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Reindeer Wall Plaque

This lovable character will be a wonderful addition to your holiday decorating! The heart garland and jingle bell collar dress up this deer fella for the festivities.

What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 2 skeins 400 Grey Heather A, 1 skein each 316 Soft White B, 319 Cherry Red C, and 672 Spring Green D

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks: 4 mm [US G-6] and 6 mm [US J-10]

Yarn needle, stitch marker, polyester fiberfill stuffing, 8 large brass jingle bells, two ¾" (16 mm) buttons (for eyes), white wooden wall plaque measuring 9" x 11" (23 x 28 cm), strong glue, 10 upholstery tacks

GAUGE: 5 sc = 2" (5 cm); 5 rows = 2" (5 cm), with larger hook.

CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); prints, multicolor and heather 5 oz (141 g), 236 yd (215 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

SHOP KIT

Reindeer measures 11½" (29 cm) from tip of nose to end of neck.

Special Stitch

sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Notes

1. Head, neck, antlers, nose, and ears are worked in continuous rounds (spiral) with right side facing at all times. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.
2. All pieces except chain of hearts and hearts are made with 2 strands of yarn held together.
3. After pieces are assembled, head and neck are glued to plaque. Be sure to use glue that will bond fabric to wood.

REINDEER

Head

With larger hook and 2 strands of **A** held together, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Rounds 4–10: Sc in each sc around.

Round 11: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 12: Sc in each sc around.

Round 13: Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next 6 sc, sc in next 12 sc—30 sc.

Round 14: Sc in each sc around.

Round 15: Sc in next 6 sc, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times, sc in next 12 sc—36 sc.

Rounds 16–22: Sc in each sc around.

Round 23: [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 24: [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 25: Sc in each sc around.

Round 26: [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc. Insert stuffing.

Round 27: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Round 28: [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc. Add stuffing as needed. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through last sts and pull gently but tightly to close.

Large Antler (make 2)

With larger hook and 2 strands of **B** held together, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

Rounds 2–22: Sc in each sc around. Stuff firmly, bending slightly as you go to shape.

Round 23: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times—9 sc. Fasten off.

Medium Antler (make 2)

With larger hook and 2 strands of **B** held together, ch 2.

Rounds 1–16: Work same as Rounds 1–16 of large antler.

Round 17: Work 2 sc in next 2 sc, sc in remaining 4 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff firmly.

Small Antler (make 2)

With larger hook and 2 strands of **B** held together, ch 2.

Rounds 1–11: Work same as Rounds 1–11 of larger antler.

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Round 12: Work same as Round 17 of medium antler.

Ear (make 2)

With larger hook and 2 strands of **A** held together, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice—8 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice —10 sc.

Round 4: [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice —12 sc.

Round 5: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Rounds 6–12: Sc in each sc around.

Round 13: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail or sewing. Do not stuff.

Nose

With larger hook and 2 strands of **C** held together, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Round 3: Sc in each sc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly and sew nose in place.

Neck

With larger hook and 2 strands of **A** held together, ch 30; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Sc in each ch around—30 sc. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: Sc in each sc around.

Round 3: Sc in next 5 sc, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 10 times, sc in next 5 sc—40 sc.

Round 4: Sc in each sc around.

Round 5: Sc in next 10 sc, hdc in next 20 sc, sc in next 10 sc.

Round 6: Sc in each sc around.

Rounds 7–10: Repeat Rounds 5 and 6 twice.

Round 11: Working in back loops only, [sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 10 times—30 sc.

Round 12: [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc. Fasten off.

Collar

With larger hook and 2 strands of **D** held together, ch 51.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—50 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Heart (make 6)

With smaller hook and **C**, ch 2.

Row 1 (right side): Work 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn—3 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last sc, turn—4 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next 2 sc, sc in last sc—6 sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in next sc, 4 dc in next sc, slip st in next 2 sc, 4 dc in next sc, sc in last sc; working across ends of rows down first side, sc in next 3 rows; working in opposite side of foundation ch, 3 sc in ch; working across ends of rows up other side, sc in next 3 rows; join with slip st in first sc—11 sc and 8 dc.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Use photograph as a guide to placement of all pieces.

Head and Neck

Using photo as guide, sew button eyes on head.

Sew medium antler to large antler above Round 20. Sew small antler to large antler above Round 14 so it appears in line between large and medium antler. Sew each complete antler firmly to sides of head so it stands out without drooping.

Fold ear in half at Round 13 and sew through all thicknesses. Sew ears under antlers.

Stuff nose lightly and sew in place.

Stuff neck. With last round of neck facing, insert head and sew securely to neck. Add stuffing to neck as needed so neck is firm and evenly shaped. Glue first round of neck

to plaque and secure with upholstery tacks placed close to edge of round and spaced evenly around.

Collar Sew jingle bells evenly spaced around collar. Sew collar around neck at edge of plaque ensuring that tacks are covered.

Chain of Hearts

Row 1: With smaller hook and **C**, [ch 15, slip st in first slip st of heart] 6 times, ch 15. Fasten off. Drape chain of hearts in desired arrangement on antlers and tack in place as needed.

Weave in remaining ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

