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Illusion Techniques & Samples



Illusion Wedding Anniversary Hearts

*Two illusion knitting hearts
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Illusion Wedding Anniversary Hearts

Two simple heart designs for a 25th wedding anniversary, which can be hung on the wall or used for small cushions.

The heart with the circle is similar to the squares in our *Love Hearts Blanket*, although this heart is designed to be viewed from the side and those in the blanket are viewed from the bottom.

Yarn

You can use any thickness of smooth(ish) yarn. The illusion will show up however thick or thin the yarn. It may not show if you use a textured, or variegated, yarn. Your choice of yarn will affect the overall size of the square. The squares in the photos were made in DK yarn.

With circle: 95 metres (105 yards) sparkly pink DK, 95 metres (105 yards) sparkly white DK.

Without circle: 65 metres (70 yards) sparkly cream DK, 65 metres (70 yards) purple DK.

Extra required for facing if you want to mount the square on a board.

Needles

The effect works best if the work is fairly tight. Try needles one size smaller than recommended for your yarn.

Size and tension

These will vary according to the yarn you choose. Using DK yarn the heart with the circle is approximately 35 cm (14") square; the other is 30 cm (12") square.

Using the charts

The charts are in ridges, not rows!. Ridges and stitches are marked, with red lines, in groups of ten so that you can keep your place on the chart. Use markers on your needle to correspond.

There are three colours on the chart but you are only using two colours of yarn.

White on the chart always represents purl stitches. You could be using either colour of yarn to work these stitches. The working colour is determined by the colour of the current ridge. All other coloured stitches are knit stitches. Use Light to knit the light grey stitches; use Dark to knit the dark grey stitches.

You always work two rows (one ridge) of one colour followed by two rows (one ridge) of the other colour.

The sequence of working square with circle is:

- Using Dark, knit
- Using Dark, follow the chart
- Using Light, knit
- Using Light, follow the chart

The sequence of working square without circle is:

- Using Light, knit
- Using Light, follow the chart
- Using Dark, knit
- Using Dark, follow the chart

Each time you complete a sequence of four rows you have added two ridges.

Special note

The right side of the work is always knit. The chart is only needed for wrong-side rows. When you look at the chart you are seeing the right side and need to work from left to right for wrong side rows.

Note about other patterns

Our more complex patterns often have several pages of charts. They are given in various formats so you can choose which to use on paper, on your screen, or on a tablet or phone.

Wedding Anniversary Heart With Circle - Method

Every stripe on the chart represents two rows of knitting. Every right side row is knit. You only need the chart for the wrong side rows.

Using Dark cast on 69 stitches.

Ridge 1 (Dark): Row 1: The cast on row counts as the first row of the first ridge.

Row 2: Knit

Ridge 2 (Light): Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Knit

Ridges 3 - 6: Repeat ridges 1 and 2 twice more.

Ridge 7 (Dark): Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Follow the chart. Knit the coloured stitches and purl the white stitches.
(The chart shows k26, p17, k26)

Ridge 8 (Light): Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Follow the chart. Knit the coloured stitches and purl the white stitches.
(The chart shows all knit.)

Ridge 9 (Dark): Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Follow the chart. Knit the coloured stitches and purl the white stitches.
(The chart shows k21, p27, k21)

Ridge 10 (Light): Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Follow the chart. Knit the coloured stitches and purl the white stitches.
(The chart shows k35, p11, k23)

Continue, following the chart. Cast off on the second row of the last ridge.

To neaten the edges

Turn the work sideways and pick up one stitch from the end of each ridge. Cast off loosely on the next row.

If you would like wider borders, work a few ridges of garter stitch before you begin the chart and end with garter stitch to match. Add the same number of ridges of garter stitch on the sides before casting off.

