CROCHET HEART GARLAND: BEAUTIFUL 70 INCH VALENTINE GARLAND WITH 4 HEARTS

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FINISHED SIZE

Horizontal garland about 70 inches long (178 cm) with 4 hearts and 5 pom poms. Vertical garland about 37 inches long (94 cm) with 4 hearts and 4 pom poms. Each heart measures about 5 inches wide by 4.5 inches tall (12.7 cm by 11.4 cm). Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy. You need single crochet, increases, decreases, chain stitches and slip stitches only. If you can single crochet, you can make these hearts.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It is a calm evening project. Each heart works up quickly, and the garland goes together with a chain and a yarn needle. That time is an estimate, not a source fact.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight yarn, about 30 to 40 yards per heart, in your choice of colors. The designer used Yarn Bee Cotton Et Lin in Mauve, Smokey Plum, Sulphur, cyan, and haze. WeCrochet Brava yarn or Lion Brand Vanna's Choice yarn would also work well.
- Worsted weight yarn, 10 to 20 yards, for the garland chain
- Worsted weight yarn, 10 to 15 yards per pom pom
- Size G (4.00 mm) crochet hook
- Polyfill or other stuffing material
- Yarn needle (tapestry needle)
- Scissors
- Measuring tape
- 2 inch piece of cardboard for making pom poms, or a pom pom maker

YARDAGE FOR THE GARLAND AS SHOWN

For the horizontal garland with 4 hearts and 5 pom poms, allow 120 to 160 yards for the hearts, 10 to 20 yards for the chain, and 50 to 75 yards for the pom poms, about 180 to 255 yards in all. These totals are added up from the source pattern's own per-piece amounts.

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. sc: single crochet. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es). inc: increase, work 2 sc in one stitch. dec: decrease, insert hook into first st, yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook), insert hook into next st, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

GAUGE

9 stitches and 9 rows equal 2 inches (5 cm) in single crochet. At this gauge, a panel 22 stitches wide measures about 5 inches wide, and 20 rows measure about 4.5 inches tall, which matches the finished heart size.

NOTES

Each heart is made of two identical flat panels that are joined together and lightly stuffed. Yarn, colors, and layout for this project are all easily customizable. The ch 1 turning chain used throughout does NOT count as a stitch. The pattern is written in US terms. The number in brackets at the end of each row is the stitch count you should have. Make the first panel and fasten off, weaving in the ends. Make the second panel the same way but do NOT fasten off after Row 20: the yarn still attached to the second panel is used to join the two panels.

HEART PANEL, MAKE 2

Ch 3.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch. Ch 1, turn. (2 sc)

Row 2: Inc in each st. Ch 1, turn. (4 sc)

Row 3: Inc, sc in next 2 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. (6 sc)

Row 4: Inc, sc in next 4 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. (8 sc)

Row 5: Inc, sc in next 6 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. (10 sc)

Row 6: Inc, sc in next 8 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. (12 sc)

Row 7: Inc, sc in next 10 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. (14 sc)

Row 8: Inc, sc in next 12 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. (16 sc)

Row 9: Inc, sc in next 14 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. (18 sc)

Row 10: Sc in each st. Ch 1, turn. (18 sc)

Row 11: Inc, sc in next 16 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. (20 sc)

Row 12: Sc in each st. Ch 1, turn. (20 sc)

Row 13: Sc in each st. Ch 1, turn. (20 sc)

Row 14: Inc, sc in next 18 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. (22 sc)

Now work the top bumps of the heart shape. Each bump is worked separately. Begin the first bump by crocheting halfway across the panel and then turning. Complete the first bump before reattaching your yarn to Row 14 to make the second bump.

FIRST BUMP OF THE HEART

Row 15: Sc in next 11 sts, leaving the remaining sts unworked for now. Ch 1, turn. (11 sc)

Row 16: Sc in next 9 sts, dec over last 2 sts. Ch 1, turn. (10 sc)

Row 17: Dec, sc in next 6 sts, dec. Ch 1, turn. (8 sc)

Row 18: Dec, sc in next 4 sts, dec. Ch 1, turn. (6 sc)

Row 19: Dec, sc in next 2 sts, dec. Ch 1, turn. (4 sc)

Row 20: Dec, dec. (2 sc)

Fasten off the first panel and weave in the ends.

