



Anniversary Rose Cake

We “baked” this cake to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Red Heart® and want to share the recipe with you! Crochet three tiers and then embellish with a flourish of roses and a heart on top.

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INTERMEDIATE

Designed by Nancy Anderson.

Cake measures 20” tall x 16” diameter.

RED HEART® “Super Saver®”: 4 skeins 316 Soft White **A**, 1 skein each 319 Cherry Red **B**, 774 Light Raspberry **C**, 373 Petal Pink **D**, and 624 Tea Leaf **E**.

Crochet Hooks: 5mm [US H-8], 3.75mm [US F-5].

Yarn needle, 3 bags polyester filler, stitch marker, straight pins, matching thread and hand-sewing needle, metallic cording or embroidery thread and embroidery needle for

heart topper embellishment, red felt and cardboard cutout for lining heart topper, water soluble marker

Optional: 60” length Velcro® hook and loop fastener, 8”, 12” and 16” diameter round cardboard cake boards, quilt batting, white glue and waxed paper for stiffening small hearts.

GAUGE: 20 sts = 4”; 20 rounds = 4” in sc with larger hook.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

NOTES

(1) Cake consists of 3 layers that are worked separately in continuous rounds. Layers are then sewn together or they can be fastened together using optional Velcro strips.

(2) Cake layers measure 8”, 12”, and 16” in diameter by 5” tall. They are worked from the top down. The bottom piece of each cake layer is worked separately and sewn on in order to provide adequate opening for inserting cardboard forms and stuffing.

(3) For smooth, cake-like appearance firm stuffing is required. In addition, optional cake boards or cardboard cutouts wrapped in a layer of quilt batting can be used at the top and bottom of each layer for additional firmness and shape. Each layer uses 2 cutouts: one each for top and bottom.

(4) Flowers and heart embellishments are worked separately and attached by sewing to the cake, using matching yarn or thread.

Special Abbreviations

inc (increase) = 2 sc in next st.

sc2tog = [draw up a loop in next st] twice, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

CAKE

Top Layer (8” Diameter)

Round 1: With larger hook and **A**, ch 2; 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with a slip st in first sc – 6 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, [inc] 6 times; do NOT join – 12 sc. Work in continuous rounds until otherwise indicated. Mark beginning of each round and move marker up each round.

Round 3: [Inc, sc in next sc] 6 times – 18 sc.

Round 4: [Inc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times – 24 sc.

Round 5: [Inc, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times – 30 sc.

Round 6: [Inc, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times – 36 sc.





Round 7: [Inc, sc in next 5 sc] 6 times – 42 sc.
Round 8: [Inc, sc in next 6 sc] 6 times – 48 sc.
Round 9: [Inc, sc in next 7 sc] 6 times – 54 sc.
Round 10: [Inc, sc in next 8 sc] 6 times – 60 sc.
Round 11: [Inc, sc in next 9 sc] 6 times – 66 sc.
Round 12: [Inc, sc in next 10 sc] 6 times – 72 sc.
Round 13: [Inc, sc in next 11 sc] 6 times – 78 sc.
Round 14: [Inc, sc in next 12 sc] 6 times – 84 sc.
Round 15: [Inc, sc in next 13 sc] 6 times – 90 sc.
Round 16: [Inc, sc in next 14 sc] 6 times – 96 sc.
Round 17: [Inc, sc in next 15 sc] 6 times – 102 sc.
Round 18: Sc in *back loops only* of each sc around; join with a slip st in first sc.
Rounds 19-33: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join.
Bobble Round 34: * [Yo and draw up a loop in front loop] 3 times in same front loop, yo and draw through all 7 loops on hook, ch 1 tightly, slip st in front loop of next sc; repeat from * around. Fasten off.

Top Layer Bottom Piece

Repeat Rounds 1-17 of Top Layer. Fasten off.

