

WATERCOLOR HEART PILLOW

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Watercolor Heart Pillow

Finished size:

12" x 12" (you will need to purchase a pillow insert for this project)

Yarn used in sample:

Color A – Lion Brand Fisherman's Wool – Oatmeal, 1 skein

Color B – Lion Brand Amazing – Strawberry Fields, 1 skein

Or, any worsted or aran weight yarn.

Needles:

US size 9 (5.5 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

US size H (5 mm) crochet hook (optional)

Gauge:

16 stitches and 22 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

Correct gauge is crucial in this project to achieve the desired heart shape and pillow size. Make sure to swatch and block!

Directions

For Pillow Front:

Cast on 49 stitches with Color A.

Work in stockinette stitch, following chart, for 65 rows. Bind off.

Note: Because I used a self striping yarn for the heart, starting on row 51 I stranded Color B across the back of the work instead of joining a new piece (to avoid interrupting the stripe pattern). This does result in pretty long floats, but since the wrong side will be enclosed it shouldn't matter.

For Pillow back:

Cast on 49 stitches.

Work in stockinette stitch, alternating Color A and Color B in two row stripe, for 65 rows. Bind off.

Finishing:

Because the wrong side of the pillow front will be enclosed, there is very little weaving in! Just secure the tails at points where you joined new yarn, and trim to a few inches.

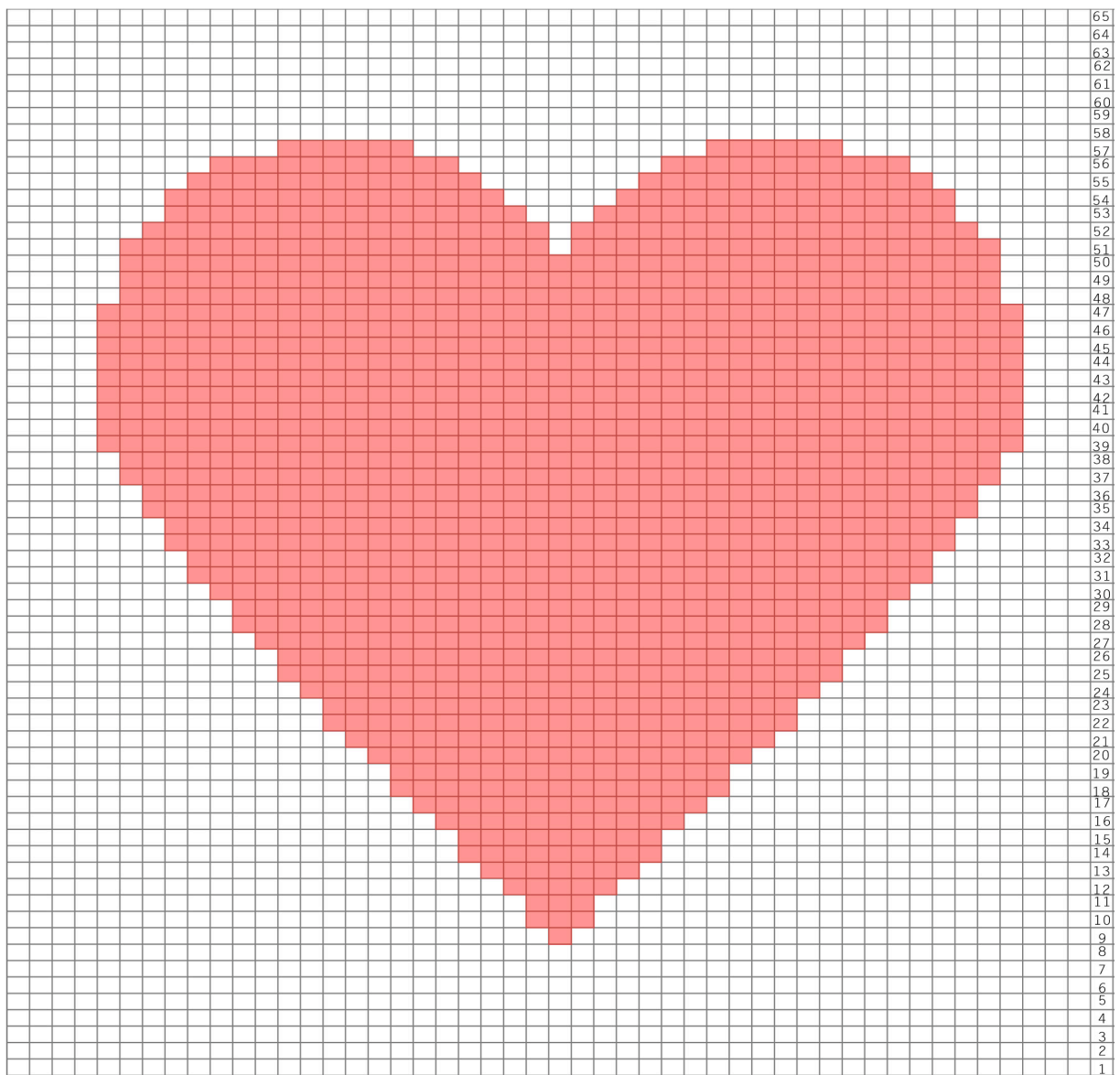
Block front and back to 12" square.

After pieces are dry, place front and back with right sides together (pillow in photos uses the reverse stockinette side as the "right" side). Using the crochet hook and Color A, single crochet through both layers, picking up edge stitches. At corners, work 3 single crochet stitches in one

knit stitch. Leave a 9” opening at the bottom of the pillow cover. Stuff cover with pillow insert and finish crocheting cover together. Weave in ends.

Alternately, sew sides together using your preferred method.

Enjoy your pillow!



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