## **Valentine Bouquet in Crochet**

**Tools & Materials:** 

Crochet Hook Size D or E
Red Heart Baby Yarn or any
fingering yarn in various colors
(this would be a good project for yarn scraps)
Heart Shaped Buttons (or any pretty buttons)
Floral Stem Wires
Floral Tape
Silk Leaves (New or recycled from other flowers)
Needle and strong thread
Gauge is unimportant for this project

Instructions: Start with Main Color

Ch 4, SL ST in first Ch to form a circle.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 29 DC in circle. Join with SL ST to top of Ch 3 (30 DC)

Rnd 2: Ch 4. DC in 1<sup>st</sup> Dc, Ch 1 \* DC in next DC, Ch 1. Repeat from \* around. Join with SL ST to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ch of Ch 4.

Rnd 3: Ch 3 2DC in first ch 1 space, \*3DC in next Ch1 space.

Repeat from \* around. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Rnd 4: Using contrasting color, SC in any DC \* Ch 2, SC in next DC.

Repeat around; SL ST in 1<sup>st</sup> SC. Fasten off and weave ends in.

Sew a button over the center hole in the flower. Bend the top of a stem wire to form a loop, From the back side, sew the loop to the flower behind the button. Pinch the loop tighter so that the flower cannot slip off. Cut a piece of floral tape about 1½ times as long as the wire. Starting at the loop, twist tightly and spiral to the bottom of the wire. Tear off any excess. If you want leaves on the stem, just hold them in the desired position as you twist the floral tape, and pull the tape over them to fasten them.

If you are not familiar with floral tape, it is waxed and sort of sticky and will stick to itself to cover the wire.





