I Love Hearts Cushions
designed and crocheted for
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Pattern difficulty:
Easy/moderate

Size:
Square Cushion: 40x40cm
Rectangular Cushion: 62x32cm

Materials:
Square cushion:
Vinns Colours Nikkim:
4 balls of 119m/50g, DK in
White (598), 1 ball of 119m/50g,
DK in Blue-Red (562)
Rectangular cushion:
Vinns Colours Nikkim:
6 balls of 119m/50g, DK in White (598),
1 ball of 119m/50g, DK in
Blue-Red (562) and Royal Blue (532)
Hook: 3.50mm
Tapestry needle
Scissors
Cushion inners
4 buttons per cushion

Abbreviations:
beg - begin(ing)
ch – chain
chsp – chain space
col – colour
dc – double crochet
rep – repeat
RS – right side
slst – slip stitch
st/s – stitch/es
tr – treble crochet
WS – wrong side

Pattern notes:
When making the heart, cut the yarn after each colour change.

Special Techniques:
To ensure a seamless finish without unsightly slip stitches, all the rounds are closed with a htr instead of a slip stitch. Insert hook in the starting chain, make a half treble. Ch3 (count as tr), 2 tr around the post of the half treble. The post of the half treble is the body of the stitch. Each round therefor starts with half a corner and the corner is completed with at the end of the round.

To make:

Heart Motif:
With col Blue-Red, make a magic ring OR ch4, slst to 1st ch to form a ring.

Round 1:
Ch3 (counts as tr), 2tr in ring, [ch2, 3tr in ring] 3 times, htr in top of 3rd ch, do not turn (12 tr).

Round 2:
Ch3 (counts as tr), 2tr around post of htr, [3tr, 2ch, 3tr, in next 2ch-sp] three times, 3tr in same sp as first 3tr, close with htr in top of 3rd ch, do not turn (24 tr).

Round 3:
Ch3 (counts as tr), 2tr around post of htr, 3tr in next sp, change to col White, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in next 2 chsp, change to col Blue-Red, 3tr in next sp, change to col White, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in next 2 chsp, change to col Blue-Red, 3tr in next sp, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in next 2 chsp, change to col White, 3tr in next sp, change to col Blue-Red, 3tr in same sp as first 3tr, close with htr in top of 3rd ch, do not turn. Fasten off (36tr).

Square Cushion

Front:
Round 4:
Change to col White, and join yarn in any corner sp. Ch3 (counts as tr), 2tr around post of htr, *3tr in each sp between 3tr-groupings, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in next 2chsp*, rep from *-* to first 3tr, 3tr in same sp as first 3tr, close with htr, do not turn (48tr).

Round 5 onwards:
Change to col Blue-Red and rep round 4.

Round 6 – 8:
Change to col White, rep round 4.

Round 9:
Change to col Blue-Red, rep round 4.

Round 10 – 15:
Change to col White, rep round 4.

Round 16:
Change to col Blue-Red, rep round 4.

Round 17 – 22:
Change to col White, rep round 4.

Fasten off.

Back:
Work as for front in col White, but do not change colours anywhere. Cont in rounds until back measures same as front.

Finish up/Joining front to back:
Weave in all loose ends. Hold front and back together with wrong sides facing each other. Attach yarn to bottom right corner, ch1, work 1 dc through both front and back sts. Work 3 dc in each 2chsp at the corners. Do not join the bottom side. Work 1 round of dc around the opening at the bottom. Attach four buttons, equally spaced, to the inside of the front cover, as close as possible to the edge. The spaces between stitches of the back cover will serve as button holes.

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Rectangular Cushion

Front:
Work 2 heart squares up to round 3.

Round 4:
Change to col White, and join yarn in any corner sp. Ch3 (counts as tr), 2tr around post of htr, "3tr in each sp between 3tr-groupings, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in next 2chsp", rep from *-* to first 3tr, 3tr in same sp as first 3tr, close with htr, do not turn (48tr).

Round 5:
Change to col White, rep round 4.

Round 6:
Change to col Blue-red, rep round 4.

Round 7 - 8:
Change to col White, rep round 4. Fasten off.

3rd Square:
Work exactly as the previous 2 squares, but replace col Blue-Red with col Royal Blue. Following the picture as a guide, sew all the squares together.

Edging:
With colour White, join yarn in top right 2chsp corner. Ch3 (counts as tr), 2tr around post of htr, "3tr in next sp 7 times, 1tr in next 2chsp, 2trtog in this and next 2chsp, 1tr in next 2chsp" rep from * to corner, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in corner 2chsp, (3tr in next sp) 7 times, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in corner 2chsp" rep from * all the way around, omitting the (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in the last repeat and replace it with 3tr in same sp as starting 3tr, close with htr in top of 3rd ch, do not turn.

Next 2 rounds:
Ch3 (count as tr), 2tr around post of htr, "3tr in each sp across, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in corner 2chsp", rep from * all the way around, omitting the (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in the last repeat and replace it with 3tr in same sp as starting 3tr, close with htr in top of 3rd ch, do not turn. Fasten off. Next 2 rounds: Join col Blue-Red in any corner and rep prev round.

Next 2 rounds:
Join colour White in any corner and rep prev round. Fasten off.

Back:
With Col White, loosely chain 102.
Row 1:
Insert hook in 6th ch from hook, "3tr in next ch, sk 2 ch", rep from * to last 3 ch, 1tr in last ch, turn.
Row 2:
Ch3 (counts as tr) 2tr in first sp, "3tr in next sp", rep from * to last sp, 3tr in last sp, turn.
Row 3:
Ch3 (counts as tr), sk next 2 tr "3tr in next sp", rep from * to last sp, 3tr in last sp, sk next 2 tr, 1tr in last tr, turn.
Rep row 2 & 3 until a total of 32 rows are completed. Fasten off.

Finish off/joining back to front:
Weave in all loose ends. Hold front and back together with wrong sides facing each other. Attach yarn to top right corner, ch1, work 1 round of equally spaced dc through both front and back sts. Do not join the right side. Work 1 round of dc around the opening at the right. Attach four buttons, equally spaced, to the inside of the front cover, as close as possible to the edge. The spaces between stitches of the back cover will serve as button holes.

Block to measurement, cover with a damp cloth and leave to dry.