

# End of Life Crochet Hearts

## Regional Hospital Mullingar



### Abbreviations - UK Terms

**ch** chain  
dc double crochet  
htr half treble  
tr treble crochet  
dtr double treble  
sl slip stitch  
**rnd** round  
st(s) stitch(es)

### Instructions - UK Terms

**Start with a Magic circle**

**Rnd 1:** ch2, 7htr, join with sl to top of first chain. Pull the circle tight. (8 sts)



**Rnd 2:** ch2, htr in first st, 2htr in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, sl, 2 htr in next 3 sts, join with sl to top of chain. (16 sts)



**Rnd 3:** ch2, htr in first st, 3 dc, (htr, tr) in next st, 6dtr (Double Treble Crochet) in next st, sl 2 sts, 6dtr (Double Treble Crochet) in next st, (tr, htr) in next st, 3 dc, htr, tr, join with sl to top of chain. (28sts)



**Rnd 4:** ch1, 5dc, 2htr into the next 2 stitches, 2tr in next 4 sts, htr, sl across previous 2 sl, htr, 2tr in next 4sts, 2 htr, 5dc, (htr, tr in next st, (tr, htr) in next st, join with sl to first ch1 st. (38sts)

Cut yarn.

## Abbreviations - US Terms

ch chain  
dc double crochet  
hdc half treble  
tr treble crochet  
sc single crochet  
sl slip stitch  
rnd round  
st(s) stitch(es)

## Instructions - US Terms

Start with a Magic circle

Rnd 1: ch2, 7hdc, join with sl to top of first chain. Pull the circle tight. (8 sts)

Rnd 2: ch2, hdc in first st, 2hdc in next 2 sts, 2 tr in next st, sl, 2 hdc in next 3 sts, join with sl to top of chain. (16 sts)

Rnd 3: ch2, hdc in first st, 3 sc, (hdc, dc) in next st, 6tr in next st, sl 2 sts, 6tr in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, 3 sc, hdc, tdc, join with sl to top of chain. (28sts)

Rnd 4: ch1, 5sc, 2hdc, 2dc in next 4 sts, hdc, sl across previous 2 sl, hdc, 2dc in next 4sts, 2 hdc, 5sc, (hdc, dc in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, join with sl to first ch1 st. (38sts)

Cut yarn

## Finishing

Once you have your two pairs of heart place them together with the right sides facing outwards. That is place the smoother centres together. Join using dc/sc through both hearts stitches. Dc/sc around the edge.

## Specification:

The colour yarn used for the hearts is purple which is the colour of the Regional Hospital Mullingar end-of-life symbol, it is associated with nobility, solemnity and spirituality. The RHM end-of-life symbol indicates that a person is dying or has died and appears on a number of end-of-life care resources currently in use in the hospital.



For information: King Cole double knitting wool was used but not a necessity.



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