

Love Cake



by Elfin Thread

About this pattern:

- The finished cake is about 10.5" high (including the heart topper) and a base diameter of 6" (including the ruffle).
- The picture model was made with double thin acrylic yarn (two together), and single yarn for sewing and embroidery. Nevertheless, if you wish, you can use medium, single acrylic yarn, for all tasks.
- Despite the choice of yarn size, you should adjust the hook size to avoid the stuffing from coming out between the stitches. In order to make a tight crochet, you may use a hook size somewhat smaller to what is recommendable for the chosen yarn.
- This pattern is spiral crocheted.
- In the beginning you can use a magic ring (so there are no holes in the base) or two chains, crocheting in the second chain the required stitches according to the piece.

Supplies:

- Scraps of sport / 5 ply acrylic yarn (12 upi) in the following colors: dark brown, pink, fuchsia, cream.
- Crochet hook size 2,75 (C)
- Tapestry needle and yarn needle.
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- Stitch marker
- Poly-fill for stuffing.

Used techniques and abbreviations:

- Single crochet: **sc**
- Half double crochet: **hdc**
- Double crochet: **dc**
- Chain: **ch**
- Slip stitch: **sl st**
- Stitch: **st**
- Back loop only: **BLO**
- Increase: **Inc** (2 sc in the next stitch)
- Decrease: **dec** (2 sc worked off together)
- Double decrease: **DD** (3 sc closed together)

Top Tier:

Note: crochet the top tier top down. Make one piece, starting with pink yarn.

Round 1: Make 8 sc into a magic ring, pull tight. (8 st)

Round 2: 1 inc in each sc around. (16 st)

Round 3: (1 sc, 1 inc) around. (24 st)

Round 4: (3 sc, 1 inc) around. (30 st)

Round 5: (4 sc, 1 inc) around. (36 st)

Round 6: BLO 1 sc in each sc around. (36 st)

Rounds 7-10: 1 sc in each sc around. (36 st)

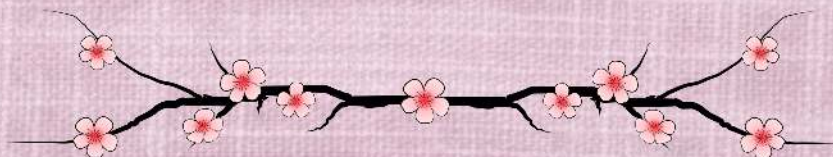
Switch to dark brown.

Rounds 11-13: 1 sc in each sc around. (36 st)

Round 14: BLO (4 sc, 1 dec) around. (30 st)

Join with slip stitch in the next stitch.

Leave aside until you assemble all the parts.



Middle Tier:

Note: crochet the middle tier top down.
Make one piece, starting with pink yarn.

Round 1: Make 8 sc into a magic ring, pull tight. (8 st)

Round 2: 1 inc in each sc around. (16 st)

Round 3: (1 sc, 1 inc) around. (24 st)

Round 4: (3 sc, 1 inc) around. (30 st)

Round 5: (4 sc, 1 inc) around. (36 st)

Round 6: (5 sc, 1 inc) around. (42 st)

Round 7: (6 sc, 1 inc) around. (48 st)

Round 8: (7 sc, 1 inc) around. (54 st)

Round 9: (8 sc, 1 inc) around. (60 st)

Round 10: BLO 1 sc in each sc around. (60 st)

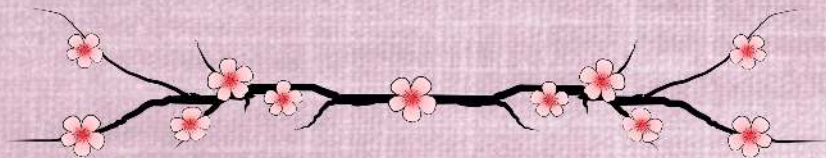
Rounds 11-16: 1 sc in each sc around. (60 st)

Switch to dark brown.

Rounds 17-21: 1 sc in each sc around. (60 st)

Round 22: BLO (8 sc, 1 dec) around. (54 st) Join with slip stitch in the next stitch.

Leave aside until you assemble all the parts



Base Tier:

Note: crochet the base tier top down.
Make one piece, starting with pink yarn.

Round 1: Make 8 sc into a magic ring, pull tight. (8 st)

Round 2: 1 inc in each sc around. (16 st)

Round 3: (1 sc, 1 inc) around. (24 st)

Round 4: (3 sc, 1 inc) around. (30 st)

Round 5: (4 sc, 1 inc) around. (36 st)

Round 6: (5 sc, 1 inc) around. (42 st)

Round 7: (6 sc, 1 inc) around. (48 st)

Round 8: (7 sc, 1 inc) around. (54 st)

Round 9: (8 sc, 1 inc) around. (60 st)

Round 10: (9 sc, 1 inc) around. (66 st)

Round 11: (10 sc, 1 inc) around. (72 st)

Round 12: (11 sc, 1 inc) around. (78 st)

Round 13: (12 sc, 1 inc) around. (84 st)

Round 14: BLO 1 sc in each sc around. (84 st)

Rounds 15-18: 1 sc in each sc around. (84 st)

Switch to cream colored yarn.

