

# My Bloody Valentine's Day Card



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Whether it's love or loathing you're experiencing this Valentine's Day, this quick pattern is just perfect for that "special" someone in your life. Even naysayers who might think Valentine's Day was invented solely for the sake of crass commercialism can remain secure in the knowledge that the Hallmark Corporation will get absolutely nothing out of this card.

## Abbreviations

<b>Ch</b>	Chain
<b>Dec</b>	Decrease
<b>Inc</b>	Increase
<b>SC</b>	Single Crochet
<b>Sk</b>	Skip
<b>Sl St</b>	Slip Stitch
<b>St(s)</b>	Stitch(es)

## Materials

- Size "F" crochet hook
- Worsted weight yarn in pink, white and black
- Felt in black and grey
- Crimson paint (soft-bodied acrylic in alizarin crimson hue works delightfully) or crimson embroidery thread (with needle)
- Wooden kebab skewer or thin dowel
- Feather
- Piece of heavy card stock or paper
- Fabric or hot glue
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

**HEART "LOBES" (make 2)**

With pink:

Ch 2, sc 6 in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook (or sc 6 in double loop/magic ring).

1. Ch 1, turn. Sc 2, inc over next 2 sts, sc 2 (8)

2. Ch 1, turn. Sc 3, inc over next 2 sts, sc 3 (10)

Bind off, weaving in ends.

Holding one lobe with flat side facing away from you, attach yarn in upper corner and sc 6 across. Join other lobe and sc 6 across. **DO NOT BIND OFF!** (See photos below)



1. Join yarn in corner of lobe, then work across.



2. Join second lobe.



3. Work across (12 sc total)

### **BOTTOM PORTION**

1. Ch 1, turn. Sc 12 across.
2. Ch 1, turn. Sc 1, sk next st, sc 8, sk next st, sc 1 (10)
3. Ch 1, turn. Sc 1, sk next st, sc 6, sk next st, sc 1 (8)
4. Ch 1, turn. Sc 1, sk next st, sc 4, sk next st, sc 1 (6)
5. Ch 1, turn. Sc 1, sk next st. sc 2, sk next st, sc 1 (4)
6. Ch 1, turn. Sc 1, sk next 2 sts, sc 1 (2)
7. Ch 1, turn. Sk first st, sc 1 (1)
8. Ch 1, turn, sc 1 (Do not bind off yet!)
9. Ch 1, turn. Working around front of heart edge, sc 18, sl st between heart lobes, sc 18 (36) (see photo below)



Bind off and weave in tail.

### **BORDER**

- Attach white yarn at bottom point of heart (along front side).
1. Working around heart edge, sc 18, sl st between heart lobes, sc 18 (36) Sl st into 1<sup>st</sup> st.
  2. \*Ch 3, sc in next st\* around heart, sl st'ing between heart lobes.



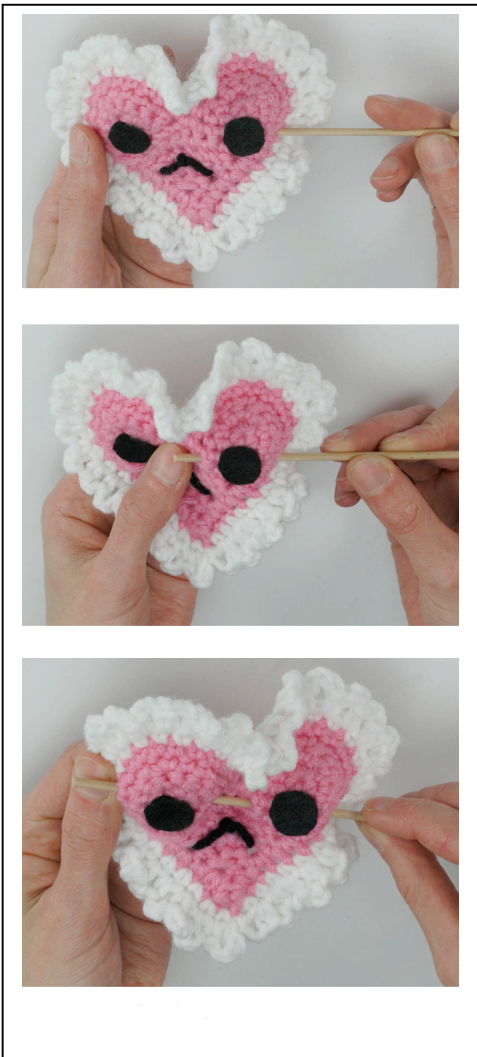
**FACE**

Cut out two circular eyes from black felt and use fabric glue to affix them to the front. With black yarn, embroider frowning mouth.

**ARROW**

Take wooden skewer or dowel and cut to approximately 7". Weave through the heart's center. (See photos below left).

Cut two arrow tip pieces from grey felt and glue to bottom end of skewer. (See photo below right)



You can also put the skewer in at an angle, as shown in the finished product on page 1.

Trim feather, then glue it to end of the skewer.

**BLOODY ENDING**

With crimson paint or embroidery thread, create blood drips and splashes along arrow's "entry and exit points", as well as the tip.

**CARD**

Trace pink heart shape on a piece of card stock and cut out.  
Write a special message of love (or hate) and glue to backside of heart.



Finally, give it to that aforementioned "special" someone and hope they'll still talk to you afterwards.