Middle Layer (12" Diameter)

Rounds 1-17: Repeat Rounds 1-17 of Top Layer.
Round 18: [Inc, sc in next 16 sc] 6 times – 108 sc.
Round 19: [Inc, sc in next 17 sc] 6 times – 114 sc.
Round 20: [Inc, sc in next 18 sc] 6 times – 120 sc.
Round 21: [Inc, sc in next 19 sc] 6 times – 126 sc.
Round 22: [Inc, sc in next 20 sc] 6 times – 132 sc.
Round 23: [Inc, sc in next 21 sc] 6 times – 138 sc.
Round 24: [Inc, sc in next 22 sc] 6 times – 144 sc.
Round 25: [Inc, sc in next 23 sc] 6 times – 150 sc.
Round 26: [Inc, sc in next 24 sc] 6 times – 156 sc.
Round 27: [Inc, sc in next 25 sc] 6 times – 162 sc.
Round 28: Sc in *back loops only* of each sc around; join with a slip st in first sc.
Rounds 29-44: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join.
Round 45: Repeat Bobble Round 34 of Top Layer.

Middle Layer Bottom Piece

Repeat Rounds 1-27 of Middle Layer. Fasten off.

Bottom Layer (16" Diameter)

Rounds 1-27: With **A**, repeat Rounds 1-27 of Middle Layer.
Round 28: [Inc, sc in next 26 sc] 6 times – 168 sc.
Round 29: [Inc, sc in next 27 sc] 6 times – 174 sc.
Round 30: [Inc, sc in next 28 sc] 6 times – 180 sc.
Round 31: [Inc, sc in next 29 sc] 6 times – 186 sc.
Round 32: [Inc, sc in next 30 sc] 6 times – 192 sc.
Round 33: [Inc, sc in next 31 sc] 6 times – 198 sc.
Round 34: [Inc, sc in next 32 sc] 6 times – 204 sc.

Round 35: [Inc, sc in next 33 sc] 6 times – 210 sc.
Round 36: [Inc, sc in next 34 sc] 6 times – 216 sc.
Round 37: [Inc, sc in next 35 sc] 6 times – 222 sc.
Round 38: [Inc, sc in next 36 sc] 6 times – 228 sc.
Round 39: Sc in *back loops only* of each sc around; join with a slip st in first sc.
Rounds 40-55: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join.
Round 56: Repeat Bobble Round 34 of Top Layer.

Bottom Layer Bottom Piece

Repeat Rounds 1-38 of Bottom Layer. Fasten off.

HEART TOPPER (Make 2)

Row 1 (Wrong Side): With smaller hook and **B**, ch 2; 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook; turn – 8 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, [inc] 8 times; turn – 16 sc.
Row 3: Ch 1, [sc in next sc, inc] 3 times, sc in next 4 sc, [inc, sc in next sc] 3 times; turn – 22 sc.
Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first sc, [inc, sc in next 2 sc] twice, inc, sc in next 6 sc, [inc, sc in next 2 sc] twice, inc, sc in last sc; turn – 28 sc.
Row 5: Ch 1, [sc in 3 sc, inc] 3 times, sc in next 4 sc, [inc, sc in next 3 sc] 3 times; turn – 34 sc.
Row 6: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, [inc] twice, sc in next 12 sc, [inc] twice, sc in next 12 sc, [inc] twice, sc in last 2 sc; turn – 40 sc.
Row 7: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 6 sc, [inc] twice, sc in next 22 sc, [inc] twice, sc in next 5 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn – 42 sc.
Row 8: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 3 sc, [inc] 3 times, sc in next 28 sc, [inc] 3 times, sc in next 2 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn – 46 sc.
Row 9: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 4 sc, inc, sc in next 2 sc, inc, sc in next 28 sc, inc, sc in next 2 sc, inc, sc in next 3 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn – 48 sc.
Row 10: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 5 sc, inc, sc in next 3 sc, inc, sc in next 26 sc, inc, sc in next 3 sc, inc, sc in next 4 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn – 50 sc.
Row 11: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 7 sc, inc, sc in next 2 sc, inc, sc in next 26 sc, inc, sc in next 2 sc, inc, sc in next 6 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn – 52 sc.
Row 12: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 24 sc, [inc] twice, sc in next 23 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; do NOT turn; working across row ends, work 7 sc evenly to center of heart, slip st in middle of heart, work 7 sc evenly across next row ends; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

SMALL HEART (Make 8)

Row 1 (Right Side): With smaller hook and **B**, ch 2; 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; turn – 6 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, [inc] 6 times; turn – 12 sc.





Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first sc, [inc, sc in next sc] twice, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc, [inc, sc in next sc] twice; do NOT turn; working across row ends, work 2 sc to center, slip st in center of heart, work 2 sc across next row ends; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Optional Stiffening

To stiffen small hearts: soak in a mixture of 2 parts white glue and 1 part water; lay flat on waxed paper and allow to dry completely before handling.

