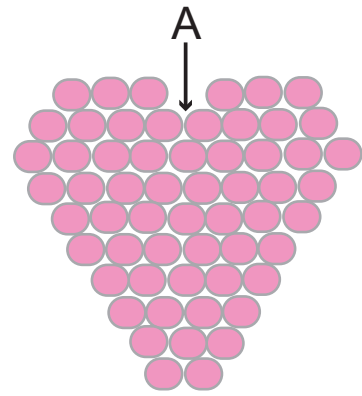


# HEARTS IN DOUBLE LAYERED BRICK STITCH

This design for a heart shape is worked in Brick stitch in two layers. The centre is padded before the two layers are closed.



## Materials

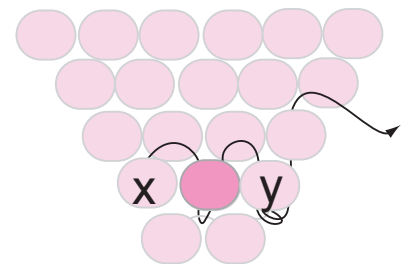
Seed beads or cylinders, all the same size, and a little squashed bubble wrap or cling film

## 1st LAYER

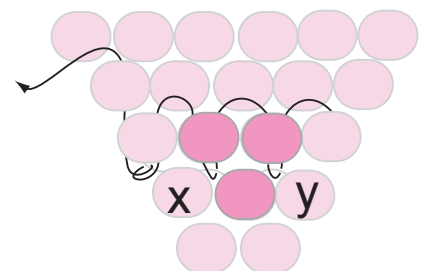
1. Leaving a **long** tail of thread, Ladder stitch beads together to give the widest row of the heart shape (9 beads).
2. Work in Brick stitch to the bottom of the chart. Leave the thread there for the moment.
3. Return to the tail of thread and work towards the top, on one side of the shape only, ie DO NOT join the beads in the centre where marked A. Weave back to the centre of the widest row and work to the top of the shape on the second side.

## 2nd LAYER

1. Bring the needle out at the top of bead X. Pick up 1 and go under the loop of thread between the two beads of the bottom row. Go up through the new bead and down into the bead on the edge of the row (bead Y). Loop round the thread below bead Y and go back up through it and the next edge bead.



2. \* Pick up 1 and go under the loop of thread between the two beads of the previous row. Go up through the new bead. \*\* Repeat from \* to \*\*. Finally, go down into the bead on the edge of the row. Loop round the thread below the edge bead and go back up through it and the next edge bead.



3. Continue working in Brick stitch up the shape, each row repeating from \* to \*\* as many times as are necessary to give the correct number of beads across. Once the widest row has been added, stuff the shape with a little squashed bubble wrap or cling film. Complete the top of the heart, working each side of the shape separately and stitching both layers together to close.

Here's a smaller version of the shape for you to try. The method of working is the same as for the larger heart.

