

# Little Valentine

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## **Materials:**

*When using the suggested materials, it will be about 11 cm tall.*

*The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.*

*Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension. When crocheting Amigurumis you should use a much smaller needle size than indicated on the label or you would use it for other crochet projects so that no holes are made when the piece is stuffed.*

- Yarn, with me Acrylyarn (DK), e. g. Schachenmayr Bravo, Red Heart Lisa or similar - less than a ball each: grey, orange or red, some black, white and pink
- Crochet hook in suitable size, with me: 2,5 mm
- Stuffing

## **Abbreviations (US Terms):**

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
ch = chain	BLO = back loop only
slst = slip stitch	FLO = front loop only
st = stitch	hdc = half double crochet
(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times	

*Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.*

*For help with invisible color changes, increases and decreases, please visit the „Tips, Tricks and Tutorials“ section on my website [www.zhaya.de](http://www.zhaya.de).*

*The single parts are best sewn on as shown on [PlanetJune](http://PlanetJune.com).*

## Head/Body:

*Main color, e. g. grey*

*For more stability, you can add something to weigh down the figure at the end, e.g. decorative stones or a cleaned pebble, heavy granules or whatever you find suitable. I do not recommend the use of rice or other food, as these materials absorb moisture and can get mouldy. Washing is also not possible with rice or similar. The body stands by itself without any additional weight, so normal stuffing is fine, but it tilts more easily because the heart moves the center of gravity a little bit.*

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
- 7.-12. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)
13. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
14. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
15. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
16. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
17. (loose) slst in each st around (12)
18. inc (with sc) x6 (24)

*Stuff and shape the head.*

19. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
20. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
21. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
- 22.-30. (9 Rounds) sc in each st around (42)
31. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
32. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
33. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
34. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

*Stuff and shape the body.*

35. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
36. dec x6 (6)

*Finish stuffing.*

*Fasten off, close, leave a long tail for sewing.*

*The yarn tail can be used to shape the belly button and especially the bottom (otherwise the character will not stand properly). To do this, mark the spot for the belly button with a pin (e.g. between rounds 11 and 12 counted from below). Thread the yarn tail through a needle and insert it at the bottom in the middle of the last round and come out at the mark on the belly, reinsert one round offset downwards and return to the initial stitch, but offset by one stitch. Now tighten the thread, repeat these steps if necessary, knot the thread well and hide it in the body. This will pull the bottom a little bit inwards and the figure can stand well.*



## Arm (make 2):

Main color

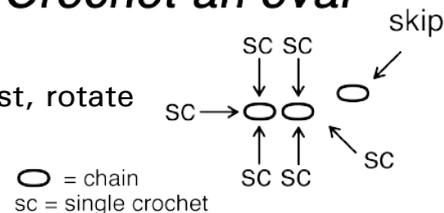
You will start with an oval (see the diagram).

1. ch 3, starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook: sc 1, sc 3 in last st, rotate 180 degrees and crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc 2 in last st (6) - *alternatively you can sc 6 in a magic ring, but the hand becomes more beautiful with an oval.*
  2. inc x6 (12)
  - 3.-4. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)
  5. Right arm: sc 12, ch 4, starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> chain from hook: hdc 2 (12 + thumb)
  5. Left arm: sc 7, ch 4, starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> chain from hook: hdc 2, sc 5 (12 + thumb)
- In the following round make sure that the thumb remains outside while crocheting.
6. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)
  - 7.-16. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (9)

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.

The arms do not need to be stuffed.

## Crochet an oval



## Ear (make 2):

Main color

1. sc 5 in MR, slst 1 in the ring, do not join (6)
- Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

## Nose:

e. g. pink

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. (sc 2, inc) x2 (8)
3. sc in each st around (8)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing, stuff lightly.

## Eye (make 2):

Black

1. sc 5 in MR, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st (5)
- Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

*Finish the face, first pin the eyes, nose and ears. Use the following pictures for orientation. I have placed the face crooked on purpose, so that the character is looking upwards. If everything is placed as desired, you can sew the parts on. I used white embroidery on the underside of the eyes and put highlights in the eye, which gives a more animated look. With black thread I embroidered the mouth and the eyebrows. You can find tips for a beautiful mouth on my [homepage](#). Finally, I knotted a few black threads at the back of the head as a tuft of hair. There are no limits to your fantasy when designing the face.*



*Now sew the arms on the left and right side of the body directly under the head, fold the arms flat and stitch through both layers while sewing - see also photo — >*



*Now all that is missing is the*

### **Heart:**

*Color of choice, e. g. neon orange*

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4.-5. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

*Fasten off, weave in loose ends. Crochet a second one the same way but do not fasten off. Insert hook from inside to outside at the first crochet piece through a*



*stitch and pull the loop through from part 2 and continue as follows:*

6. sc 18 along the second part, sc 18 along the first part (36)

*Sew up any gaps with thread of the same yarn.*

7. sc in each st around (36)
8. (sc 10, dec) x3 (33)
9. (sc 9, dec) x3 (30)
10. (sc 8, dec) x3 (27)
11. (sc 7, dec) x3 (24)
12. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)
13. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)

*Stuff and shape the heart.*

14. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)
15. (sc 3, dec) x3 (12)
16. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)

*Finish stuffing.*

17. (sc 1, dec) x3 (6)

*Fasten off, close, weave in loose ends.*

*Now just sew the heart on the hands and your Valentine is ready.*