ROSE (Make 15 each with C and D)

With smaller hook, ch 41.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 40 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, [inc, sc in next sc] 3 times, [2 hdc in next sc] 3 times, slip st in next 2 sc, [2 hdc in next sc, hdc in next sc] 3 times, slip st in next 2 sc, hdc in next sc, [2 dc in next sc] 8 times, slip st in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 4 sc, hdc in next 4 sc; turn – 57 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in first 4 hdc, [2 hdc in next st] twice, [2 dc in next st] 3 times, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, [2 hdc in next st] twice, [2 dc in next st] 3 times, slip st in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, [2 dc in next st] 5 times, slip st in next st, skip next st, slip st in next st, 2 hdc in next st, [2 dc in next st] 7 times, slip st in next st, skip next st, [sc2tog] 3 times, [2 hdc in next st] 3 times, [sc2tog] 4 times; do NOT turn; rotate piece to work across row ends; work 3 sc across row ends, work sc2tog across foundation ch to gather. Fasten off leaving long tail for finishing.

ROSE BUD (Make 2 each with C and D)

With smaller hook, ch 16.

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and next 2 ch, dc in next 10 ch, 2 dc in last ch; turn – 15 sts.

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in first dc, [2 hdc in next dc] twice, hdc in next dc, dc in next dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc] twice, dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in last hdc; turn – 20 sts.

Row 3: Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in first 2 dc, skip next dc, sc in next dc, sc2tog, sc in next 3 dc, [2 hdc in next dc] 3 times, [sc2tog] 4 times; do NOT turn; rotate piece to work across row ends; work 2 sc across row ends, work sc2tog across foundation ch to gather. Fasten off leaving long tail for finishing.

LEAVES (Make 21)

With smaller hook and E, ch 6; join with a slip st to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, 2 sc in each ch around – 12 sc.

Rounds 2-6: Sc in each sc around.

Round 7: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 4 times – 8 sc.

Round 8: [Sc2tog] 4 times – 4 sc.

Round 9: [Sc2tog] twice – 2 sc. Fasten off, closing sts and weaving end. Leave long tail for finishing.

FINISHING

Place cake Layer top side down on a flat surface. Insert cardboard round, if using optional quilt batting, wrap cardboard round first, then place inside the piece.

Sew Bottom Piece to Layer, whip-stitching through remaining loop of Bobble Round and both loops of last round of Bottom Piece until it is a little over half way attached. Insert 2nd cardboard round. Begin stuffing firmly. Continue to sew and stuff the piece, smoothing the stuffing along the sides of the cake. Make certain the first cardboard round and stuffing is evenly placed by rearranging stuffing and cardboard as needed. Repeat for other 2 layers.

For optional Velcro to hold layers together, attach 4" lengths using sewing needle and thread: for heart topper and top layer use 3 lengths, middle use 5, and for bottom use 7 or more Velcro lengths.

HEART TOPPER

Using water soluble marker, sketch desired number onto crocheted heart. Embroider numbers onto heart topper using metallic embroidery thread and satin stitch or by sewing metallic cording into desired number shape.

Lay crocheted heart on red felt, trace around heart and cut out. Make 2. Use felt cut out to trace heart onto cardboard and cut out. Sandwich crochet heart, felt heart, cardboard, felt heart and 2nd crocheted heart together. Join heart edges through the 2 layers; ch 1 and matching st for st, sc through both crocheted heart layers in each sc around; join. Fasten off, leaving one yarn tail.

FLOWERS

To form roses and buds, wind roses and buds into spirals, tack in place using long yarn tail. Attach leaves to underside of roses using yarn tail. Leave remaining yarn tail for attaching to cake.

Stack and fasten the cake layers. Attach 4 roses and 4 buds in circular fashion in middle of the top layer. Sew the heart topper in place by anchoring to the rose petals, using yarn tails.





Pin the flowers, roses and small hearts to the cake in an asymmetrical cascade down the sides of the cake. Attach by hand-sewing using yarn ends or thread.



RED HEART® “Super Saver®”: Art. E300 available in Solid 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g) 260 yds (238 m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B, C**, etc. = color A, B, C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **yo** = yarn over; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

