

# Queen of Hearts



**\*\*\* This project will require you to know how to crochet irregular background netting. The complete detailed lessons how to crochet irregular background netting is available through my Video Tutorials @ [www.irishcrochetlab.com](http://www.irishcrochetlab.com).**

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## *Thread & Hooks:*

DMC Pearl Cotton, color #321, #8, with hook #0.75mm (or 0.9mm for those, who crochet tight);

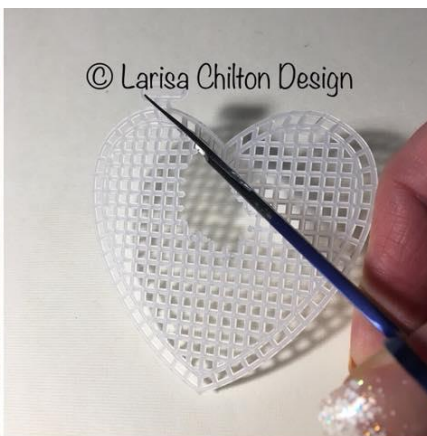
Presencia Finca Perle color 1915, #8; hook 0.75mm;

for background netting – Presencia color #1906; #16 and hook 0.5mm;

metallic thread for decoration – Superior Metallics #16, color Antique Gold;

plastic canvas for shaping the heart (at JoAnn store/website);

other materials: beads, charms, rings, small motifs.



Plastic canvas has a grid inside.

