

~ ♥ Floral Fantasy Valentine Heart ♥ ~

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The Purple Heart, above, matches the instructions exactly. All other hearts shown are variations.

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Note: I would call this an advanced crochet pattern, and the knowledge of bullion stitches and clusters is necessary as it's not explained in this pattern.

Supplies:

Size 10 crochet thread. (So far I've used Cebelia, Royale, and also pearl cotton to make this pattern. They all worked equally well.)

Size 7 steel crochet hook (I used a Susan Bates steel crochet hook, size 7)

Four colors of thread are needed, your choice of colors: The flower center color, the petals color, the leaves color and the bullion stitch heart color. I have used yellow, light purple, green, and dark purple in the instructions, in that order.

The size of the completed heart is a little over 3 inches by 3 inches.

Note: This pattern is unconventional in several ways:

The yellow center ring is flipped over after it is crocheted, and the backside becomes the front side.

I crocheted the base for the petals, and then I worked back toward the yellow center, adding the petals.

I don't join rounds in certain places. It makes it easier to find the real stitches that need to be crocheted into when there aren't any joining stitches getting in the way.

In several places I fasten the thread to the hook, and then instead of starting with a slst in a certain place and a chain to the height of the sc or trc cluster, I directly make the single crochet or the 3 trc cluster while holding that starting loop in place on the hook with my finger. It's really easy, and the work looks neater without the undesirable look of slip stitches and starting chains.



Note: the two hearts with the pink flowers have one less bullion in each side fan than the pattern calls for.



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The Rose

Yellow Center Ring:

Round 1: Make the yellow center of the rose by wrapping the thread 15 times around the shaft of a size J metal crochet hook, laying the wraps neatly side by side. Then gently slide the wraps off the hook while gently holding them in place with the fingers of your hand that isn't holding the hook. Next insert the size 7 crochet hook through the center of this ring, snag the working thread and pull it through to the front side, and ch 1. Make 2 sc over the ring. Fasten a small safety pin in the first sc, through both loops. Make 14 more sc over the ring, for a **total of 16 sc around the ring**. After the 16th single crochet, do not join, just end off the yellow thread.

Next turn the ring over, wrong side up, as the wrong side of the ring will face up and will be used as the right side, as in some antique patterns.

Light Purple flower base and the petals:

Round 2: With light purple thread, make a starting loop on the crochet hook, and then starting with the stitch that has the gold pin in it, sc in each sc around, crocheting through both loops of each stitch. Do not join. Remove safety pin from round 1 and mark the last sc of round 2 with the same safety pin by fastening it through back loop of the last stitch. (*This equals 16 sc.*)

Round 3: Working in back loops only of round 2, sc in back loop of next 16 sc including the back loop with the safety pin, which should be the 16th and final sc of the round. Do not join. Chain 1.

Round 4: Working in front loops only of round 3: (In the next sc make a slst, chain 4; In next sc make a 3 trc cluster, chain 4). Repeat between () 7 times. Join beside the first slst of the round. Chain 2. (*This equals a round of 8 petals and one chain 2 at the very end*).

Round 5: (*Notes: The small petals of this round will be staggered in front of the previous round of petals, and these petals should not directly line up with the petals from round 4. Please see the photo. Also, bending the last round of petals backwards while crocheting will help you see the front loops of round 2 which are next to the yellow center.*) Moving closer to the yellow center, and **working in the front loops only of round 2** (note: the back loops of round 2 have already been crocheted into on round 3), slst in the next free front loop on round 2 which corresponds to the exact center of the first petal on round 4. (Chain 3, 2dc cluster in next front loop of round 2; chain 3, slst in next front loop of round 2) 8 times,

ending in the same loop that the starting slst is in. Fasten off the light purple thread after completing the eighth petal of the round. *(This equals a round of 8 smaller petals, staggered in front of the larger petals that were previously made on round 4).*

The Leaves:

Make a loop on crochet hook with the green thread. Working into the back loops of round 3 which are located along the outer edge behind all of the petals, and working into the ones that **aren't** directly behind the center of the petals:

Make a 3 trc cluster leaf in any back loop which is located **between** two of the large petals (*see the photo and how the "3 trc cluster leaves" show between the petals*), chain 5, skip next back loop.

Slst in next back loop (*this will be the top center of the heart*), chain 5, skip next back loop.

(3 trc cluster leaf in next back loop, chain 5, skip next back loop) 6 times,

Join in the top of the first trc cluster. Fasten off green. *(Equals one indent for the top center of the heart and seven leaves)*

The Edging Stitches before the bullions:

With dark purple thread:

Make a loop on the crochet hook with the dark purple thread.

Starting in the loop just past where the green thread was fastened off: Over loop make (5 sc, chain 3, 5 sc), then slst in next slst (*which is the top center of the heart*).

*Over next loop make (5 sc, chain 3, 5 sc), then sc in top of next cluster stitch.

Repeat from * six times ending with the sc in the top of the last cluster.

Bullion Stitch round:

Slst into the next 5 single crochets, and into the first chain 3 loop. Ch1, slst in same loop again.

Sc in next 4 sc, sc next two single crochets together for a decrease, skipping over the center slst to make the decrease (*the decrease is at the top center of heart*), sc in next 4 sc, slst into next chain 3 loop.

Make six **15 wrap bullions** in the sc located above the next trc cluster, slst in next chain 3 loop.

Make seven **15 wrap bullions** in the sc located above the next trc cluster, slst in next chain 3 loop.

Make six **15 wrap bullions** in sc located above the next trc cluster, slst in next chain 3 loop.

In the sc located above the next trc cluster, make: one 15 wrap bullion, one 16 wrap bullion, one 17 wrap bullion, one 20 wrap bullion, chain 3, slst in the fourth chain from hook (*which is the chain 1 that closed the bullion stitch*) for a picot, ch 1 tightly, one 17 wrap bullion, one 16 wrap bullion, and one 15 wrap bullion. Slst in next chain 2 loop.

Make six **15 wrap bullions** in the sc located above the next trc cluster, slst in next chain 3 loop.

Make seven **15 wrap bullions** in the sc located above the next trc cluster, slst in next chain 3 loop.

Make six **15 wrap bullions** in the top of next trc cluster, slst in the same chain 3 loop as at the start of the round. Fasten off. Hide all thread ends.

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