

# **The Beauty of Romance**

A Silk Fan Brooch & Lace Heart Pin designed by Kathleen Power Johnson using Kreinik Silk Serica®

Silk Serica is a 3-ply, twisted filament silk with a magnificent, rich sheen. It is soft and luxurious to the touch, and it makes an excellent crochet thread for creating elegant accents and heirloom jewelry.

## **LACE HEART PIN**

### Materials

- 1 reel of Silk Serica in these colors: 1092 Lightest Wood Violet, 1105 Medium Dark Mauve
- Size 9 (1.25mm) steel crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 3 to 5 small pearls
- dental floss threader or sewing thread and fine needle

### Instructions

*See "Abbreviations & Definitions" at the end of the page.*

With color 1092, make slip knot leaving a long tail. Pull a loop through slip knot, ch1, 5sc into loop.

Rnd 1: With color 1092, ch3, dc11 covering sc loop (12 sts). Sl st to top of ch. Tighten opening by pulling tail.

Rnd 2: Ch2 (=1hdc), hdc in next st, hdc2, (hdc2, dc), tr, (dc, hdc2), hdc2 in each of next 2 sts, (hdc, dc), (dc,tr,dc), work 1 slip st for center of heart, (dc, tr, dc), (dc, hdc). Sl st to top of ch 2.

Rnd 3: Join color 1105. Ch 3 (= 1dc), dc into 1st and foll 6 sts. (Dc, tr, dc), dc in next 8 sts, dc2, (dc, tr, dc), (dc, hdc), sc in center, (hdc, dc), (dc, tr, dc), dc2, dc in next 2 sts, sl st to top of ch 3.

Rnd 4 (ruffle): Ch 4, sk 1, post stitch (sc around back of dc post), (ch 4, sk 1 st, post st) 11 times. At the center point: ch 4, post st around center bar 2 rnds below, cont (ch 4, sk 1 st, post st) ending ch 4, sl st to base of ch 3. Fasten off.

Rnd 5 (ruffle): Join color 1119, to top center st. Ch5, sc in sk st from previous rnd, (ch5, sk 1, sc) around heart, ending with sl st into 1st st. Fasten off.

To Finish: Run in ends. Draw center together by running tail of original slip knot around opening and fastening. Bring this thread through to center on RS, thread 3-5 pearls onto tail, insert needle back through center of heart and fasten off.

Hints: Post Stitch: Insert hook from front to back around stem of dc, pull up a loop and complete stitch as usual. To thread pearls: Using a nylon dental-floss threader, insert silk thread through loop, pull pearls onto threader stem, over loop and onto thread.

Alternatively, use a fine sewing needle threaded with a short piece of sewing thread. Knot ends together to form loop. Insert silk thread through loop and pull pearls onto needle and over thread loop as just described.

## SILK FAN BROOCH

### Materials

- 1 reel of Silk Serica in these colors: 4166 Dark Victorian Green, 4043 Light Teal, 7014 Medium Lead Grey
- Size 9 (1.25mm) steel crochet hook
- 3" x 4" piece of coordinating non-woven backing material (felt, synthetic suede, or leather)
- 1 pin back
- sewing thread & needle

### Instructions

See "*Abbreviations & Definitions*" at the end of the page.

Using color 4166, ch 8, join in ring with sl st. Ch 1, work 12 sc over ring, join with sl st to ch 1.

Row 1: Ch2, hdc8. Turn.

Row 2: (RSR) Ch 4 (counts as 1 dc), ch 1, sk 1 st, V-st across row, ending dc in tc (4 V-sts). Turn.

Row 3: Join color 4043: Ch1, sc in each dc and in each ch space (17 sts). Turn.

Row 4: Ch3, work bobble in first st, ch2, sk 1 st, (bobble, ch2, sk 1) across row ending dc in tc. Turn.

Row 5: (Ch5, sc in each ch2 space) across, end ch5, sc in tc. Turn.

Row 6: Join color 7014. Ch 3, (sc in ch loop, ch5) across row (7 loops), ch3, dc in last loop. Turn.

Row 7: Ch5, sc in 1st loop, (ch5, sc in sc, ch5, sc in loop) across row, ending ch3, dc in last loop. Fasten off.

To Finish: Sew pin back onto wrong side just below ring. Cut backing material slightly smaller than the solid portion of the fan. Cut an opening in the middle slightly larger than pin finding. Position over pin back, trim if necessary and sew in place.

Hint: To accentuate ruffle, pull downward on each ch5 loop of last row.

Tip on using silk: Moisturize hands and fingers with a non-greasy hand cream when using silk to prevent the thread from snagging on rough spots.

### Abbreviations & Definitions

ch	chain
St, sts	Stitch, stitches
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
tr	triple crochet
tc	turning chain
RSR	right side row
V-st	(dc, ch 1, dc, ch1)

Bobblework 4 dc into same st, retaining one loop from each, yo, pull through all loops)  
yo yarn over hook  
sk skip a stitch

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