

## **Heart Hugs.**

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### **You will need:-**

Double knitting yarn in colour of choice.

4mm/size 8 needles.

Stitch holders or a spare needle.

A tapestry needle for sewing up.

Toy stuffing.

### **Abbreviations:**

KFB – knit into front and back of stitch.

K – knit.

ssk – slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2slipped stiches together (1 stitch decreased).

Tog – together.

RS – right side.

WS – wrong side.

### **Heart. (make 2)**

The heart is made by knitting the top curves first in 2 separate pieces, which are then joined together by knitting across both of them in one row.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> half of heart top.**

**Cast on** 9 sts using 4mm needles and work 1 knit row

Row 1. (RS) KFB, knit to end. (10sts)

Row 2 (WS) Knit.

Row 3 Knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1. (11sts)

Row 4 Knit.

Repeat Rows 1 to 4 once more. (13sts)

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 once more. (14sts)

Knit 3 rows.

Break yarn and leave sts on a holder.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> half of heart.**

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**Cast on** 9sts using 4mm needles and work 1 knit row.

Row 1 (RS) Knit to last 2 sts, KFB,K1. (10sts)

Row 2 (WS) Knit.

Row 3 Knit to end. (11sts)

Row 4 Knit.

Repeat Rows 1to 4 once more. (13sts)

Repeat Rows 1and 2 once more. (14sts)

Knit 3 rows.

### **Join sides of heart top.**

Return secondset of stitches to needles, ensuring both sides have WS facing you.

Knit 1 row, working K2tog across the last stitch of the first piece and the first stitch of the second piece, to join the two halves together. (27sts)

**Next row** (RS) K1. ssk ,knit to last 3 sts, K2tog,K1. (25sts)

**Next row** (WS) Knit.

Repeat the last 2 rows until 5sts, ending with a RS row.

**Next row** (WS) K1,K3tog. K1. (3sts)

Break yarn and thread through rem. sts.

### **Finishing.**

Place hearts wrong sides together and backstitch around the edge, leaving the bottom edge open.

Turn RS out.

Make a loop of yarn and secure to the heart to hang.

Stuff with toy stuffing or yarn scraps and sew the bottom edge shut.

Darn in ends.

**Decorate** with flowers, buttons, beads etc as required.