To create a facing to attach to a board

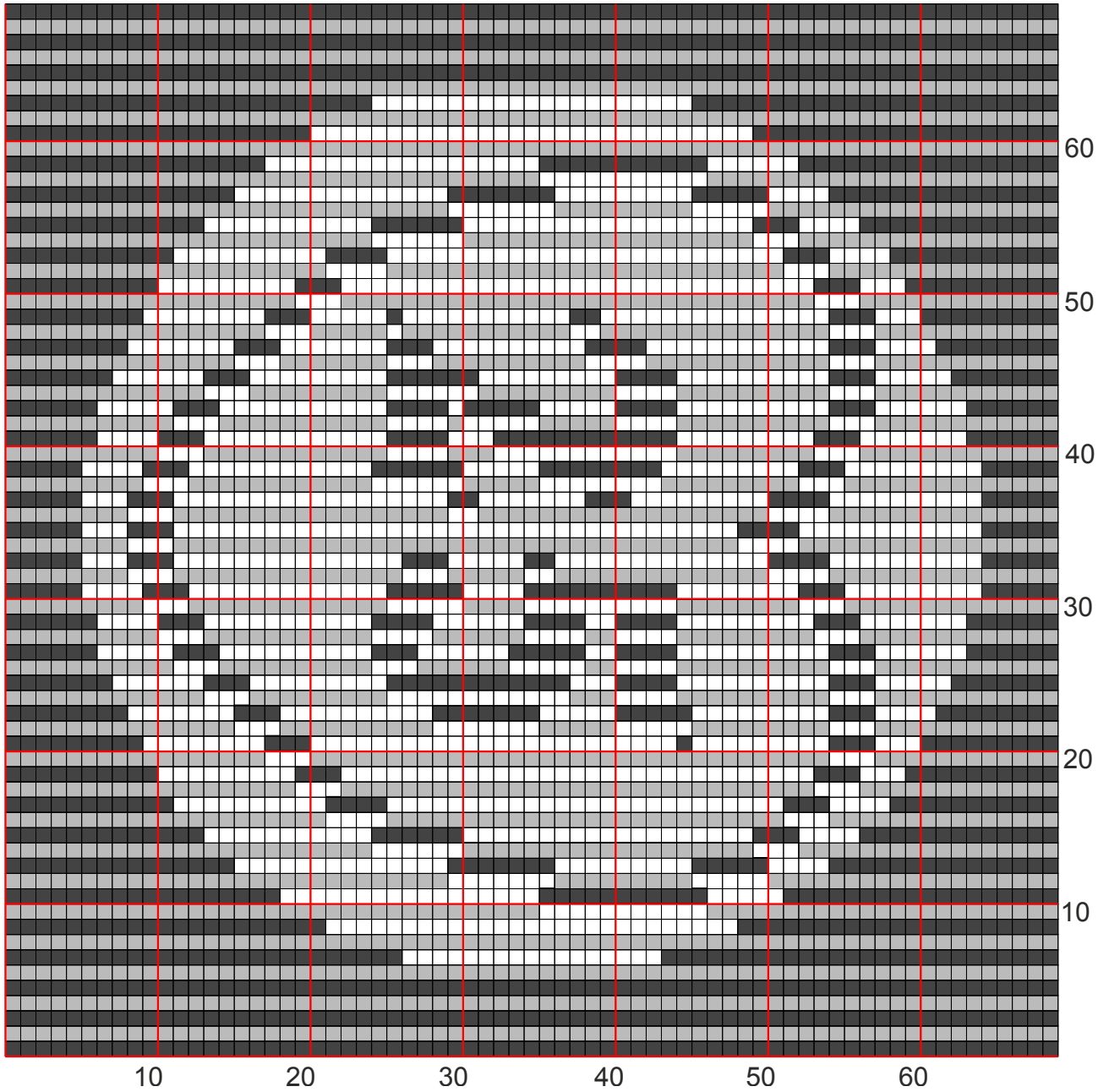
Working on one edge at a time, pick up one stitch from each cast-off stitch then work in garter stitch. Decrease at the end of every row until you have enough knitting to fold over your board. Cast off. Stitch the mitred corners

The board should be slightly larger than your square. Fix strips of hook-side Velcro on to the back of the board and press the knitting on to it.

To make a cushion

For the backing, knit another piece the same or a garter stitch square with 69 stitches and 69 ridges. Stitch the two pieces together. Use a fairly flat cushion pad so as not to distort the illusion.

Wedding Anniversary Heart With Circle



Wedding Anniversary Heart Without Circle - Method

Every stripe on the chart represents two rows of knitting. Every right side row is knit. You only need the chart for the wrong side rows.

Using Light cast on 57 stitches.

Ridge 1 (Light): Row 1: The cast on row counts as the first row of the first ridge.

