

# Love You Forever

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A perfectly chubby little heart! I knit my first hearts with Christmas ornaments in mind, but other than the fact that they are currently hanging from my Christmas tree there is nothing especially Christmassy about them. These lovely little stuffed hearts would be just as at home on Valentines day, or simply stack an assortment in a bowl and call it a center piece!

## Yarn

Approx. 5g. of fingering weight yarn per heart. Samples shown use Tanis Fiber Arts Blue Label Fingering Weight, Cosmic Blue Label Fingering Weight and Purple Label Sock yarns.

## Needles

Set of 5, 2.25mm (US 1) dpns. You may find it helpful to have a 6th dpn for juggling stitches at the top, waste yarn can be used instead if it's too fiddly.

## Gauge

7 sts per inch (gauge is not crucial for this project).

## Finished Measurements

Stuffed heart measures approx. 2.75" at it's widest point and 2.5" tall.

## Additional Tools and Materials

Tapestry needle, stuffing, ribbon or yarn to create hanging loop if being used as an ornament.



## Abbreviation:

**k** :: knit

**p** :: purl

**kfb** :: knit into the front and back of the same stitch making 2 stitches out of 1.

**k2tog** :: knit 2 stitches together as one.

**ssk** :: Slip, slip, knit. Slip one stitch as if to knit, slip the next stitch as if to purl, knit the 2 together through the back loops.

**m1l** :: pick up the horizontal strand between the needles from front to back, place on left needle, knit the loop you picked up through the back.

**m1r** :: pick up the horizontal strand between the needles from back to front, place on left needle, knit the loop you picked up through the front.

## Instructions:

Cast on 4 stitches, divide evenly between 4 dpns (you may want to start on 2 dpns and add in the others when you've got a few more stitches on your needles) join for working in the round.

**Set up round:** kfb into every stitch. (8 stitches).

**Round 1:** (k1, m1l, k2, m1r, k1) twice. (12 stitches).

**Round 2 and all other even numbered rounds:** knit all stitches.

**Round 3:** (k1, m1l, k4, m1r, k1) twice. (16 stitches).

**Round 5:** (k1, m1l, k6, m1r, k1) twice. (20 stitches).

Continue increasing every second round in this manner until you have a total of 52 stitches on needles.

Work 5 rounds even in stockinette stitch.

**Shape top:** Your stitches should be evenly distributed between on 4 dpns, 13 stitches per needle, numbered needles 1, 2, 3 and 4. For the right top half you'll be working only on needles #1 and #4, setting aside the stitches from needles #2 and #3. You can either leave the stitches not being worked on your dpns or set them aside on waste yarn if the dpns get in your way.

## Right Top:

**Round 1:** working across needle #1: k1, ssk, k7, k2tog, k1. Skip needles #2 and #3 and carry yarn straight to needle #4 and k1, ssk, k7, k2tog, k1.

**Round 2:** knit all stitches.

**Round 3:** (k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1) twice.

**Round 4:** knit all stitches.

**Round 5:** (k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1) twice.

Cut yarn, leaving a 10" tail and sew top of heart closed using kitchener stitch.

## Left Top:

Join yarn to needle #2 and working across needles #2 and #3 work same as for **Right Top**. Before sewing the top shut be sure to weave in all your ends, closing the gap between the two heart tops in the process and to generously stuff your heart.

## Finishing:

Using a ribbon or some more yarn tie a loop to the center top of your heart! Your heart ornament is all set to be hung and admired!

