



Heartfelt Halter

Perfect for any day you want to show a little "heart", this easy-wearing halter is made in a simple circle that begins in the center and has simple to make ties..

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EASY

Directions are for size Small/Medium. Changes for sizes Large, X-Large are in parentheses.

RED HEART® "With Love®": 1 skein each of 1701 Hot Pink **A**, 1703 Candy Pink **B**, and 1001 White **C**.

Crochet Hook: 8mm [US L-11].
Yarn needle, stitch markers.

GAUGE: 12 sts = 4"; 8 rows = 4", in half double crochet
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Finished Width: 21 (23, 25)"

Finished Length: 21 (23, 25)"

Note: Piece is stretchy and will fit a range of sizes. Placing ties carefully also allows for customizing the fit.

Special Technique

adjustable ring Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Chain one to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

NOTE

The center heart is worked first. Then stitches are worked around the heart, in joined rounds.

CENTER HEART

With **A**, make an adjustable ring.

Row 1: Ch 2 (does not count as a st here and throughout), 3 hdc in ring, turn—3 hdc.

Row 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in last st, turn—5 hdc.

Rows 3–5: Ch 2, 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st, turn—11 hdc at end of Row 5.

Row 6: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across, turn.

Row 7: Skip first 2 sts, (2 dc, 2 tr, 2 dc) in next st, skip next 2 sts, slip st in next st, skip next 2 sts, (2 dc, 2 tr, 2 dc) in next st, skip last 2 sts, slip st in top of beginning ch.

Begin Working in Rounds

Round 8 (Right Side): Ch 1, do not turn, working in ends of rows down side of heart, work 7 sc evenly spaced across side edge, 3 sc in adjustable ring at point, 7 sc evenly spaced across other side edge, 2 sc in each of next 2 dc, 2 sc in each of next 2 tr, 2 sc in each of next 2 dc, slip st in next slip st, 2 sc in each of next 2 dc, 2 sc in each of next 2 tr, 2 sc in each of next 2 dc; join with slip st in first sc—42 sts. Fasten off **A**.

Round 9: With Right Side facing, join **B** with slip st in same st as join, ch 4 (counts as first tr here and throughout), tr in same st as join, tr in next 2 sts, *2 tr in



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double stitch twins

next st, tr in next 2 sts; repeat * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—56 sts.

Round 10: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in each tr around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

Round 11: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, *ch 3, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat * around to last dc, ch 3, skip last dc; join with slip in top of beginning ch—38 dc and 19 ch-3 spaces. Fasten off **B**.

Round 12: With Right Side facing, join **C** with slip st in same st as join, ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-3 space, *dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-3 space; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—76 sts.

Round 13: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—95 sts. Fasten off **C**.

Round 14: With Right Side facing, join **B** with slip st in same st as join, ch 4, tr in same st, tr in next dc, *ch 2, skip next dc, tr in next 3 dc; repeat * around to last dc, ch 2, skip last dc; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—72 tr and 24 ch-2 spaces.

Round 15: Ch 4, tr in next 2 tr, 2 tr in next ch-2 space *tr in next 3 tr, 2 tr in next ch-2 space; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—120 sts. Fasten off **B**.

Round 16: With Right Side facing, join **A** with slip st in same st as join, ch 4, tr in each tr around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

Sizes Large and X-Large Only

Round 17: Ch 4, tr in next 4 tr, 2 tr in next tr, *tr in next 5 tr, 2 tr in next tr; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—140 tr.

Size X-Large Only

Round 18: Ch 4, tr in each tr around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

All Sizes

Round 17 (18, 19): Ch 6 (counts as tr, ch-2), skip next tr, *tr in next tr, ch 2, skip next tr; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 4th ch of beginning ch—60 (70, 70) tr and 60 (70, 70) ch-2 spaces. Fasten off **A**.

Round 18 (19, 20): With Right Side facing, join **C** with slip st in same st as join, ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next ch-2 space, *sc in next tr, 2 sc in next ch-2 space; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—180 (210, 210) sts. Fasten off **C**.

FINISHING

Ties

Place two markers to indicate front neck. Place the markers in stitches of last round, about 8" apart, and centered above heart. With **C**, ch 50, join with slip st in first marked st (for first neck tie), working in sts of last round and working down side of piece (not across neck), slip st in each st for about 9 (9½, 10)", ch 80 (for first back tie). Fasten off. Repeat this process to work the 2nd neck tie (joining to 2nd marked st) and 2nd back tie. Remove markers. Weave in ends.



RED HEART® "With Love®", Art. E400 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 390 yd (357 m) and multi color 5 oz (141 g), 230 yd (211 m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A**, **B**, and **C** = Colors A, B, and C; **ch** = chain; **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.

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