Row 2: Purl

Ridge 2 (Dark): Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Knit

Ridge 3 (Light): Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Follow the chart. Knit the coloured stitches and purl the white stitches.
(The chart shows all purl.)

Ridge 4 (Dark): Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Follow the chart. Knit the coloured stitches and purl the white stitches.
(The chart shows k31, p11, k15)

Ridge 5 (Light): Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Follow the chart. Knit the coloured stitches and purl the white stitches.
(The chart shows p31, k11, p15)

Ridge 6 (Dark): Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Follow the chart. Knit the coloured stitches and purl the white stitches.
(The chart shows k25, p7, k9, p5, k11)

Continue, following the chart. Cast off on the second row of the last ridge.

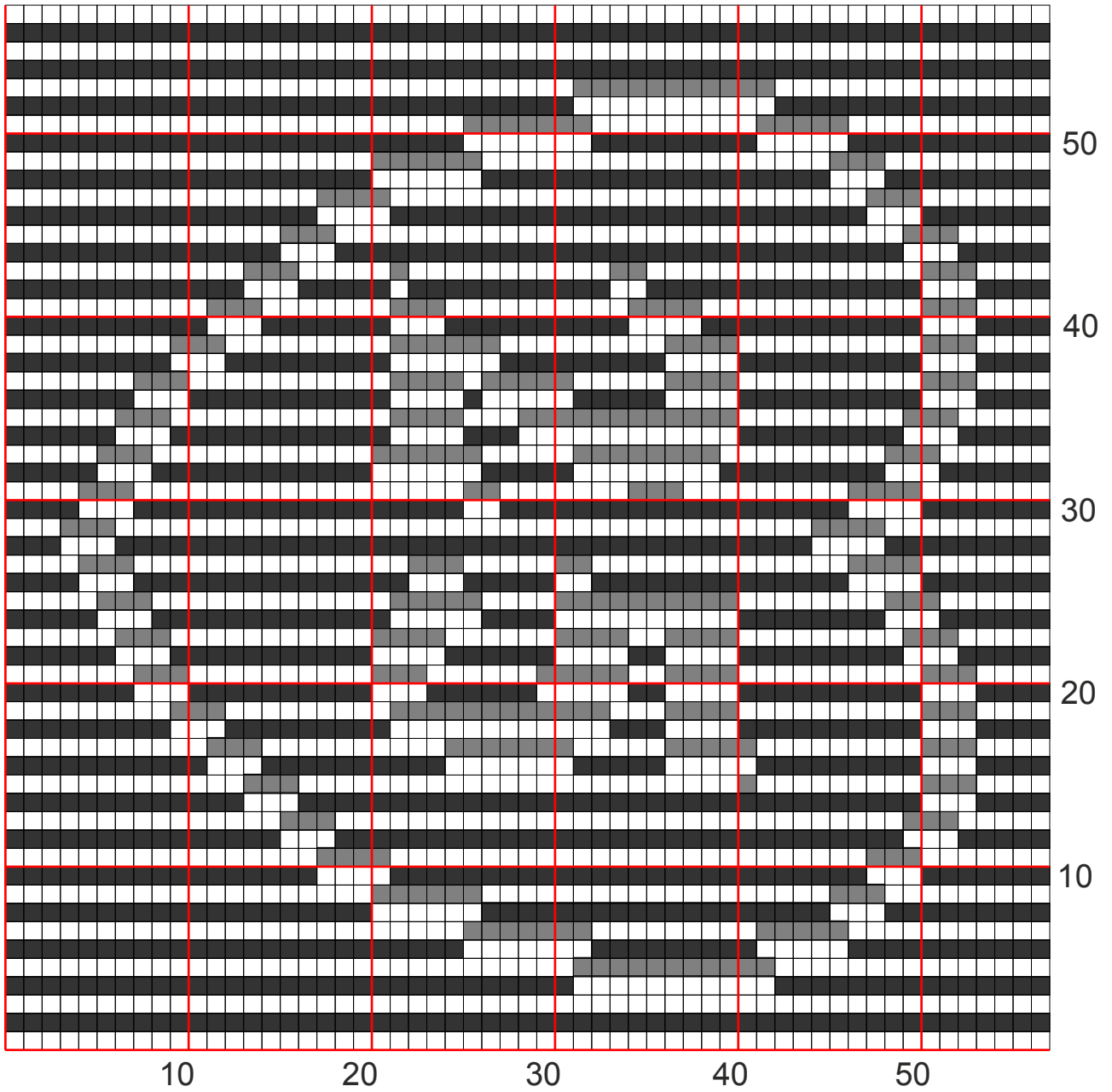
Complete as for *Heart With Circle*.

