



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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Heart Strings Garland

Hearts are recognized as the symbol of love, joy, charity and romance and are fun to use for decorating. Hang these garlands in a window or open doorway, or attach them to a curtain rod or dowel. They are perfect for Valentine's Day, anniversaries, birthdays or in a child's room.

Each 5-heart string measures 25" (63.5 cm) long, not including hanging chain. Each heart measures 5" (12.5 cm) at widest x 4" long from center "V" to point.

Notes

1. Each garland is made with 5 hearts joined by chains.
2. Each heart is worked in joined rounds with right side facing at all times.
3. Change color at end of round as follows: work to end of round but do not join; insert hook in first single crochet, drop old color to wrong side, yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete slip stitch join. Proceed with new color. Cut old color. In Hearts 2, 3, and 5, you may wish to carry color not in use along wrong side until next needed to minimize weaving in of ends.

Color Sequences

Make 3 hearts in each color sequence.

Heart 1: Rounds 1 and 2 with **A**, Rounds 3–5 with **B**, Rounds 6 and 7 with **C**

Heart 2: Rounds 1–5 with **D**, Round 6 with **A**, Round 7 with **D**

Heart 3: Rounds 1–3 with **A**, Round 4 with **C**, Round 5 with **A**, Round 6 with **C**, Round 7 with **A**

Heart 4: Rounds 1–4 with **C**, Round 5 with **B**, Round 6 with **A**, Round 7 with **D**

Heart 5: Round 1 with **C**, Round 2 with **A**, Round 3 with **D**, Round 4 with **C**, Round 5 with **B**, Round 6 with **A**, Round 7 with **C**

HEART (make 15 as shown in Color Sequences)

Ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next sc, sc in next sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, (hdc, dc, hdc) in last sc; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc, 4 hdc, and 2 dc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, (hdc, dc) in next hdc, 2 dc in next dc, (dc, hdc) in next hdc, hdc in next sc, sc in next sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, hdc in next sc, (hdc, dc) in next hdc, 2 dc in next dc, (dc, hdc) in last hdc; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc, 6 hdc, and 8 dc.

Round 4: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 2 dc in next 4 sts, (dc, hdc) in next dc, hdc in next hdc, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next hdc, (hdc, dc) in next dc, 2 dc in last 4 sts; join with slip st in first sc—10 sc, 4 hdc, and 18 dc.

Round 5: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, (hdc, dc, tr) in next dc, 2 tr in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next 3 dc, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 4 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next 3 dc, 2 tr in next 3 dc, (tr, dc, hdc) in last st; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc, 10 hdc, 14 dc, and 14 tr.

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Round 6: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 2 sts, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; repeat from * twice, hdc in next 9 sts, sc in next 4 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc, hdc in next 9 sts, **hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from ** twice, sc in last 2 sts; join with slip st in first sc—one 3-sc group, 13 sc, and 42 hdc.

Round 7: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 3 sts, *ch 3, skip next st, slip st in next st; repeat from * around to last 3 sts, ch 3, sc in last 3 sts; join with slip st in first sc—one 7-sc group and 26 ch-3 spaces. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Arrange hearts in 3 groups of 5 each or as desired.

Heart to Heart Join: With right side of heart facing, join **D** with slip st in center st of 7-sc group of Round 7, ch 4; with wrong side of next heart facing, join with slip st in center st of 3-sc group of Round 6. Fasten off. Repeat to join 3 remaining hearts to previously joined hearts.

Hanging Chain: With right side of top heart facing, join **D** with slip st in center st of 7-sc group of Round 7, ch 30. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Repeat Heart to Heart Join and Hanging Chain twice to create 3 garlands.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = treble (triple) crochet; **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

