



Affaire of the Heart Topiary

Decorate a craft store topiary with hearts to set the scene for a wedding engagement party or shower. Invite guests to take a heart home as a warm remembrance.

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Hearts measure 2½" across at widest part x 2" long.

RED HEART® “Soft Yarn”: 1 ball each 9770 Rose Blush **A** and 4600 White **B**.

Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8].

Split-ring stitch marker, yarn needle, T-pins, topiary tree.

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4"; 16 rows = 4" in sc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

HEART (Make 7 each A and B)

With **A**, ch 11.

Round 1: 3 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 ch, skip next 2 ch, sc in next 3 ch, 3 sc in last ch; pivot to work in unused loops of beginning ch, sc in next 3 ch, (sc, ch 2, sc) all in ch-2 space, sc in last 3 ch – 20 sc. Do not join but work in continuous rounds. Mark first st of round and move up each round.

Round 2: [2 Sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in next 2 sc, skip next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc, [2 sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in next 4 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) all in ch-2 space, sc in last 4 sc – 26 sc.

Round 3: [2 Sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in next sc, skip next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in next 4 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) all in ch-2 space, sc in last 5 sc; slip st in next sc – 32 sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Finishing

Pin Hearts to Topiary as desired.



RED HEART® “Soft Yarn”, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (140 g), 256 yd (234 m) and print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B** = Color A, B; **ch** = chain; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.