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Heart Tape Measure

An original pattern by Susan B. Anderson for Spud & Chloë

Finished measurements: 3 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches including the edging

Yarn: Spud & Chloë Sweater (55% superwash wool, 45% organic cotton; 100 grams/160 yards), 1 skein each in Watermelon #7512 and Ice Cream #7500

Needles: US size 6 or size to obtain gauge

Crochet hook: 4mm or size G

Gauge: 5 ½ stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Materials:

Scissors

Yarn needle

Embroidery needle (optional to pull pom-pom through the end of the tape measure)
Tape measure - standard size 2 inches across and ½ inch high
Small amount of fiberfill

Heart (make 2):

Starting at the bottom of the heart and with Watermelon cast on 4 stitches.
Purl every even row.

Row 1: knit

Row 3: k1, m1, k2, m1, k1 (6 sts)

Row 5: k1, m1, k4, m1, k1 (8 sts)

Row 7: k1, m1, k6, m1, k1 (10 sts)

Row 9: k1, m1, k8, m1, k1 (12 sts)

Row 11: k1, m1, k10, m1, k1 (14 sts)

Row 13: k1, m1, k12, m1, k1 (16 sts)

Row 15: k1, m1, k14, m1, k1 (18 sts)



Separate for the top of the heart:

Continue to purl every even row.

Row 1: k9, place the other 9 stitches on a stitch holder

Row 3: ssk, k5, k2tog (7 sts remain)

Row 5: ssk, k3, k2tog (5 sts remain)

Row 7: ssk, k1, k2tog (3 sts remain)

Row 8: purl

Bind off the 3 remaining stitches. Cut the yarn and pull the end through the remaining stitch.

Reattach the yarn at the center of the heart. Place the 9 stitches back on the needle. Purl every even row.

Row 1: knit

Row 3: ssk, k5, k2tog (7 sts remain)

Row 5: ssk, k3, k2tog (5 sts remain)

Row 7: ssk, k1, k2tog (3 sts remain)

Row 8: purl

Bind off the 3 remaining stitches. Cut the yarn. Pull the end through the remaining stitch. With the end at the center of the heart placed on a yarn needle, take a stitch or two to close up the gap a little at the center. Weave in any ends on the purl side of the heart.



Joining the hearts with crochet edging:

Next, place the two hearts together with the purl sides together. To join the hearts together insert the crochet hook through both the top and bottom heart edges as you work around. Start at the bottom and side of the heart with Ice Cream and the crochet hook.

Important note for the first crochet edging round: Stop halfway around the heart when doing the single crochet round to slide the tape measure inside. Also at this point, stuff a tiny bit of fiberfill in the top bumps of the heart. This will help the heart keep the shape and to hold the tape measure in place.

Complete one round of single crochet to join the edges of the heart together.

At the bottom of the heart, be sure to leave a large enough opening for the tape measure to easily slide through. Leave the 4 cast on stitches on the top and bottom hearts open. Single crochet through the top heart layer only and across the 4 cast on stitches to leave the hole open. Join the round of crochet together with a slipstitch.

Picot round:

(Chain 3, slip stitch into the same stitch, single crochet in the next stitch, slip stitch in the next stitch) repeat to the end of the round. Join the round with a slipstitch. Cut the yarn and pull through the stitch. Weave in the ends to the inside.

Pom-pom (optional):

Note: Some tape measures don't have a place at the end to attach a pom-pom.

With Ice Cream make a 1-inch pom-pom with 30 wraps. Place one end on an embroidery needle and pull through the hole at the end of the tape measure. Tie the ends together and pull the ends through the pom-pom and trim.

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