Crochet Heart Bookmark

"A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity freshen into smiles."
   ~ Washington Irving (1783-1859)

I searched for a pattern for the perfect crochet heart. There are many! Some are made in the round while others are worked side to side. Most of them make an adequate heart, but not one that I would call perfect.

After multiple drafts and experiments I came up with my version of a perfect heart. The uses are endless. You can: attach them to cards with a ribbon to make Valentines; sew them onto a shirt, hat or pants pockets; make several out of yarn then string the together to make a garland; use them for coasters; attach one to a hair clip; sew 2 together and stuff to make a kitty toy; or follow the rest of my pattern and make bookmarks!

You can make them with any thread or yarn use choose, using the hook you're most comfortable with.

The heart in the pattern is made of #10 cotton thread and a #4/1.75mm steel hook. It measures about 2 ½" x 2 ½". I made one with worsted weight acrylic and an H/5.00mm hook and it measures about 5 ¼ x 5 ¼". I haven't bothered to block any that I made. I don't think they need it, but I'm sure they would grow a bit if you were to block or stiffen them with glue. It takes me about 30 minutes to make a heart and a generous hour to make a bookmark.

I hope you have fun making these hearts and that they bring you gladness and smiles!

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Rnd 1: With A, ch 4, 13 dc in fourth ch from hook. Join with sl st in top of beginning ch. (14 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 3 (count as first dc, now and throughout), dc in same st, 2 dc in next dc and in each dc around. Join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3. (28 dc)

Rnd 3: Ch 2, dc in same st and in next dc, (dc, tr) in next dc, tr in next dc, 2 tr in next dc, tr in next dc, (tr, dc) in next dc, dc in next dc, (dc, hdc) in next dc, hdc in next 3 dc, sc in next dc, 2 sc in each of next 2 dc, sc in next dc, hdc in next 3 dc, (hdc, dc) in next dc, dc in next dc, (dc, tr) in next dc, tr in next dc, 2 tr in next dc, tr in next dc, (tr, dc) in next dc, dc in next dc, (dc, ch 2, sl st) in last dc, do **not** join.

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Rnd 4: Ch 1, 1 sc in first ch 2, hdc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, tr in next dc, 2 tr in next tr, tr in next tr, 2 dc in each of next 2 tr, dc in next tr, 2 hdc in next tr, hdc in next dc, 2 hdc in next dc, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, dc in next 2 sc, **(dc, 2 tr) in next sc, (2 tr, dc) in next sc**, dc in next 2 sc, 2 hdc in next hdc, dc in next hdc, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next dc, hdc in next dc, 2 hdc in next tr, dc in next tr, 2 dc in each of next 2 tr, tr in next tr, 2 tr in next tr, tr in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, hdc in next dc, sc in last ch 2. Join with sl st or invisible join to first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.
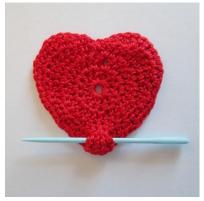
Picot Round (optional)

Picot = Ch 2, sl st in first ch.

Rnd 5:

Join B with sl st in last sc of Rnd 4. Ch 1, sc in same st and in next sc, work Picot, (ch in next 3 sts, work Picot) around to last sc, sc in last sc. Join with sl st or invisible join to first sc. Fasten off.

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Bookmark Tail

On WS of heart join C with sl st in back of first tr (in the group of 4 tr that make up the point), ch 5, join with sl st in back of fourth tr (in the group of 4 tr that make up the point).

Row 1: Ch 3, 3 dc in ch 5 sp, ch 2, 4 dc in ch 5 sp, turn.

Row 2: Sl st in 3 dc, sl st in ch 2 sp, ch 3, 2 dc in ch 2 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in ch 2 sp, turn.

Row 3: Sl st in 2 dc, sl st in ch 2 sp, ch 3, 2 dc in ch 2 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in ch 2 sp, turn.

Repeat Row 3 (16 times). Fasten off.

Row 20: Join A with sl st in ch 2 sp. Ch 3, 9 dc in ch 2 sp. Fasten off. Weave in ends.