Rounds 19-20: 1 sc in each sc around. (84 st)

Switch to pink yarn.

Rounds 21-22: 1 sc in each sc around. (84 st)

Switch to dark brown.

Rounds 23-28: 1 sc in each sc around. (84 st)

Make a knot and close.

Finishing the Base Tier: Bow:

Note: crochet with brown yarn.

Round 1: Make 8 sc into a magic ring, pull tight. (8 st)

Round 2: 1 inc in each sc around. (16 st)

Round 3: (1 sc, 1 inc) around. (24 st)

Round 4: (3 sc, 1 inc) around. (30 st)

Round 5: (4 sc, 1 inc) around. (36 st)

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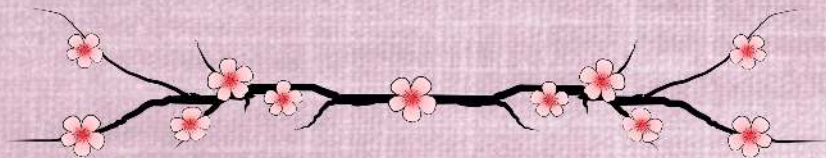
Round 11: (10 sc, 1 inc) around. (72 st)

Round 12: (11 sc, 1 inc) around. (78 st)

Round 13: (12 sc, 1 inc) around. (84 st)

Round 14: BLO 1 sc in each sc around. (84 st)

Leave aside until you assemble all the parts.



Bow:

Note: bow is made in two steps (bow itself and ribbon), with cream-colored yarn.

Round 1: 6 ch. (6 st)

Round 2: 2 sc in the 2nd ch from hook, 3 sc, 5 sc in the last ch, 3 sc (crocheting on the back side of the previously made sc), 3 sc in the last ch. Join with sl st in the 1st sc. (16 st)

Round 3: 3 ch, 1 dc in the same st, 2 dc in the next st, 3 sl st, 2 dc in each of the next 5 st, 3 sl st (crocheting on the back side of the previously made sts), 2 dc in each of the last 3 st. Join with sl st in the 3rd ch from the start. Make a knot and close. (26 st)

Ribbon:

Round 1: 31 ch. (31 st)

Round 2: 1 sl st in the 2nd ch from hook, 1 sl st in each of the next 29 ch. (30 st)

Make a knot and close.

Pass the ribbon over the central three sl st (on the right side). With the ribbon centered, make a knot around the central part on the wrong side. Arrange both ends, making their length even. Make a few stitches to secure the knot to the bow, leaving a long tail to sew the bow to the cake when assembling all the parts.

Heart topper:

Note: make two equal pieces with fuchsia yarn. Begin with a row of chains, crocheting around them.

Round 1: 8 ch. (8 st)

Round 2: 2 sc in the 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc, 1 DD, 1 sc, 5 sc in the last ch, 1 sc (crocheting on the back side of the previously made sc) in each next 2 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, 1 sc in each next 2 sc, 3 sc in the last sc.

Join with sl st in the 1st sc. (21 st)

Round 3: 1 ch, 2 sc in the same st, 1 sc, 1 DD, 1 sc, 2 sc in each next 4 sc, 1 sc (crocheting on the back side of the previously made sc) sc in each next 3 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, 1 sc in each next 3 sc, 2 sc in each last 3 sc. Join with sl st in the 1st sc. (28 st)

Leave a long tail to sew them to each other and to the top tier. Leave aside until you assemble all the parts.

Rosettes:

Note: make four equal pieces with cream-colored yarn.

Round 1: 8 ch.

Round 2: 1 sc in the 4th ch from hook, 1 ch, skip 1 ch, 1 sc in the 6th ch, 1 ch, skip 1 ch, 1 sc in the 8th ch. Turn. (three spaces should have been formed between the sc)

Round 3: In the 1st chain space make as follows:

* 1 sc, 3 hdc, 1 sc *, 1 sl st in the next sc,

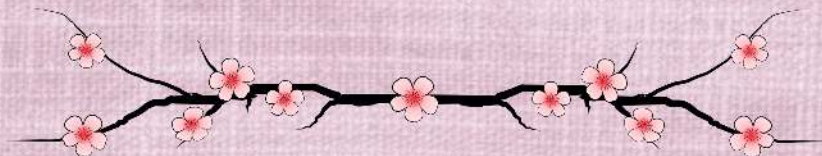
In 2nd chain space make as follows:

* 1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc *, 1 ch in the next sc,

In the 3rd chain space make as follows:

* 1 hdc, 3 dc, 1 hdc *. Make a knot and close.