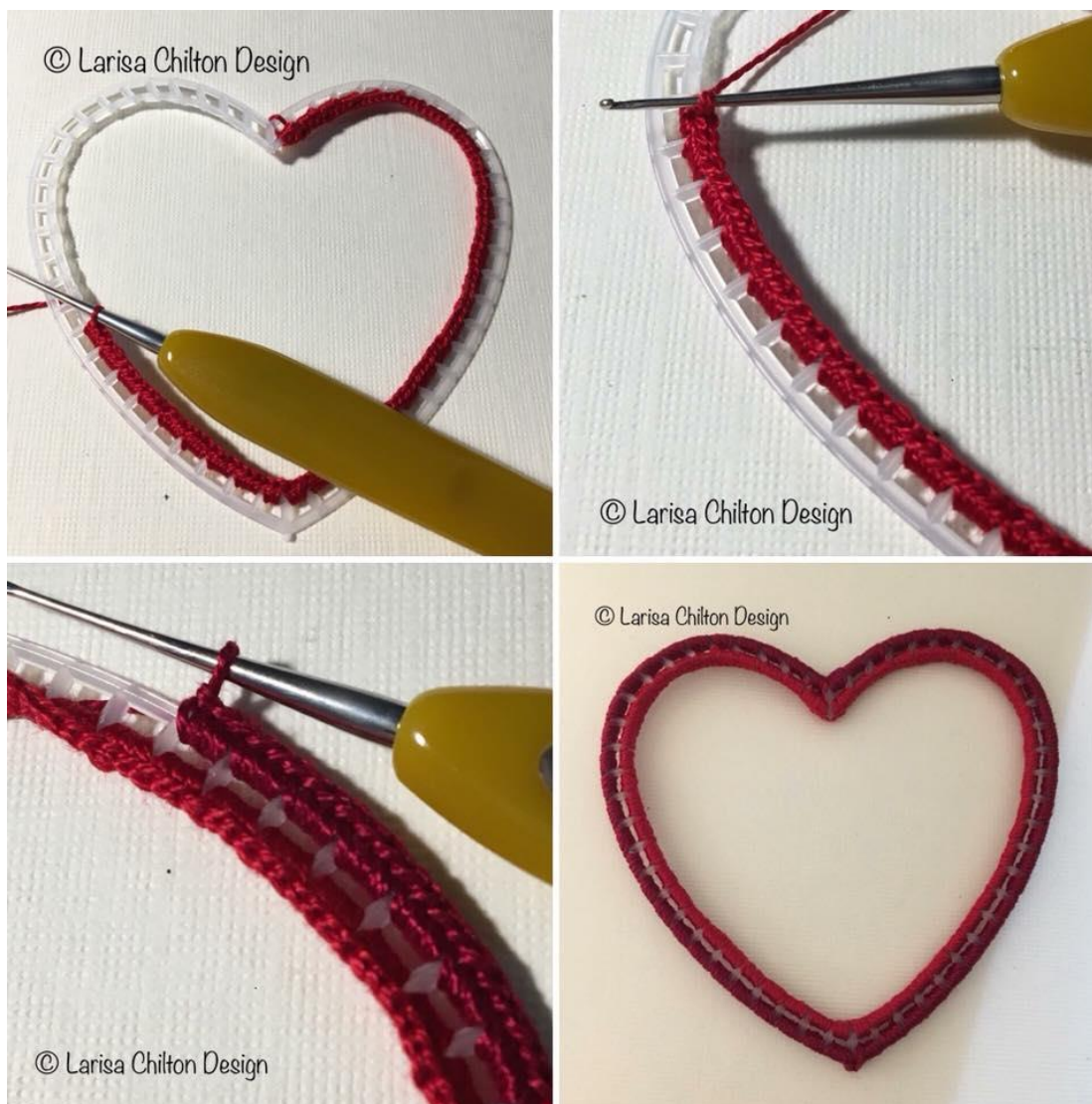


Cut it out and leave only the double edge of the canvas.

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- 1) Around the inner edge of a canvas, crochet with lighter red (DMC) single crochet stitches. You can fit 4sc sts in each gap.
- 2) Around the outer edge of the canvas, crochet sc sts with darker red (Presencia).
- Please notice, the visible loops of sc sts of both crochet edges are on one side of crochet RS (right side).
- 3) The lower right picture is showing the WS (wrong side), but this is going to be the face of the heart, or visible side, when it will be finished.



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You will see only plastic bars that connect the two edges. And we are going to cover those two.



The gaps between the edges can be filled with red or gold beads.



In this project, I used metallic thread to fill the gaps and cover plastic.

To cover the gaps use surface stitch (tambour st).

The Superior metallic thread is very fine, you will need to crochet 2-3 rounds of tambour/surface st in order to cover the plastic bars.

Now it is time to crochet background netting. You can add tiny motifs inside the heart, as I did (small heart). The way I am making this netting is different from the way I teach in video tutorials in only one way - you do not have to turn all the time your padding board. you just crochet the first round of different length arches and connect them to the edge with dc and tr sts.

### Steps to take:

1) finished heart pin to the padding board with the face down (the visible loops of sc sts facing you);





2) crochet first round of **irregular background netting**, using different length of chains (ch2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7) and connect them to the edge with double crochet or treble crochet stitches, also skipping a different amount stitches on the base/edge.

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If you want to add small heart to the netting, prepare this heart before you start the netting.

### For small heart:

ch 15, connect into a ring; continue crochet around the ring sc sts as over the PC (packing cord). Crochet tight, so that the sts are creating a stiff cord. At the end of a round, to create pointy part of the heart crochet (hdc; ch 1; hdc; sc); finish w/ss. Cut thread. First, fold the ring where you have (hdc; ch 1; hdc) and sew on the back few sts together to create point of a heart. Second, on the opposite part of the cord fold inverted part of a heart and sew few stitches to create the shape of a heart. Weave the rest of thread inside the body of a cord. Choose the place for the small heart inside the big heart, where you want it to be.

Pin the small heart to the padding board to keep it in place. \*\*\*



- 4) Continue crochet second, third round of netting, connecting at the same time to the small heart or to other motifs in your composition. Fill the an entire area with background netting. Cut thread and weave it on the back (on the wrong side of your work).



- 5) Decorate the heart with beads, charms, or whatever you have in your stash of small decorative pieces. Be creative.

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Small heart will look great with red or gold beads. Gold beads will complement the decorative part of the edge, and red beads will make the small heart to stand out more. You can also crochet 3, or 5 small hearts to fill the area.

You can sew on the back of the heart (to the edge) a small pin or just sew this heart as an applique to the pocket on a jacket, decorate purse, make this project bigger as a wall décor. Just use your imagination and create a heart of your own.



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