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RED HEART

CRAFT SKILL LEVEL EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver: 1 skein each 722 Pretty 'N Pink **A**, 356 Amethyst **B**, and 520 Minty **C**

Pipe cleaners, scissors, white glue, scratch paper (optional), pencil or marker (optional)

GAUGE: Gauge is not critical for this project.

[4 MEDIUM] **RED HEART® Super Saver®,** Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yds (333 m); stripes, prints, multis and heathers 5 oz (141 g), 236 yds (215 m); flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

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Yarn-Wrapped Wire Words

Spell it out with meaningful and fun yarn wrapped words. Hang them on the walls to add a sweet pop of color to any room.

"Dream" measures 8½" (21.5 cm) high and 24½" (62.2 cm) wide; "Love" measures 6¾" (17 cm) high and 16" (40.6 cm) wide

WIRE WORDS

1: Connect pipe cleaners
Cross ½" (1.2 cm) of two pipe cleaner ends over one another. Twist the ends to secure. Continue connecting pipe cleaners until you have made one long length of wire. (If you don't have enough pipe cleaners, you can always add more later.)

2: Cut yarn lengths
Cut lengths of **A**, **B**, and **C** anywhere from 36" (91.4 cm) - 60" (152.4 cm). Cut about 8 total lengths to get started, then take breaks to cut more yarn lengths as you wrap the long wire.

3: Wrap wire with yarn
Place a dot of glue at the end of the long length of pipe cleaner you have made. Press the end of **A** into the glue dot for a few seconds until the yarn end sticks to the glue, then begin wrapping

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the yarn around the wire. Wrap tightly for skinny letters or loosely with more layers to make thicker letters.

When you run out of **A**, place another dot of glue on the wire and press down the end of **A** to secure.

Press down the end of **B**. Wrap **B**, then secure the end of **B** with a glue dot.

Continue wrapping in this way, using dots of glue at the beginning and end of each length of yarn.

Tip: As you wrap the wire, coil the wrapped end up to hold it out of the way so you can wrap the pipe cleaner faster.

Variations: To create different looks, you can work in a repeating color pattern (**A**, **B**, **C**, **A**, **B**, **C**) or in random order.

4: Write template word (optional)
Form your word freeform without a template, or write your chosen word in loose cursive script in pencil or marker on a large sheet of paper.

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5: Shape word
Following the template of the word or forming the word freeform, shape the word out of the yarn-wrapped wire. You may need to over-bend the wire so the shape will stay in place. When you come to letters where the script crosses over itself, loop the end of the wire through in a half-knot or twist to secure.

Continue molding the wire into shape until you have made the entire word. If needed, add more wrapped pipe cleaners to complete the word.

Cut the end of the wire with about ½″ (1.2 cm) of extra length. Add a dot of glue and press the last yarn end into the glue to secure, then fold over the last ½″ (1.2 cm) of wire to finish the word.

6: Finish word
Strengthen the areas where the word twists over on itself by wrapping an extra length of yarn around the junctures. Use glue dots at the beginning and end.

Display your word
Lay flat on a table or prop on a bookshelf. You can also attach a hanging loop by tying another piece of yarn to the first and last letters of the word, then hang to display your sweet yarn-covered thoughts!

ABBREVIATIONS
A, B, C = colors A, B, C;
mm = millimeters.