

Heart

Knitting a heart is always good for something! And knitting a set of hearts is good for creating a warm nice afghan. You could also use your heart to create a pillow, a small bag, or knit it into the front of a sweater. If you combine it with the 3 other patterns on the website you can create a complete playcard set.

Materials

Two colours of wool of equal weight, one for the background, one for the heart.

Matching knitting needles.

Method

Cast on 57 stitches in background colour. Knit a number of rows as you want, in moss stitch. That is: knit 1, purl 1, all rows. The result should be a chessboard-like alternation of knit and purl stitches across the background. This gives the background a nice relief, so the heart, which is in stockinette, stands out even more prominently. With the contrast colour, knit the heart according to the colour schema. Knit the heart on the right side, purl on the back side. When the heart pattern becomes wider than 7 stitches, start using two separate threads for the background, one for the left side and one for the right side of the work. In this way you have no background yarn to take along behind the heart at the back. Where the colour shifts, twist the two threads 2 times so no gaps appear in the texture. (See picture of the back side on the next page.) Cast off loosely, sew in ends. Cover the work with a wet cloth and press carefully into shape with an iron.



