

# LOVE HEARTS

KNITTING PATTERN BY AMANDA BERRY

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## MATERIALS

### YARN



#### PINK

Paintbox Yarns Baby DK; shade 750

- 100% Acrylic, DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight)
- Approx 9g per large heart, 4g per medium heart, and 1g per small heart
- The finished hearts are 8.5cm, 5cm and 2.5cm tall.

### NEEDLES

- A pair of straight 3.5mm (US 4) knitting needles; minimum length 20cm

### NOTIONS

- A handful of toy filling (or cotton wool balls) to stuff
- A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together
- A stitch holder



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## ABBREVIATIONS & TECHNIQUES

<b>k</b>	Knit
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit two stitches together (decrease)
<b>kfb</b>	Knit into the front and back of the next stitch (increase)
<b>p</b>	Purl
<b>RS</b>	Right side
<b>ssk</b>	Slip the next stitch on the left needle knit-wise, then slip the next stitch on the left needle purl-wise. Take the left needle and knit through the front of the two slipped stitches on the right needle to decrease by one stitch.
<b>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side
<b>(.. sts)</b>	The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row.
<b>[...]</b>	Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated.

**CASTING ON:** Use the cable cast on for all pieces.

**PULL THROUGH TO CAST OFF:** Cut the yarn leaving at least a 30cm tail. Thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the remaining sts on the knitting needle. Pull the sts off the knitting needle on to the yarn, gather together tightly and secure the yarn.

**HOLDING LIVE STITCHES:** Slip the live stitches onto a stitch holder to hold them, and later slip them back onto the knitting needle to work them as instructed. If you don't have a stitch holder, you could use a waste piece of yarn threaded through live stitches to hold them until they are needed.

**SEWING SEAMS:** Use mattress stitch to sew the seams.

**WORK FLAT:** All pieces are knitted flat (back and forth) on a pair of straight knitting needles.

**TENSION:** The tension is 22 sts x 30 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 3.5mm needles. Don't worry too much about tension for this pattern.

THIS PATTERN IS FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY; NOT FOR RESALE.

# KNITTING PATTERNS

## LARGE HEART

Make 1.

Start at the bottom.

Cast on 5 sts in pink on straight 3.5mm needles.

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl (5 sts)

**Row 2 (RS):** K1, [kfb] x 3, k1 (8 sts)

**Row 3:** Purl (8 sts)

**Row 4:** K1, [kfb] x 2, k2, [kfb] x 2, k1 (12 sts)

**Row 5:** Purl (12 sts)

**Row 6:** K2, [kfb] x 2, k4, [kfb] x 2, k2 (16 sts)

**Row 7:** Purl (16 sts)

**Row 8:** K3, [kfb] x 2, k6, [kfb] x 2, k3 (20 sts)

**Row 9:** Purl (20 sts)

**Row 10:** K4, [kfb] x 2, k8, [kfb] x 2, k4 (24 sts)

**Row 11:** Purl (24 sts)

**Row 12:** K5, [kfb] x 2, k10, [kfb] x 2, k5 (28 sts)

**Row 13:** Purl (28 sts)

**Row 14:** K6, [kfb] x 2, k12, [kfb] x 2, k6 (32 sts)

**Row 15:** Purl (32 sts)

**Row 16:** K7, [kfb] x 2, k14, [kfb] x 2, k7 (36 sts)

**Row 17:** Purl (36 sts)

**Row 18:** K8, [kfb] x 2, k16, [kfb] x 2, k8 (40 sts)

**Row 19:** Purl (40 sts)

**Row 20:** K9, [kfb] x 2, k18, [kfb] x 2, k9 (44 sts)

**Row 21:** Purl (44 sts)

**Row 22:** Knit (44 sts)

**Row 23:** P22, place the last 22 sts onto a stitch holder (22 sts)

**Row 24:** K1, [k2tog, k6, ssk] x 2, k1 (18 sts)

**Row 25:** Purl (18 sts)

**Row 26:** K1, [k2tog, k4, ssk] x 2, k1 (14 sts)

**Row 27:** Purl (14 sts)

**Row 28:** K1, [k2tog, k2, ssk] x 2, k1 (10 sts)

**Row 29:** Purl (10 sts)

**Row 30:** K1, [k2tog, ssk] x 2, k1 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Place the held 22 sts onto the knitting needle with the WS facing you ready to purl on row 1 below.

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl (22 sts)

**Rows 2 to 8:** Follow rows 24 to 30 above (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

## MEDIUM HEART

Make 1.

Start at the bottom.

Cast on 5 sts in pink on straight 3.5mm needles.

**Rows 1 to 13:** Follow the large heart pattern rows 1 to 13 (28 sts)

**Row 14:** Knit (28 sts)

**Row 15:** P14, place the last 14 sts onto a stitch holder (14 sts)

**Row 16:** K1, [k2tog, k2, ssk] x 2, k1 (10 sts)

**Row 17:** Purl (10 sts)

**Row 18:** K1, [k2tog, ssk] x 2, k1 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Place the held 14 sts onto the knitting needle with the WS

facing you ready to purl on row 1 below.

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl (14 sts)

**Rows 2 to 4:** Follow rows 16 to 18 above (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

## SMALL HEART

Make 1.

Start at the bottom.

Cast on 5 sts in pink on straight 3.5mm needles.

**Rows 1 to 8:** Follow the large heart pattern rows 1 to 8 (20 sts)

**Row 9:** P10, place the last 10 sts onto a stitch holder (10 sts)

**Row 10:** K1, [k2tog, ssk] x 2, k1 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Place the held 10 sts onto the knitting needle with the WS facing you ready to purl on row 1 below.

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl (10 sts)

**Row 2:** K1, [k2tog, ssk] x 2, k1 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

## MAKING UP

*Use the same method for all the hearts.*

Starting at the gathered cast off stitches at the top, sew the side edges of each heart top together. Then sew the side edges together for the seam that runs down the centre back of the heart, adding stuffing as you sew. Finish by gathering the cast on sts together at the bottom of the heart.