

Felted Heart

knitted in Drops Eskimo, then felted



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SIZE:

Height before felting: approx 17 cm

Height after felting: approx 9 cm

MATERIALS:

- Drops Eskimo (Super Chunky 100% Wool yarn, available in 50g balls): 50g colour no 08, red
- A set of 9mm double pointed knitting needles – or size needed to get 10 sts x 14 rows in stocking st = 10 x 10 cm
- Approx 30 cm red silk ribbon for strap
- A little cotton wool for filling

INSTRUCTIONS:

Worked in the round in stocking st.

Cast on 4 sts with red on double pointed needles size 9 mm. Insert 2 markers in piece, in the first and the third st (= the sides).

Work first round as follows: * K1, 1 YO *, repeat from *-* a total of 4 times = 8 sts (on next round work YO into back of loop to avoid a hole). Work 2 rounds without inc. On next round inc with 1 YO each side of both sts with marker. **REMEMBER THE KNITTING TENSION!**

Repeat the inc on every 3rd round a total of 5 times = 28 sts.

Work 1 round without inc. On next round cast off the 8th and the 22nd st (= mid front and mid back). There are now 13 sts left on each side (= 6 sts each side of st with marker). Work row to mid front and now complete the 2 sides separately back and forth on needle. * P 1 row from WS.

K next row from RS, AT THE SAME TIME inc with 1 YO each side of st with marker = 15 sts. P 1 row from WS and K next row as follows from RS: K2 tog, K3, K2 tog, K1, K2 tog, K3, K2 tog = 11 sts. P 1 row from WS and cast off *. Work the other side as follows: Beg with K 1 row from RS on all 13 sts, then continue from *-*.

FELTING:

Tighten tog bottom of heart and fasten thread. Place a plastic bag inside the heart and attach to each side at the top of sides to avoid the 2 sides felting tog. Sew heart tog on both sides, but leave a gap approx 3 cm wide in the middle.

Wash the heart in the washing machine with a detergent free of enzymes and optical bleach. Wash at 40 degrees with normal spin but no pre-wash. After wash remove the plastic bag and shape the heart while still wet. When the heart has dried fill with cotton wool and attach the 30 cm silk ribbon to each side of the gap in the middle with neat sts.