Row 8: Purl.
Row 9: K1, k2tog, k1—3 sts remain.
Row 10: Purl.
Row 11: K3tog—1 st remains.
Fasten off.

Hand
Return the 8 hand stitches from holder to needle, ready to work a right side (knit) row.
Row 7 (right side): Kfb, k6, kfb—10 sts.
Rows 8–10: Beginning with a wrong side (purl) row, work in Stockinette st for 3 rows.
Row 11: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—8 sts remain.
Rows 12 and 13: Repeat last 2 rows—6 sts remain.
Row 14: Purl.
Row 15: K1, [k2tog] twice, k1—4 sts remain.
Bind off as if to purl.

BIRD (make 2 – 1 each with A and C)
Cast on 4 sts.
Row 1: K1, [kfb] twice, k1—6 sts.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1—8 sts.
Rows 4 and 5: Repeat Rows 2 and 3—10 sts.
Row 6: Purl.
Row 7: K1, kfb, knit to end of row—11 sts.
Row 8: Purl.
Row 9: Bind off first 7 sts, knit to end of row—4 sts remain.
Row 10: Purl.
Row 11: K2, k2tog—3 sts remain.
Row 12: Purl.
Row 13: K3tog—1 st remains.
Fasten off.

HANGER (make 6 – 2 each with B and C, 1 each with A and D)
Cast on 40 sts.
Bind off without having knit any rows.

FINISHING

Layered Heart Ornament #1: Sew a **B**-colored medium heart to the center of a **C**-colored large heart, then sew a **D**-colored small heart to the center of the medium heart, adding a small amount of stuffing behind each heart to make it puff out slightly. This makes the front of the ornament. With wrong sides together, sew the front and the second **C**-colored large heart together, stuffing before closing. Fold the **D**-colored hanger in half and sew ends to top center of ornament. Weave in ends.

Layered Heart Ornament #2: Sew an **A**-colored medium heart to the center of a **B**-colored large heart, then sew a **C**-colored small heart to the center of the medium heart, adding a small amount of stuffing behind each heart to make it puff out slightly. This makes the front of the ornament. With wrong sides together, sew the front and the second **B**-colored large heart together, stuffing before closing. Fold a **C**-colored hanger in half and sew ends to top center of ornament. Weave in ends.

Mitten Ornament #1: Sew the **B**-colored mitten to the center of an **A**-colored large heart. This makes the front of the ornament. With wrong sides together, sew the front and a second **A**-colored large heart together, stuffing before closing. Fold a **C**-colored hanger in half and sew ends to top center of ornament. Weave in ends.

Mitten Ornament #2: Sew the **D**-colored mitten to the center of an **A**-colored large heart. This makes the front of the ornament. With wrong sides together, sew the front and a second **A**-colored large heart together, stuffing before closing. Fold an **A**-colored hanger in half and sew ends to top center of ornament. Weave in ends.

Bird Ornament #1: Sew the **C**-colored bird to the center of a **D**-colored large heart. With small amount of black yarn, embroider a French knot eye and straight stitch legs for the bird. This makes the front of the ornament. With wrong sides together, sew the front and a second **D**-colored large heart together, stuffing before closing. Fold a **B**-colored hanger in half and sew ends to top center of ornament. Weave in ends.

Bird Ornament #2: Sew the **A**-colored bird to the center of a **D**-colored large heart. With small amount of black yarn, embroider a French knot eye and straight stitch legs for the bird. This makes the front of the ornament. With wrong sides together, sew the front and a second **D**-colored large heart together, stuffing before closing. Fold a **B**-colored hanger in half and sew ends to top center of ornament. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C etc; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 stitches together; **k3tog** = knit next 3 stitches together; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.