



# Bluebird's Valentine

For Valentines' Day 2021

With the year that we have all had since last Valentines' Day I thought it was time to have a Granny square inspired creation. This pattern is for a 5 inch square with four hearts.

With hearts that stand proud of the background that can be placed in different ways this square gives its maker lots of choices, a single one could be a coaster or a token of appreciation, four or nine together quickly becomes a cushion, then after that the possibilities really are as big as you want to go.

This square could be made in any thickness of yarn, just use a hook to match i.e. 4mm for double knit or 5mm for Aran weight. Abbreviations throughout are US.

This square can be made into a 14 inch cushion front too (using double knit and a 4mm hook)

## Ingredients

- Double knitting yarn in small quantities
- 4mm crochet hook
- Sewing needle

## Abbreviations

- ch – chain
- sc – single crochet
- hdc – half double crochet
- dc – double crochet
- tr – triple crochet
- st(s) – stitch(es)
- \* \_\_\_\_ \* - repeat the instructs between the stars
- slst – slip stitch

## Method

We start by making the heart first and then attach it to the square behind it as we go.

1. Using your heart colour start with a magic ring, dc 12 into the ring, slst into the top of the first dc to join

12 sts



2. Ch1 (sc), tr in the same st, then in the following sts: tr3, (tr dc hdc), (hdc sc), sc next two, (sc dc sc), sc next two, (sc hdc), (hdc dc tr) with tr3 in the last stitch

Complete with a tr in the starting st and slst into the ch1 start

28 sts



3. Keeping the same heart colour turn over you heart and using the back posts of round 1 complete as follows:

hdc around the post of the dc from round 1 directly below where you have finished, \*hdc the next two posts, hdc, ch2, hdc the next post (corner made)\* repeat three times omitting the last hdc of the corner and slst to the top of the first hdc

End heart colour

4 sts each side plus corner ch





4. Switch to your background colour and turn the heart over, starting in one of the chsp corners created in round 3:

ch3 (dc), \*dc next 4 sts, dc, ch2, dc next corner\* repeat three times omitting the last dc and slst into the top of the first dc

6 sts each side plus corner ch



5. Going down into the corner you have just made, ch3 (dc) and dc again, \*dc next 6 sts to corner, dc 2 ch2 dc2\* repeat three times omitting the last dc2 and slst into the top of the first dc, break off yarn







Sew in your ends and you have one heart square. In the example I have made four and joined them with a sc through the outer back loops of each square when they are good sides together.



I have completed the square with a sc round, doing an sc1 ch2 sc1 corner and an sc into the chsp from the squares. This gave me a stitch count on each side of 24 with a chsp corner.





I made another three and joined them as I had done the small squares above (sc through the outer back loops).

Working around all four squares starting with the background cream:

Round 1: sc all around, (sc ch2 sc) in corners – 52 sts each side

Round 2: dc all around (dc ch3 dc) in corners – 54 sts each side

Round 3: in pink bphdc all around (hdc ch2 hdc) in corners – 56 sts each side

Round 4: in cream, dc all around (dc2 ch2 dc2) in corners – 60 sts each side

Round 5: in pink sc all around (sc ch2 sc) in corners – 62 sts each side

Round 6: in cream, dc all around (dc2 ch2 dc2) in corners – 66 sts each side.



I am happy for this pattern to be used to make items for sale, please however provide a link to this original design. Thank you!

