



Hug Me Heart

**FINISHED MEASUREMENTS****Width:** 19"**Height:** 20"**MATERIALS**

**Premier® Yarns Premier Basix® Chenille Max**  
(100% Polyester; 7oz/200g, 30yds/28m)

- 2071-06 Ruby – 2 balls

**Needle:** 2 - US Size 19 (15 mm) 24" or longer  
circular needles *or size needed to obtain gauge*

**Notions:** Stitch marker, stitch holders or waste  
yarn, stuffing

**GAUGE**

4 sts x 5 rnds = 4" in St st

**Save time, check your gauge.****Skills/techniques used in this pattern:**

- Knitting in the round.
- Three needle bind off.
- Seaming.
- Stuffing.

**STITCH GUIDE**

**Three Needle Bind Off:** Have each set of sts to join on its own needle. Hold needles together with wrong sides of work facing each other. Insert right hand needle into first st on front needle, then into first st on back needle and knit the two sts together. \*Insert right hand needle into next st on front needle, then into next st on back needle and knit the two sts together. Pass first st over second to bind off 1 st; rep from \* until all sts are bound off and joined.

**PATTERN NOTES**

This Heart is worked from the bottom up in the round, it uses two circular needles for construction. If you prefer to use a different needle type (long circular or double pointed) use an additional marker to indicate where the end of the first needle is.

**HEART**

Cast on 6 sts, leaving a long tail for seaming later, arrange sts so there are 3 sts on each ndl, pm and join for working in the rnd careful not to twist sts.

**Rnds 1 and 2:** Knit.**Shape Bottom of Heart**

**Inc Rnd:** [K1, yo, knit to 1 st bef end of ndl, yo, k1] twice – 4 sts inc'd, 10 sts total.

**Next Rnd:** [K1, k1 tbl, knit to 2 sts bef end of ndl, k1 tbl, k1] twice.

Rep last 2 rnds 7 more times – 38 sts total.

Work 2 rnds even in St st.

**Shape Top of Heart**

*Note: In this section the top of the Heart is divided and then each half is worked separately.*

**Separation Rnd:** K1, ssk, k6, bind off 1 st, k5, k2tog, k1; place first 8 sts from first ndl and the last 10 sts from second ndl on stitch holder or waste yarn, on second ndl, k1, ssk, k6 – 16 sts on working ndls.

**Next Rnd:** Knit.

**Dec Rnd 1:** [K1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1] twice – 4 sts dec'd, 12 sts rem.

**Next Rnd:** Knit.

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**Dec Rnd 2:** [K1, ssk, k2tog, k1] twice – 4 sts dec'd, 8 sts rem.

Using **Three Needle Bind Off**, bind off and join rem sts.

Place held sts on working ndls. Join yarn on side with 10 sts.

**Setup Rnd:** *This rnd is only worked on second ndl.* Bind off 1 st, k5, k2tog, k1, pm to indicate beg/end of rnd – 16 sts.

**Next Rnd:** Knit.

**Dec Rnd 1:** [K1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1] twice – 4 sts dec'd, 12 sts rem.

**Next Rnd:** Knit.

**Dec Rnd 2:** [K1, ssk, k2tog, k1] twice – 4 sts dec'd, 8 sts rem.

Stuff Heart almost completely full at this point. Using **Three Needle Bind Off**, bind off and join rem sts.

## FINISHING

If needed, add additional stuffing in the opening created from the bound off sts at the top of the Heart and cast on. Using fingers, whipstitch cast-on opening closed and cut a length of yarn and sew bound off opening closed. Weave in ends using your fingers.

## Abbreviations

**bef** before  
**beg** begin(ning)  
**dec('d)** decrease(d)  
**inc('d)** increase(d)  
**k** knit  
**k2tog** knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)  
**ndl(s)** needle(s)

**pm** place marker  
**rem** remain(ing)  
**rnd(s)** round(s)  
**ssk** slip slip knit (1 st dec'd)  
**st(s)** stitch(es)  
**St st** Stockinette stitch: knit every rnd.  
**tbl** through the back loop  
**yo** yarn over

