

Sweet Heart

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Materials

Paintbox Simply DK, 100% acrylic, 100 g/3.5 oz, 276 m/302 yds, 150 Bubblegum Pink. One skein makes 10 hearts.

US 4 (3.5 mm) double pointed needles

stuffing

yarn needle

2 stitch holders or 12" of waste yarn

Gauge:

13 sts = 2" (not critical)

Size:

approximately 4" x 4"

Abbreviations

K Knit

K2tog Knit 2 stitches together

M1L With left-hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from front to back. Knit in back loop.

M1R With left-hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from back to front. Knit in front loop.

SSK Slip 1 st knitwise, slip 1 st purlwise, knit together through back loops

St(s) Stitch(es)

Note: Work the first few rounds on just 2 needles; add needles as amount of stitches increase.

Directions

Using Judy's Magic Cast on (directions on last page), cast on 4 sts.

Rnd 1: K.

Rnd 2: (K1, M1L, k1) twice. (6 sts)

Rnd 3 and all odd numbered rnds through 28, k.

Rnd 4: (K1, M1L, k1, M1R, k1) twice. (10 sts)

Rnd 6: (K1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1) twice. (14 sts)

Weave in end.

Repeat Rnds 6 and 7 until 62 sts.

Rnds 30 – 31: K.

Rnd 32: (K14, k2tog, k15) 2 times. (60 sts)

Rnd 33: (K1, ssk, k24, k2tog, k1) twice (56 sts)

Rnd 34: K.

Begin stuffing.

Rnd 35: K13, * slip the next 2 sts together knitwise, slip back to left needle purlwise *, k1 in back leg.

You have completed a cross stitch which will decrease the amount of gap between the two halves. Place sts 15 – 41 on stitch holders. Repeat between * * of Rnd 35. Place the “new” 42nd st on holder.

Working on half the stitches:

Rnd 36: (K1, ssk, k8, k2tog, k1) twice. (24 sts)

Rnd 37: K.

Rnd 38: (K1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1) twice. (20 sts)

Rnd 39: (K1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1) twice. (16 sts)

Rnd 39: (K1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1) twice. (12 sts)

Rnd 40: (K1, ssk, k2tog, k1) twice. (8 sts)

To close top

Method 1 (a more-pointed finish): Cut yarn; weave through stitches; tighten. Shown in the left of image.

Method 2 (preferred - a smooth finish): Close using Kitchener stitch. Shown in the right of image.

Repeat Rnds 36 – 40.

Close top, using desired method.

Weave in all ends.

Judy Becker's Cast-on on double-pointed needles

- Make a slip knot and put it on the bottom needle.
- Wrap the working yarn around the needles two times by going to the back of the top needle and then over the top and towards you (Figure 1).
- With working yarn, knit the two stitches on the top needle.
- Rotate the needles so the slip st is on the top needle.
- Remove slip knot and undo so that you can knit with the yarn tail. With both yarn tail and working yarn, knit the 2 stitches on each needle. You now have 8 stitches. (Figure 2)



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3