SECOND BUMP OF THE HEART

Turn the panel so the first bump is on the left. Attach yarn with a slip stitch at the top right of Row 14. Repeat Rows 15 to 20 for the second bump. Fasten off and weave in the end for the first panel, but leave the second panel attached to the yarn. The attached yarn is used to join the two heart panels.

HEART ASSEMBLY

Align the two heart panels, being sure the rows line up. It is easiest if the panel still attached to the yarn is on top. Tip: play around with your colors, it might be fun to join the panels with a contrasting color.

Ch 1, and begin working sc through both panels to join. Continue sc evenly down the side of the heart. At the bottom tip, work (sc, ch 1, sc) in the same stitch to create a point. Continue sc evenly around. When you reach the indent between the two top bumps, work a sl st instead of a sc to help define this area. Before you finish joining the panels, use a small amount of polyfill to lightly stuff the heart. Continue sc until you are back to where you started. Sl st to the first sc to join the round. Fasten off and weave in any ends. The heart is finished.

POM POMS, MAKE 5 FOR THE HORIZONTAL GARLAND

For each pom pom you need a 2 inch piece of cardboard, 10 to 15 yards of yarn, a 10 inch length of the same yarn pre-cut, and sharp scissors.

1. Wrap yarn around a 2 inch piece of cardboard about 70 times.

2. Holding the yarn loop tightly, slide it off the cardboard and use the 10 inch piece of yarn to wrap around the middle of the loop. Pull it as tight as you can and tie several times to secure.

3. Using sharp scissors, cut the loops at either end of the yarn bundle.

4. The pom pom will look uneven at first. Use sharp scissors to trim the ends. Do not cut the long tails of the string you used to secure the bundle. Those tails are what you use to attach the pom

pom to the garland.

5. Continue to trim and shape the pom pom until you are happy with the results.

GARLAND ASSEMBLY, HORIZONTAL GARLAND ABOUT 70 INCHES

Ch 235. Fasten off. Lay the chain flat and space the hearts and pom poms evenly along the chain where you would like to place them. The designer made 4 hearts and 5 pom poms for this version, but the layout is up to you. First, attach the pom poms using the long tails left on them. It is easiest to use a yarn needle to thread the tails through the chain, so the pom pom will not slide around. Tying them very tightly, or tying each of the two tails in different spots on the chain, can help stabilize the pom poms. Repeat for each pom pom. Then, using a small length of yarn in the matching color and a yarn needle, thread through the back side of one bump of the heart near the top. Next thread through the chain and tie tightly to secure. Repeat this process for the other bump. Repeat for each heart. Trim or weave in to hide any ends and you are done.

GARLAND ASSEMBLY, VERTICAL GARLAND ABOUT 37 INCHES

Ch 125. Fasten off. Lay the chain flat and space the hearts and pom poms evenly along the chain where you would like to place them. The designer made 4 hearts and 4 pom poms for this version, but the layout is up to you. Attach the pom poms first using the technique described for the horizontal garland. For the hearts on this version, use a small length of yarn and a yarn needle to thread through the back of the heart in the center just below the indent between the two bumps. Thread through the chain and tie tightly to secure. Repeat for each heart. Trim or weave in any loose ends and you are done.

TIPS FOR A NEAT GARLAND

- Count at the end of every increase row. The panel grows by 2 stitches on Rows 2 to 9, 11 and 14, from 2 stitches up to 22. If your count is off by 2, you have missed an increase at one end.
- Keep the turning chain loose. The ch 1 does not count as a stitch, so do not work into it at the end of the next row.
- Stuff lightly. A small pinch of polyfill is enough. Too much stuffing makes the heart puff out and lose its flat shape.
- Space before you tie. Lay the chain flat and place all the hearts and pom poms along it first, then tie them on one at a time, checking the balance from a step back.

VARIATIONS

- Vertical garland: use a chain of 125 stitches and 4 hearts with 4 pom poms, about 37 inches long, for a door or a narrow wall.
- Nursery garland: work all the hearts in pale pink, cream and soft yellow, with white pom poms between them.
- Classic Valentine garland: work the hearts in red, pink and white, with white or red pom poms.

- Table decor: leave a few hearts off the chain and set them in a basket or on a table as sweet scattered hearts.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Knotted Nest: Valentine Hearts Crochet Garland, https://knottednest.com/valentine-hearts-crochet-garland/

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