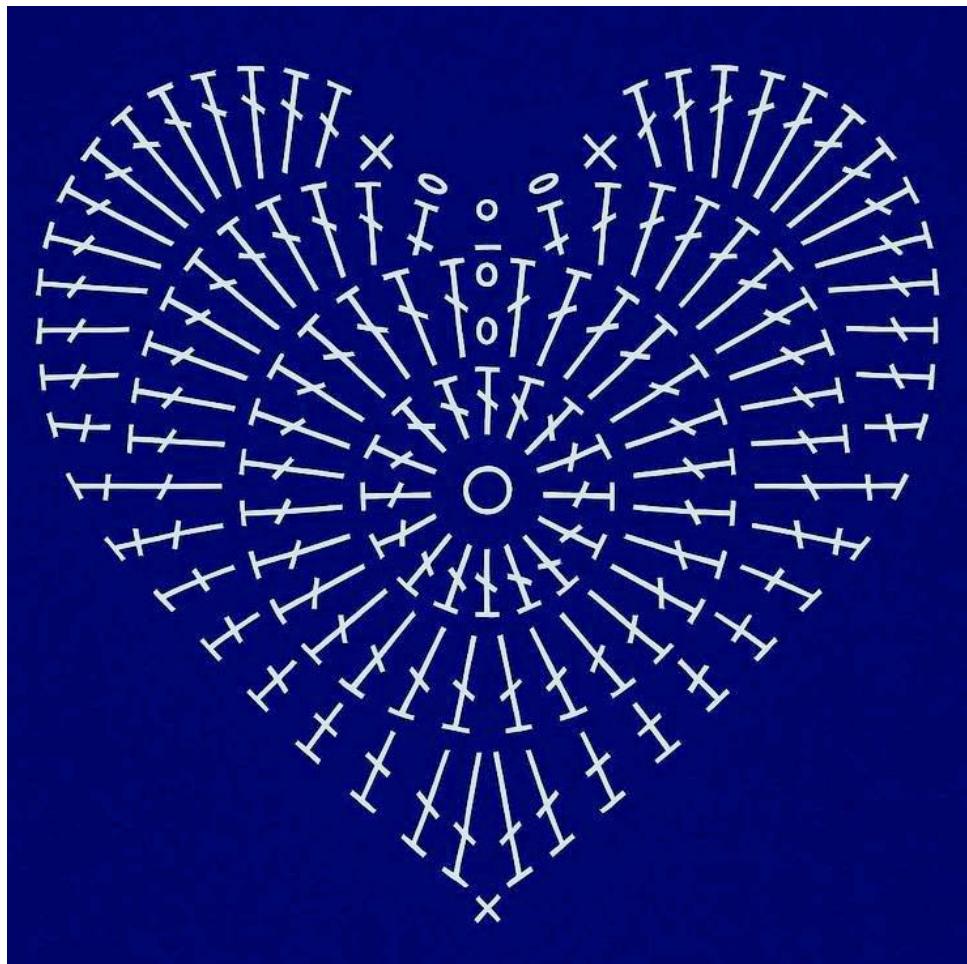


Heart Crochet Pattern – Step-by-Step Tutorial for Beginners

This heart crochet pattern is designed for beginners and experienced crafters alike. It uses basic crochet stitches such as chains, slip stitches, single crochet, half double crochet, and double crochet. The finished piece is a beautiful heart shape that can be used as a decoration, appliqué, or gift embellishment.



Materials Needed: Cotton yarn (any color of your choice) 3.0 mm crochet hook (or size suitable for your yarn) Scissors Yarn needle for weaving in ends

Abbreviations (US terms): ch = chain sl st = slip stitch sc = single crochet hdc = half double crochet dc = double crochet tr = treble crochet st = stitch sp = space

Instructions:

1. Start with a magic ring. (If you prefer, you can ch 5 and join with a sl st to form a ring.)
2. Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), make 15 dc into the ring. Join with a sl st to the top of ch-3. (16 dc total)
3. Round 2: Ch 3, 1 dc in the same st, 2 dc in each st around. Join with a sl st. (32 dc total)
4. Round 3: Ch 3, *1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st* repeat around. Join with a sl st. (48 dc total)
5. Round 4: Ch 3, 1 dc in next 10 sts, (this will form one lobe of the heart). In next st, work (2 tr, 1 dc, 1 tr). Then dc in next 11 sts. Now for the bottom point: work (2 tr, 1 dc, 1 tr, 1 dc) all in the next st.

Continue dc in next 11 sts. For the other lobe: work (1 tr, 1 dc, 2 tr) in next st, then dc in next 10 sts. Join with a sl st to the top of the first ch-3.

6. Fasten off and weave in the ends neatly using a yarn needle.

Tips:

- Adjust your hook size if you want a smaller or larger heart.
- You can use this heart as part of a garland, keychain, coaster, or as decoration on a blanket.
- Use contrasting yarn colors for a gradient or two-tone effect.

Congratulations! You've completed your heart crochet pattern. This project is perfect for beginners to practice shaping techniques and creating symmetrical designs. Keep experimenting with colors and yarn textures to make it truly unique.