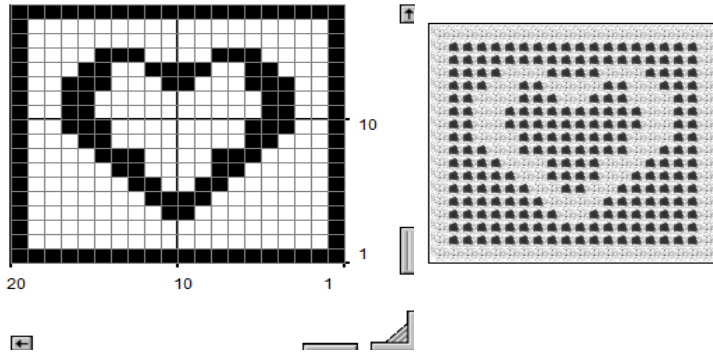


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Heart sample pattern first 4 rows

Row 1

Chain 61, this is because the rule for the starting chain is multiply the number of squares in the first row by 3 and then add 1, so $(20 \times 3) + 1 = 61$ chains. Chain 3 to turn, this counts as first double crochet of first square, first row, double crochet in 5th chain from your hook, this is second double crochet, first square, first row. Double crochet in next two chains, this completes first square, first row. There are 61 double crochets for the first row. The first square counts as 4 double crochet, all remaining count as 3 double crochet, $(19 \times 3) + 4 = 61$.

Row 2

Now, chain 3 to turn, this counts as first double crochet of first square, second row, double crochet in 5th chain from your hook, this is second double crochet, first square, second row. Double crochet in next two chains, this completes first square, second row. By the way, you are following left to right now. Odd rows are right to left, even rows are left to right. So, after the first square in the second row there are 18 open squares, which means each square counts as chain two then double crochet, this does indeed take up 3 spaces for each square, and then the last or 20th square in that row counts as 3 double crochet, adding up once again to 61 stitches, there should be 61 in every row.

The third row, same directions as second row, but following graph right to left, which brings you to the end of row 3, chain 3 to turn which will count as your first double crochet in row 4, double crochet in 5th chain from your hook, this counts as second double crochet of first square of row, double crochet in next two chains, this completes square one of fourth row. Left to right there are now 8 open squares which count as chain 2 double crochet, and then you come to two solid squares which equal 3 double crochets each, so at that point you should have 7 double crochets in a row, and continue with 8 more open squares, each chain two double crochet, so this brings you to the 20th square, solid, equaling 3 double crochet. So, at the beginning and end of each row there should be 4 double crochets together.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR ALL BLACK AND WHITE GRAPHS: Chain as many as stated, (for above examples sake, chain 61), chain 3 to turn, (this counts as 1st double crochet), double crochet in 5th chain from hook, (2nd double crochet), then double crochet in next two chains (3rd and 4th double crochet), this completes first square in first row. IF THE SECOND SQUARE IS OPEN then it counts as chain 2 then double crochet. Each following open square counts as chain 2 then double crochet. When you reach a solid square it counts as 3 double crochet, and the next square counts as chain 2 then double crochet for open square OR 3 double crochet for each following consecutive solid squares. IF THE SECOND SQUARE IS SOLID then it counts as 3 double crochet. Each following solid square counts 3 double crochet. When you reach an open square it counts as chain 2 then double crochet, and the next square counts as chain 2 then double crochet for open square OR 3 double crochet for following consecutive solid squares. You should have 61 stitches (CHAINS) when finished in every row.

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