Shape a rose with the petals: place the first petal made (the one in the first chain space) in the inner side, and wrap the other two around it. Make some stitches in the outermost petal to make sure the rosette won't open. Keep it aside until you assemble all the parts.



Buttercream ruffle (for the base tier):

Note: crochet the ruffle once the base tier is assembled (see assembling instructions below). To make the ruffle, use cream-colored yarn and pickup 84 stitches from the base, with the tier upside down (the pink part should be facing down).

Round 1: Pick up 1 st, 1 ch, 83 sc. Join with sl st in the 1st ch. (84 st)

Round 2: 2 ch, 2 hdc in the same st, (3 hdc) around. (252 st)

Join with sl st in 2nd ch. Make a knot and close.

Hide the remaining yarn between the hdc from the last round.

Assembling the cake:

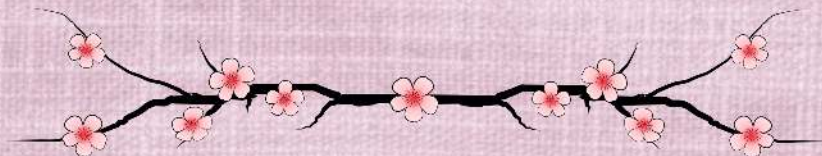
Once all parts are made (except the ruffle), assemble them all as follows:

- Before stuffing the tiers it is advisable to embroider the French knot little hearts decoration (see Tutorial for the knot). Each heart is formed making a French knot and another two above it.

Each tier has two rows of hearts with 5 sc between them (counting from the base knot). Alternate spaces and hearts, one row opposed to the other:

- Sew the the two halves of the heart topper facing their back sides. To make a neat seam take only the inner edge of the chains of each half, instead of the whole stitch.

- Sew the rosettes to the top tier forming a circle and leaving a small gap where the bottom of the heart topper will be inserted.



Assembling the cake (continued)

- Sew the bow on rows 19-20 (the cream-colored ones), right over the part where the color changes, to disguise it.
- Place the base tier upside down on a firm, flat surface, so the opening is facing up and the pink part is facing down. Stuff evenly a little at a time, forming round layers, pressing them to make sure the stuffing is even all around the tier.
- Close the base tier, sewing the lid to the tier matching their last rounds. To make a neat seam, just as with the heart topper; take only the inner edges of the chains, not the whole stitch. Keep stuffing evenly while sewing.
- Start crocheting the ruffle, keeping the base tier upside down (see instructions).
- To make a steadier base, thread a tapestry needle with brown yarn. Insert the needle in the center of the bottom of the base tier, and pass it through until the needle comes up through the center of the magic ring made in the first round. Pull tight and insert it again in the magic ring so the needle goes back to the starting point. pressing them to make sure

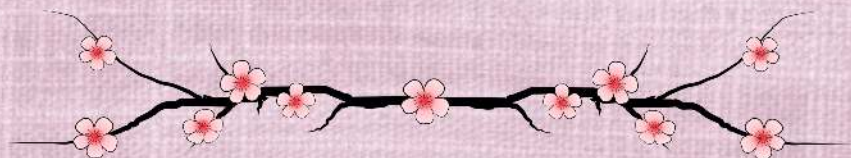


Assembling the cake (continued)

- Stuff the middle tier just as the base tier. Once it is stuffed, with the opening facing down sew it to the base tier, using the edge formed with the outer parts of the sc from round 14.

To better center this tier, make a basting with a different-colored yarn on round 10 of the base tier and use it as a guide. After both parts are joined, remove the basting.

- Stuff the top tier. Place it on the middle tier and sew it using the edge formed with the outer parts of the sc from round 6 of the top tier. To better center the tier use the basting procedure as explained in the former step, on round 7 from the middle tier. In picture model, the heart topper and the bow are not aligned, so have in mind how the heart will be placed before sewing the top tier.



Tutorial: How to embroider using French knot

- Insert the needle next to the starting thread and wrap a yarn around it as much as you want.



- Push softly with your finger towards the starting point to ease the needle extraction.



- Start to pull the needle softly with the help of the index finger of your other hand.



- Pull the thread. Keep holding with your finger.



- Arrange the yarns and push the needle next to the starting stitch.



- Pull the needle with the yarn and the knot will be formed.





...and it's done!

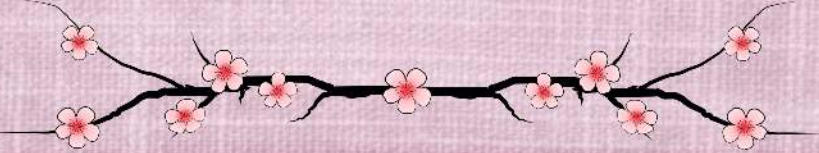
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