

This fun afghan square is great for stashbusting to have a variety of heart colored squares that can be used for a variety of projects including throw pillows, blankets, shawls, wall hangings and so much more!

Here is the video tutorial.

Materials:

- 30 Yards of Worsted Weight Yarn I used Red Heart Super Saver; You'll need 10 Yards of the Heart color, and 20 Yards of the Background/Border color
 - H8/5mm Crochet Hook
 - Tapestry Needle for Weaving in Ends

Material Notes:

I like Red Heart's Super Saver for my home projects because it's affordable, durable, and machine washes well. I also really like Lion Brand Wool Ease, and WeCrochet Swish, which are both wool blends. They're so soft, cozy and not itchy. For non-wool options, try WeCrochet Brava or Lion Brand Color Theory.

If I was going to make something like a washcloth, doily or table runner, I would use a cotton yarn, like Lily Sugar n Cream or WeCrochet Dishie.

If size isn't essential to your project you can use any yarn from your stash with respective crochet hook.

Red Heart Super Saver is an inconsistent yarn. While the overall gauge isn't important, it is important that the gauge for both yarns that you use are the same. I had to use a H8/5mm for my Soft White, and an I9/5.5mm for my Buff.

Time Spent:

About an hour and a half - really flew by though!

Measurements & Gauge:

- 8" Square: 5 Boxes = 3 5/8" Wide & Tall
- 8 1/2" Square: 5 Boxes = 4" Wide by 3 3/4" Tall

Abbreviations (US Terms): - C2C - Corner to Corner [in DC] (<u>Photo Tutorial</u>) - DC - Double Crochet (<u>Photo Tutorial</u>) - SC - Single Crochet (<u>Photo Tutorial</u>)

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Pattern Notes:

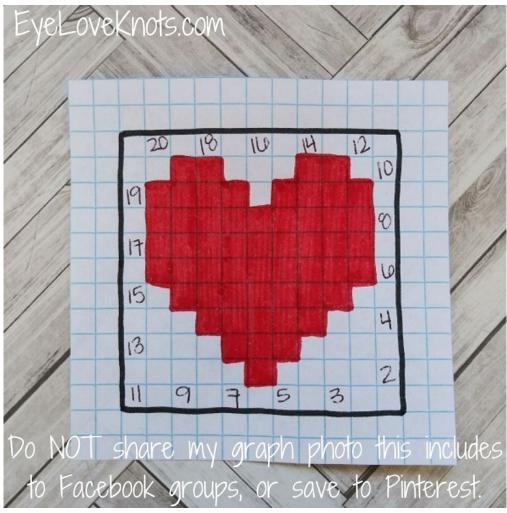
A box is comprised of four double crochets.

This square grows from the bottom right corner to the top left corner.

This pattern is written with colors and boxes only. If you would like more details on how to work the corner to corner technique, check out my <u>Corner to Corner in</u> Double Crochet Photo Tutorial.

Odd rows will be the Right Side (RS) of the fabric. Drop all the tail ends to the Wrong Side.

8" Heart Graph:



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8" Pattern with Box Colors Only:

R1 - 6: Increase in White. (6 Boxes)

R7: 1 White, 5 Red, 1 White. (7 Boxes)

R8: 1 White, 5 Red, 2 White. (8 Boxes)

R9: 2 White, 6 Red, 1 White. (9 Boxes)

R10: 1 White, 6 Red, 3 White. (10 Boxes)

R11: 3 White, 6 Red, 2 White. (11 Boxes)

R12, Begin Decrease: 1 White, 6 Red, 3 White. (10 Boxes)

R13: 2 White, 6 Red, 1 White. (9 Boxes)

R14: 3 White, 3 Red, 2 White. (8 Boxes)

R15: 1 White, 4 Red, 2 White. (7 Boxes)

R16: 2 White, 3 Red, 1 White. (6 Boxes)

R17: 1 White, 3 Red, 1 White. (5 Boxes)

R18: 1 White, 2 Red, 1 White. (4 Boxes) Fasten off Red.

R19 - 21: Decrease in White.

Border:

Chain 1 (does not count as a stitch). SC into the space between the boxes just under your current place, chain 2, (SC into the space in between the next 2 boxes, chain 2) 9x, [(SC, chain 2, SC) into the corner stitch, chain 2, (SC into the space in between the next 2 boxes, chain 2) 10x] 3x, (SC, chain 2, SC) into the corner stitch, chain 1. Join to the 1st SC.

Note: To add another round to the border, simply work one stitch into each single crochet, and two stitches into each chain space all the way around increasing in the corners chain space the same way as done in the first round.

Fasten off, and weave in ends.