



Heart Pin



AS THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS GIFT, I HAVE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO DIANE OF FERDINAND HOME STORE, HERE IN PORTLAND, MAINE. She is always doing something fun with perfectly shaped, perfectly red plastic hearts. I have taken her heart to the knit level with this unique gift that could be created at the very last minute. It can be pinned to a favorite jacket or bag. Recycled plastic provides support to the back, and a cotton ball makes it three-dimensional.



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

1½" (4cm) tall x 1¼" (3cm) wide

YARN

1 skein Dale of Norway Baby Ull (100% superwash wool, 50 g, 192 yds [175m])

color #4018 Red

NEEDLES AND NOTIONS

size US 2 (2.75mm) needles

thin plastic, as from produce container

cotton ball

yarn needle

safety pin

TECHNIQUES

KFB (KNIT 1 FRONT AND BACK): Inc 1 st by knitting into the front and back of the next st.

SSK (SLIP, SLIP, KNIT): Dec 1 st by slipping 2 sts knitwise one at a time from the left needle to the right needle. Insert the tip of the left needle into the front of both sts and knit the 2 sts tog.

K2TOG (KNIT 2 TOGETHER): Dec 1 st by knitting 2 sts tog.

P2TOG (PURL 2 TOGETHER): Dec 1 st by purling 2 sts tog.

Heart (make 2)

With size US 2 (2.75mm) needles, CO 4 sts.

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

ROW 3: K1, kfb, kfb, k1—6 sts.

ROWS 4 AND 6: Purl.

ROW 5: K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1—8 sts.

ROWS 7–12: Rep Rows 5–6—14 sts after Row 12.

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

SHAPE RIGHT SIDE OF TOP OF HEART

ROW 1: K1, SSK, k4, turn—6 sts.

ROWS 2–4: Work even in St st.

ROW 5: K1, SSK, k2tog, k1—4 sts.

ROW 6: Purl.

ROW 7: SSK, k2tog—2 sts.

ROW 8: P2tog—1 st.

Break yarn, pull tight through rem st.

SHAPE LEFT SIDE OF TOP OF HEART

Reattach yarn with RS facing.

ROW 1: K4, k2tog, k1—6 sts.

ROWS 2–4: Work even in St st.

ROW 5: K1, SSK, k2tog, k1—4 sts.

ROW 6: Purl.

ROW 7: SSK, k2tog—2 sts.

ROW 8: P2tog—1 st.

Break yarn, pull tight through rem st.

FINISHING

Trace around and cut out 1 knit heart onto thin plastic, such as from a produce container.

Join the 2 hearts using mattress st. See Glossary, page 141, for instructions on working mattress st. When partway joined, insert plastic heart shape. Insert cotton ball on one side of plastic to puff out front. Finish joining. Attach safety pin through back.