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A HOMELEA LASS® CROCHET PATTERN

version 1.3 uk terminology



After I crocheted my first chunky heart I knew I just had to share the crochet pattern with you - it was so much fun to make!

I'm imagining them as garlands, hanging on Christmas trees, being given as gifts and even as a stylish rest for a teapot.

How will you use your chunky hearts?

With love,

Lynda

Can I add this pattern to my Ravelry library?

Certainly! Use the code CHUNKYHEART at <http://www.ravelry.com/redeem/homelea-lass> to download and add this pattern to your Ravelry library.

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What do I need?

- 1 x 300g (10.5oz) skein of Homelea Bliss yarn*
- 15.75mm (Q) ChiaGoo bamboo crochet hook*
- Scissors
- Yarn swift (optional)

* these products are available in my boutique homelealass.com/crochet-boutique/

What size is it?

- Finished size - approximately 14cm (5.5in) across.

How do I change the finished size?

It's possible to change the size of your heart by using a different sized yarn or crochet hook.

How do I read the pattern?

I've written this pattern using UK terminology and I've used abbreviations to make the pattern easy to follow. The abbreviations I've used and the equivalent UK and US terminologies are summarised in the table below. There is a version of this pattern written using US terminology.

<i>abbreviation</i>	<i>UK terminology</i>	<i>US terminology</i>
ch	chain	chain
sl-st	slip stitch	slip stitch
tr	treble	double crochet
dtr	double treble	treble
st(s)	stitch(es)	stitch(es)

You may notice that I write and set out my crochet patterns a little differently. I do this to make it easier for you to follow and understand.

In this pattern, I've used the term "magic loop". This is also known as an adjustable loop or a magic ring. Purl Soho have a great tutorial on how to do these here >>> www.purlsoho.com/create/2011/06/19/adjustable-loop/

What if I get stuck?

Your Homelea Lass® crochet pattern comes with full support. If you get a bit stuck following the pattern or are unsure what to do, just email lynda@homelealass.com with your query. I'll respond as soon as I can to help you out.

How do I make my Chunky Heart?

1. Leaving a 30cm (12in) end, make a magic loop.
2. Make 3 ch.
3. Work 3 dtr into the magic loop.
4. Make 3 tr into the magic loop.
5. Make a dtr into the magic loop (this is the bottom point of the heart),
6. Work 3 tr into the magic loop.
7. Make 3 dtr into the magic loop.
8. Make 2 ch and sl-st into the magic loop.
9. Pull the starting end to close the magic loop.
10. Cut off the yarn, leaving another 30cm (12in) end.
11. Pass both ends through the active loop and then pull the last end to secure the st.
12. Tie a knot in the ends for hanging your heart. Trim.
13. If it needs it, pull your heart into shape.



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About the yarn

- Homelea Bliss is a super, super chunky yarn that strikes a lovely balance between being soft and durable - perfect for snuggling on the lounge,
- This amazing yarn comes in 300g (10.5oz) skeins and there is 60m (66yds) in each skein.
- It's made from 22-micron Merino wool that is fully grown and processed in Australia and it's made by twisting 27 pieces of yarn together in multiples of 3. This gives the yarn durability and amazing stitch definition. It's perfect for making chunky blankets, scarfs, cowls, pot holders and cushion covers.
- I've discovered that the Homelea Bliss yarn is too chunky for my ball winder and that the easiest way to turn the skeins into balls (without a fairy godmother) is to put the skein on a yarn swift and roll it into a ball by hand. As this yarn is so chunky (and lovely) you can also wind it into a ball by lying the opened skein out flat in front of you - if you're careful the yarn doesn't get tangled.

Easy-peasy yarn joins

One of the reasons I love creating with Homelea Bliss is because it's possible to felt the ends of it together - this means less wastage and no sewing in ends.

To felt the ends together all that's needed is a felting tool, a felting mat and the following steps:

- Individually twist each end and then felt the plied parts of the yarn together. Chop off the loose bit at the end at an angle.
- Overlap the two ends for approximately 10cm, twist them together and lie them on the felting mat.
- Using the felting tool, felt the twisted ends together. Keep rotating the join to make sure the two ends are completely joined and felted.
- I like to give the join a tug at the end just to make sure it's not going to come apart.

You can also felt in the loose ends at the start and finish of your Bliss Block instead of weaving them in by hand.



How do I block and wash my crocheting?

You've invested a lot of your precious time and energy into your crocheting so it's important that it looks its best. Blocking will work its magic by relaxing and resetting the fibres in the yarn.

This is what you need to do:

- Soak your crocheting in cold water mixed with wool detergent for approximately 30 minutes. This allows the water to fully soak into the fibres. You may need to turn your crocheting while it is soaking.
- If it's required by the detergent, rinse.
- Drain the water from your crocheting by gently lifting it and letting the water run out of it. It's important to avoid squeezing or wringing it at this stage because this can damage the delicate fibres of the yarn.
- Spread out a towel and lie your crocheting flat on it. Fold the towel over your crocheting and roll it up to remove the excess water.
- Take your crocheting out of the towel and lie it flat in a warm place that is out of direct sunlight.
- Shape your crocheting to size by gently stretching it if required. Straighten up the edges and make sure it is even and flat. A ruler can come in handy with straightening up the edges.
- Leave your crocheting to dry. You may need to turn it to ensure it dries completely.

To keep your crocheting looking beautiful follow these instructions any time it needs washing.

Have you heard of Blanket School?

Would you love to crochet a soft and chunky blanket with expert guidance and be part of a community of like-minded creative souls?

Focused on finding peace and happiness through creativity, Blanket School combines all of this into an easy-to-use online course - it really is the best way to crochet a chunky blanket.

Find out more at homeleaclass.com/blanket-school



about the designer

Hi! My name is Lynda and I have designed this pattern for you. I am a creative, a teacher, an intuitive, a yarn lover, a crochet queen and I enjoy drinking cups of tea in my home in the Australian outback.

My magic power is that I can weave my intuitive and creative knowledge to help women to heal themselves by creating soulfully.

I'd love to hear from you! Feel free to get in contact with me if you want to say hi, need some help and, of course, to show me what you've made.

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the fine print

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