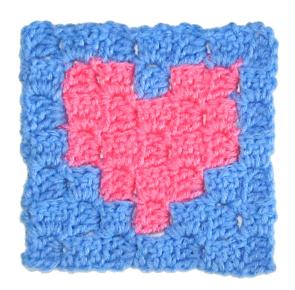
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Learn how to make fun
Corner-to-Corner projects with this
FREE Tutorial Heart Square!

Size: 5.5-inch Square

**Gauge:** (not critical) **First 3 Rows** = 2.5-inches wide and 3.25-inches diagonally

#### **Materials:**

- \* Crochet Hook Size H (5.00 mm)
- \* Tapestry Needle to weave in ends
- \* #4 Worsted Weight yarn: MC (main color for background) CC (contrast color for heart)

### **Abbreviations:**

CC = contrast color
dc = double crochet
RS = right side
sl st(s) = slip stitch(es)
ch(s) = chain(s)
MC = main color
WS = wrong side
YO = yarn over



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**THE STITCHES:** (photos on next page)

Each Block is made up of a ch-3 and 3 dc.

**Beginning Block (abbreviated Beg Block):** ch 6, dc in the 4<sup>th</sup> ch from hook and then in the last 2 chs (the 3 skipped chs count as a ch-3). This Beg Block is worked at the start of all increase Rows.

**Block:** sl st into the ch-3 space that is on the side of next Block, (ch 3, 3 dc) in that same ch-3 space.

**Decrease Block (abbreviated Dec Block):** In the last Block of the previous Row, instead of making a Block, slip stitch into that space and TURN: then start the next Row with the Dec Block: ch 1, skip 1<sup>st</sup> dc, sl st into the next 2 dc, sl st into the ch-3 space and complete 1 Block.

#### TIPS:

Blocks are worked **diagonally** across each Row (see graph on next page). Right Side (RS) Rows (shown in Red) are followed on the graph from Top Right to Bottom Left; Wrong Side (WS) Rows (shown in Blue) are followed on the graph from Bottom Left to Top Right.

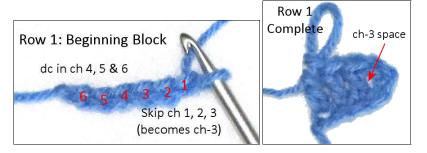
Make sure to keep yarn ends on the WS (back of work) when making yarn color changes. Yarn colors can be changed in 2 different places: either at the last part of the last dc in each Block (at the final YO, pull new color yarn through last 2 loops) **OR** at the sl st to start the next Block. Changing on the dc for RS Rows and on the sl st for WS Rows looks the best. When possible, crochet over the dropped yarn color, to get it into place where it is next needed. Instead of carrying the dropped yarn color too far, make separate yarn balls (especially for the background MC), or simply cut the yarn and start it again when needed. Be sure not to pull the yarn too tightly when making the color changes, as this can distort the Blocks. Crochet over the yarn tail ends as you go, so there are fewer ends to weave in later.

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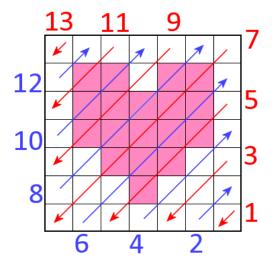
LINE-by-LINE INSTRUCTIONS

(follow graph also, to learn how to read from graph)

**Row 1** (*Right Side*): With MC (*background*) yarn, make a Beg Block: ch 6, dc in the 4<sup>th</sup> ch from hook and then in the last 2 chs (1 Block)



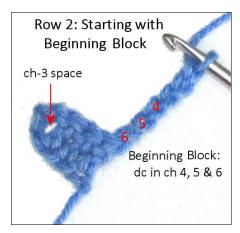
**Graph:** Arrows show direction of each Row. White Squares = MC Pink Squares = CC

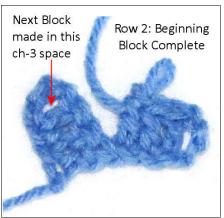


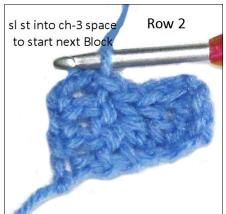
#### ALWAYS TURN to start the next Row.

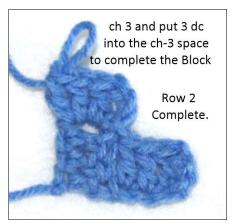
Continue using just MC as follows:

Row 2 (Wrong Side): Make 1 Beg Block, and 1 Block (2 Blocks)





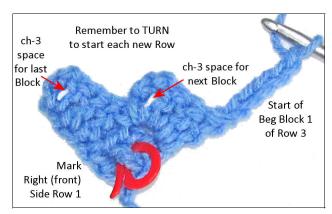


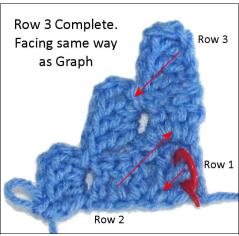


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Mark the Right Side with a marker or piece of yarn.