Note: This square begins and ends with the light colour. My photo shows a dark edging all round because I added an extra dark ridge at each end,

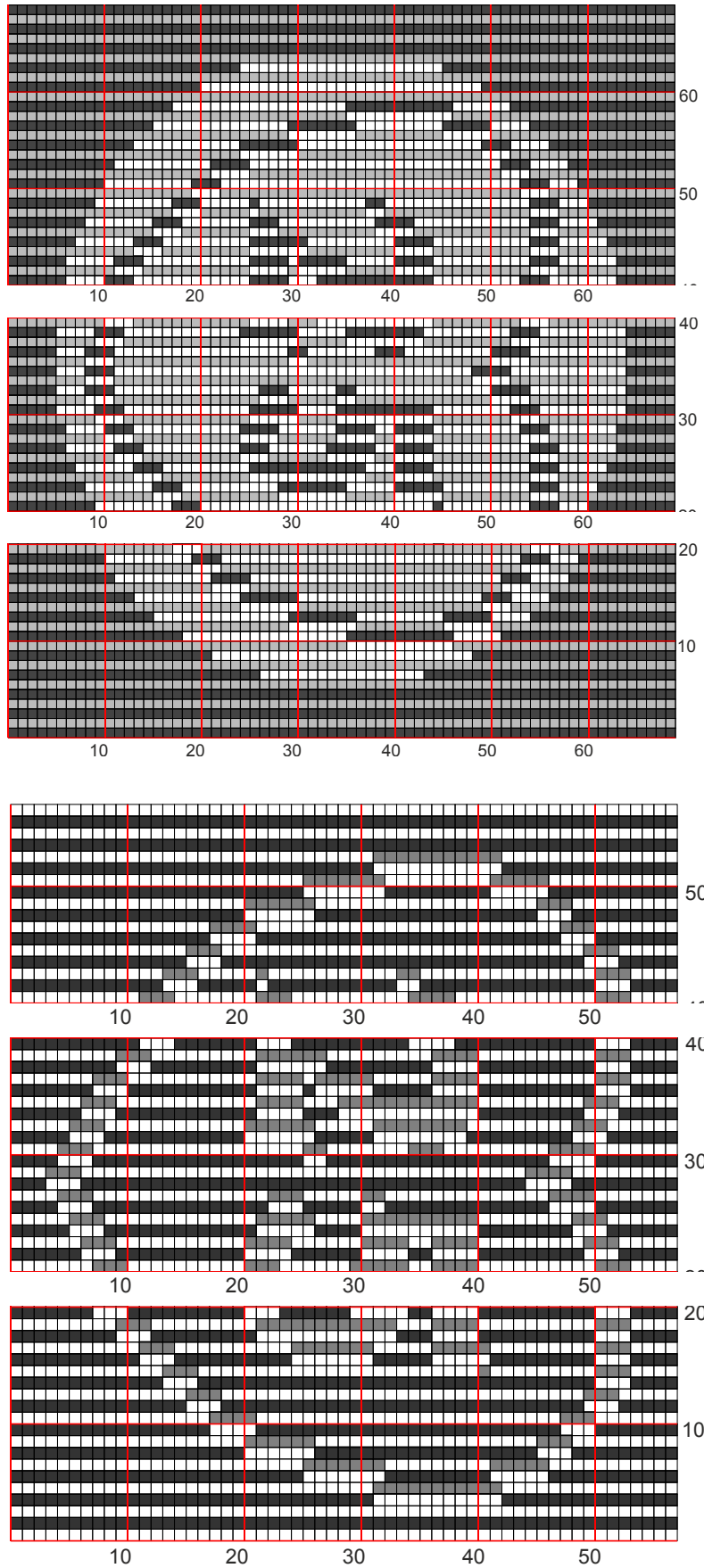


This is what you see when you look straight at the knitting.

Wedding Anniversary Heart Without Circle



For Tablet Users





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