

"I [Heart] Yarn" Postcard Crochet Pattern

BONUS: Mickey Mouse Ears

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Postcards

There's still something magical about receiving physical mail. And a hand crocheted one is even better. The recipient will know that you care, not only because you wrote them a note but because you also made the postcard! This is a great stash buster. Mix and match your scrap yarn to add even more spice.



Yarn Craft: Crochet
Skill Level: Easy a a a a
Length: 10 inches
Height: 5 ½ inches
Project Type: Letter
Gauge: H Hook: Medium worsted weight (4): 7 sc and 8 rows = 2 inches

SUPPLIES:

Yarn: "I [Heart] Yarn
 BURGUNDY: Medium (4) – remnant
 PINK: Medium (4) – remnant
 ORANGE: Medium (4) – remnant
 LIGHT BLUE: Medium (4) – remnant
 YELLOW: Medium (4) – remnant
 LIME GREEN: Medium (4) – remnant
MICKEY MOUSE EARS ON BLUE
 BLUE TONES: Red Heart - Medium (4) – remnant
 BLACK: Medium (4) – remnant
MICKEY MOUSE EARS ON GRASS
 FROSTY GREEN: Red Heart Super Saver – Medium (4) – remnant
 BLACK: Medium (4) – remnant

Hook: H / 8 / 5.0 mm
 G / 6 / 4.25 mm
 F / 5 / 3.75 mm
 C / 2 / 2.75 mm

Needles: Yarn needle &

Cardboard: Chipboard or Cardstock

Pins: Straight pins for pinning things in place (optional)

Hole Punch: mini-whole punch

Scissors: Scissors to cut paper

ABBREVIATIONS:

Ch = chain
 Dc = double crochet
 Hdc = half double crochet
 Rnd = round; work in the round
 Row = row
 Sc = single crochet
 Sc inc = single crochet increase; two single crochet in the same stitch
 Sl st = slip stitch
 Trc = Treble (triple) crochet
 instructions = repeat the instructions written between the asterisks the number of times indicated after the second asterisk

SPECIAL STITCHES

Loop Stitch: Insert hook into the stitch, extend index finger holding the tension yarn to the height of the loop desired, move the hook counter clockwise so it grabs both sides of the tension yarn and pull both strands through the st, (keep index finger taut so the loop stays that length or allow the index finger to come in a little to make a shorter loop), yarn over and draw through all three loops on hook.

"I [Heart] Yarn" Postcard

Great for National Crochet Month or any time of year. Let the world know how you feel about yarn!

POSTCARD INSTRUCTIONS

Hook: H

Burgundy

q Ch 21

q **Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Sc across. (20)

q **Row 2-19:** Ch 1, turn.

Sc across. (20)

q Finish off. Weave in ends.

HEART SHAPE INSTRUCTIONS

Hook: F

Pink

q Ch 2

q **Rnd 1:** 7 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with a sl st. (7)

q **Rnd 2:** Ch 3. 2 trc in next st. Dc and sl st in next st. Dc and trc in next st. trc and dc in next st. 2 sc in next st. Hdc, dc and hdc in next st. 2 sc in next st. Join with a sl st into 2nd ch of ch 3. (18)

q Finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

LETTERS INSTRUCTIONS

Hook: C

q **Letter "I":** Ch 7 in WHITE.

q Finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

q **Letter "Y":** Make 2 chains. A Ch 10 & A Ch 5 in ORANGE.

q Finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

q **Letter "a":** Ch 20 in LIGHT BLUE.

q Finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

q **Letter "r":** Ch 10 in YELLOW.

q Finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

q **Letter "n":** Ch 19 in FROSTY GREEN.

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"I [Heart] Yarn" Postcard (continued)

POSTCARD ASSEMBLY

1. Pin letters and heart to crocheted postcard.
2. Using tails of each color, sew letters and heart to crocheted postcard.
3. Cut cardboard to width and height of crocheted postcard (pictured 4 ½ x 5 ¾).
4. Draw lines on back of cardboard to be ½ inch apart starting ¼ inch from the corners.
5. Punch holes in marked grids all around the perimeter of the cardboard postcard.
6. Whip stitch crocheted postcard to cardboard using the same color as the crocheted postcard.



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BONUS: MICKEY'S MOUSE POSTCARD INSTRUCTIONS

The Mickey Mouse postcards are very similar to the "I [Heart]" Yarn postcard above. A few modifications and clarifications are provided here.

BLUE TONES POSTCARD

1. Follow postcard instructions for "I [Heart] Yarn" crocheted postcard on previous page.
2. Follow instructions below for Mickey's Head.

GRASS POSTCARD

Follow postcard instructions for "I [Heart] Yarn" crocheted postcard above with the following modifications:

1. Work the loop stitch across on every other row (so you only have grass on one side of the postcard).
2. Do not crochet the loop stitch where Mickey's Ears will go. Use the single crochet there instead. To help with this, I first cut my cardboard to size. Then laid my Mickey Ears in the center of that. Then, use that as a guide for when to start and stop using the loops stitch. Basically, you don't want loops in the center of your crocheted postcard.

Then follow instructions below for Mickey's Head.



MICKEY'S HEAD INSTRUCTIONS

Hook: G

Black

- q Ch 2
- q **Rnd 1:** 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with a sl st. (8)
- q **Rnd 2:** Ch 1, sc inc around. (16)
- q **Rnd 3:** Skip the ch 1. *sc inc, sc* around. (24)
- q **Rnd 4:** *sc inc, 2 sc* around. (32)
- q Sl st. Finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

MICKEY'S EARS INSTRUCTIONS (make 2)

Hook: G

Black

- q Ch 2
- q **Rnd 1:** 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with a sl st. (8)
- q **Rnd 2:** Ch 1, sc inc around. (16)
- q **Rnd 3:** Skip the Ch 1. Sc inc, sc* four times. Leave remaining sts unworked.
- q Sl st. Finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

POSTCARD ASSEMBLY

1. Pin Head and Ears to crocheted postcard (the fattest part of the ears to the top).
2. Sew ears to crocheted postcard using black tails.
3. Cut cardboard to width and height of crocheted postcard.
4. Draw lines on back of cardboard to be 1/2 inch apart starting 1/4 inch from the corners.
5. Punch holes in marked grids all around the perimeter of the cardboard postcard.
6. Whip stitch crocheted postcard to cardboard using the same color as the crocheted postcard.

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