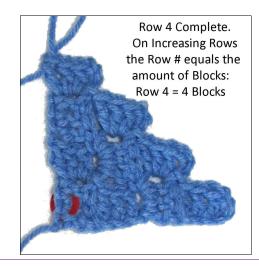
Row 3: 1 Beg Block, 2 Blocks (3 Blocks)





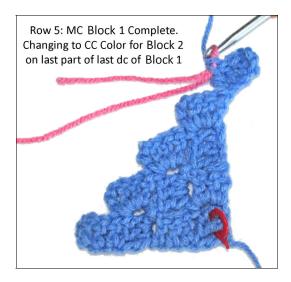
**Note:** There will be a Beg Block at the start of Increasing Rows 4-7, but from now on, just the color of the Blocks will be noted in the instructions.

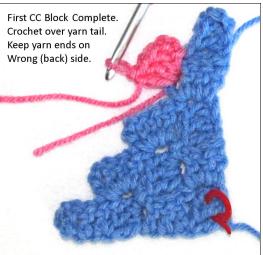
Row 4: MC: 4 (4 Blocks)

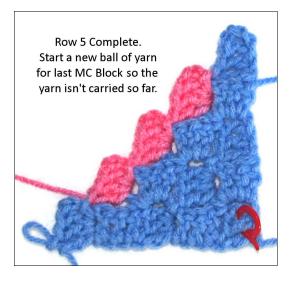


Start making color changes:

**Row 5:** MC: 1, CC: 3, MC: 1 (5 Blocks)

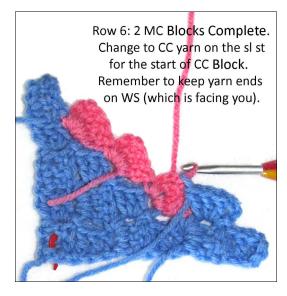


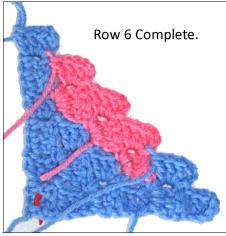


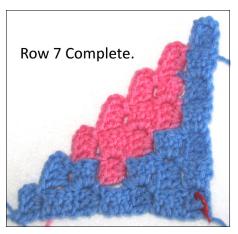


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**Row 6:** MC: 2, CC: 3, MC: 1 (6 Blocks) **Row 7:** MC: 1, CC: 4, MC: 2 (7 Blocks)

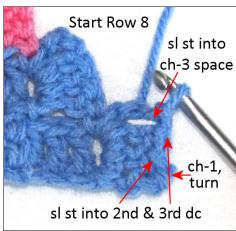


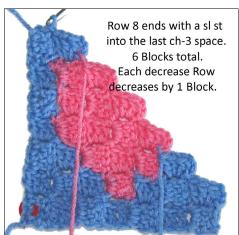




Now each Row starts with a Dec (decrease) Block (no longer increasing with a Beg Block) and ends by not making the last Block:

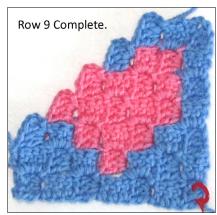
**Row 8: MC**: ch 1, turn, SKIP 1<sup>st</sup> dc, sl st into the next 2 dc, sl st into the ch-3 space and complete 1 Block and then make 1 more MC Block, **CC**: 3, **MC**: 1, sl st into the last ch-3 space, **DON'T** work the last Block (6 Blocks)





Continue the decrease.

**Row 9:** MC: Dec Block, 1 Block, CC: 2, MC: 1 (5 Blocks)



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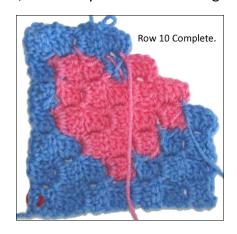
**Row 10:** MC: Dec Block, CC: 2, MC: 1 (4 Blocks) **Row 11:** MC: Dec Block, CC: 1, MC: 1 (3 Blocks)

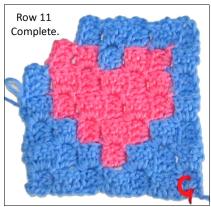
End of CC. Continue with MC only.

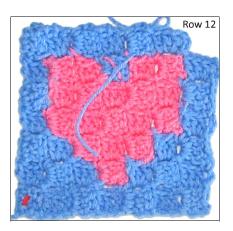
Row 12: MC: Dec Block, 1 Block (2 Blocks)

Row 13: MC: Dec Block (1 Block)

Finish off; weave in yarn ends on Wrong Side.







**Row 13: Your Square is now Complete!** 



Best of all, your square is actually a square, ready to use "as is", or stitched together with more squares to make a scarf, pillow, afghan or anything you can dream of making! ©

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