



Valentine Mug Hug

Express your warm wishes by giving a cleverly knit mug hug to your Valentine or to any love of your life!

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Mug Hug fits mug 3" diameter on top, 2" diameter on bottom, 4" high.

RED HEART® With Love™: 1 skein each 1303 Aran **A** and 1909 Hollyberry **B**.

Knitting Needles: 4.5mm [US 7].
Yarn needle; 1 wooden toggle button, 1½" long.

GAUGE: 20 sts = 4"; 20 rows = 4" in pattern. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

MUG HUG

Begin at bottom edge with **A**, cast on 32 sts.

Rows 1-6: [K2, P2] 8 times.

Row 7: [K1, Knit in front and back of next st, P2] 8 times – 40 sts.

Row 8: [K2, P3] 8 times.

Row 9: [K3, P2] 8 times.

Rows 10-15: Repeat Rows 8 and 9.

Row 16: Repeat Row 9.

Rows 17 and 18: Knit.

Button Loop: Bind off 39 sts, (one st left on needle) cast on 14 more sts – 15 sts. Bind off. Sew strip into a loop at top. Sew button in place on opposite edge.

HEART

With **B** cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Knit in front and back of first st, K8, Knit in front and back of last st – 12 sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K4, [K2tog] twice, K4 – 10 sts.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K3, [K2tog] twice, K3 – 8 sts.

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: K2, [K2tog] twice, K2 – 6 sts.

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: K1, [K2tog] twice, K1 – 4 sts.

Row 14: Purl.

Row 15: [K2tog] twice – 2 sts.

Row 16: P2tog. Fasten off.

FINISHING

To shape top of heart, attach a length of yarn at center top. With yarn in yarn needle, weave down through fabric for 4 rows, gathering and pulling tightly. Sew heart in place.



RED HEART® With Love™, Art. E400, available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 390 yd (357 m) and multi-color 5 oz (141 g), 230 yd (211 m) skeins.

Abbreviations: **A**, **B** = color A, B; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.