

## Be Mine Heart Garland

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Our Luxury Holiday Star Garland was such a hit AND the perfect way to use up little bits of yarn, we couldn't help but design a heart garland for Valentine's Day! The Be Mine Heart Garland is the perfect way to decorate your home for the holiday that celebrates love, or, knit it in other colors to celebrate year round. We've used our Blue Sky Alpacas Heart Samplers to create this garland. Use up to 11 of the mini balls to make hearts and save one of the cotton yarns for the garland strand. The result is an adorable sampler that you will use time and time again!

### Materials:

- 1 Box of Blue Sky Alpacas Samplers or 9+ mini balls of 15-20 yards of yarn.
- US size 2.5 or 3 DPNS, circulars, or straight needles
- US size 5 or 6 DPNS, circulars, or straight needles
- US F or G crochet hook
- darning needle
- 1 stitch marker

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**Gauge:**

Not important

**Finished Measurement:**

Varies

**Abbreviations:**

k- knit

Yo- yarn over

Pm- place marker

Sl m- slip marker

Co- cast on

Bo- bind off

St(s)- stitch(es)

k2tog- knit 2 together

ssk- slip, slip, knit the two slipped stitches together.

K1f&b- knit one into the front and then the back of the same stitch

**Heart Directions:**

\*Make as many hearts as you'd like--9 is a good goal number (shown), but more is even better! There is enough yarn in the sampler to make 11 hearts with one mini-skein left for the garland strand. There is enough yarn to connect all 11 hearts to the garland strand. If you choose to do more than 11 hearts, you will need more yarn for your garland strand.

CO 7 sts using the smaller needle for the finer yarns and larger needle for the heavier yarns.

Row 1: k1, k1f&b, k3, k1f&b, k1 (9 sts)

Row 2: k1, k1f&b, k2, yo, pm, k1, yo, k2, k1f&b, k1 (13 sts)

Row 3: k1, k1f&b, to marker, yo, sl m, k1, yo, k to last 2 sts, k1f&b, k1 (17 sts)

Row 4: repeat row 3 (21 sts)

Row 5: k to marker, yo, sl m, k1, yo, k to end of row (23 sts)

Rows 6-15: repeat row 5 (25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, & 45 sts for each row)

Row 16: k2tog, k to marker, yo, sl m, k1, yo, k to last 2 sts, ssk. (45 sts)

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Rows 17 & 18: repeat row 16. (45 sts)

Row 19: k2tog twice, k to marker, yo, sl m, k1, yo, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice. (43 sts)

Rows 20 & 21: Repeat row 19. (41 & 39 sts)

BO all sts.

Weave in ends of each heart and steam block.

### **Stringing the Garland:**

With one of the BSA Skinny Cotton yarns or a DK or Sport weight cotton or cotton blend yarn and crochet hook, crochet a 10" chain.

Single crochet into the top bump of one of the first hearts to attach it to the chain.

Continue crocheting the chain about 2" until the chain meets the 2nd top bump of the heart.

Single crochet into the second bump to attach it to the chain.

Crochet chain 20-25 more stitches and attach the next heart in this same manner. Continue attaching each heart with 20-25 sts in between until all hearts are attached.

Crochet 10" of chain on the end and tie off.

Use remaining cotton yarn to make fringe or tassels and attach to each end of the chain.