



## Memory Catcher

Show the people you care about just how much they are appreciated with this easy-to-make holiday photo holder they can display year-round. Personalize it even more with a special photo of yourself as a keepsake.

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### Skill Level

Intermediate

### Finished Size

4 x 4 inches at widest points

### Materials

- | Size 10 crochet cotton: 15 yds red
- | Size 8/1.50mm steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- | Tapestry needle
- | 30 inches 1/4-inch-wide white ribbon
- | Fabric stiffener
- | 3-inch-square plastic canvas
- | Pinning board
- | Small sponge
- | Rustproof straight pins
- | Hot-glue gun
- | Photo

### Gauge

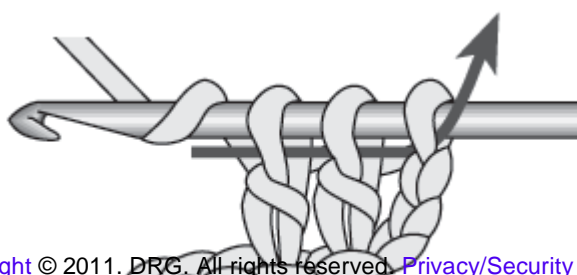
Rnds 1–3 = 1 inch; 8 dc = 1 inch

### Pattern Note

Using [diagram](#) as a guide, cut plastic canvas.

### Stitch Guide

**Double crochet decrease (dc dec):** (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on



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hook.

## Instructions

### Heart

**Rnd 1 (RS):** With red, ch 55, using care not to twist ch, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 5 (*counts as first dc and ch 2 throughout*), dc in same ch as beg ch-5 (*center bottom point of Heart*), dc in each of next 25 chs, **dc dec** (*see Stitch Guide*) in next 4 sts (*center top of Heart between lobes*), dc in each of next 25 chs, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5.

**Rnd 2:** Sl st in ch-2 sp, holding plastic canvas behind crocheted piece and working into sts of rnd 1 and into plastic canvas holes as indicated, ch 5, dc in same st as beg ch-5 and center bottom hole of plastic canvas as indicated, [ch 2, sk next dc and next plastic canvas hole, dc in next dc and next hole of plastic canvas] 6 times, [ch 2, sk next dc, dc in next dc and next hole of plastic canvas] twice, for the following section work in crocheted piece only, [ch 2, dc in next dc] 8 times, ch 2, yo, insert hook in next dc, yo, pull up lp, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook, yo, sk next 3 dc, insert hook in next dc, yo, pull up a lp, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook, yo, pull through all lps on hook, [ch 2, dc in next dc] 8 times, ch 2, dc in next dc and next opposite corner hole of plastic canvas, ch 2, sk next dc, dc in next dc and next hole of plastic canvas, [ch 2, sk next dc and next hole of plastic canvas, dc in next dc and next hole of plastic canvas] 5 times, ch 2, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5.

**Rnd 3:** Sl st in ch-2 sp, ch 7 (*counts as first dc and ch-4*), 2 dc in same ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, [sc in next ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp] 7 times, insert hook in next ch-2 sp, yo, pull up lp, sk next 2 sps, insert hook in next ch-2 sp, yo, pull up lp, yo, pull through all lps on hook, [(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp] 7 times, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in same ch-2 sp as beg ch-7, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-7. Fasten off.

### Finishing

1. With small sponge, apply fabric stiffener to Heart, making sure it is saturated.
2. Pin to pinning board stretching slightly, pinning in each ch-2 sp of rnd 3.
3. After all ch-2 sps are secured with straight pins, use a straight pin to draw down slightly in cleft of Heart to shape. Allow to dry.
4. Remove from pinning board.
5. Starting at center top, weave ribbon through ch-2 sps of rnd 2 around Heart, leaving a 9-inch length of ribbon at each end for hanging lp.
6. Holding ribbon ends tog, tie ribbon ends in a knot.
7. Tie a small length of white ribbon into a bow. Center and glue bow between lobes of Heart.
8. Cut photo accordingly. Slide in between Heart and plastic canvas, making sure picture is completely down behind first rnd of pattern.

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