

Crochet Christmas Bauble

Materials

Double knitting wool in a variety of colours
3.5mm crochet hook (Please note that hook size may need to be altered according to tension and size of bauble used)
Christmas bauble
Needle for sewing up

Spike stitch

Insert hook between 2trb from round 2, yarn over, draw up a loop to the same height as the row you are working on, yarn over, draw through both loops on hook.



Instructions (make 2)

Round 1: chn4, 11trb into the starting chain, slip stitch into top of chn4. Fasten off. (12 trebles). Alternatively, you can start with a magic ring: 3ch and 11trb into ring.

Round 2: using next colour, join in any stitch from round 1. Chn3 (counts as 1st trb), 1trb in same stitch. 2trb in each stitch around, slip stitch into top of beginning chn 3 to join. Fasten off. (24 trebles)

Round 3: using next colour, join in the space in the middle of any of the sets of 2trb from round 2, i.e. you are splitting the 2trb set into 2 halves. Chn3 (counts as 1st trb), 1trb in same space, chn1, miss next 2 sts, *2trb in next space, chn1, miss 2 stitches; repeat from * around, slip stitch into top of beginning chn3 to join. Fasten off yarn. (24 trb, 12 chn1)

Round 4: using same colour as round 2, join in top of a first trb from any 2trb set in round 3, chn1, 1dc in same stitch, 1dc in next stitch, 1 spike stitch in chn1 space, inserting hook between 2trb from round 2, *1dc in next 2 stitches, 1 spike stitch; repeat from * 10 more times, slip stitch into first dc to join. Fasten off yarn. (24dc, 12 spike stitch).

Rounds 5 to 7: using next colour of choice, join in any stitch. Chn1, 1dc in each stitch around. Slip stitch into first dc to join. (Fasten off yarn). (36dc)
Please note: you can increase or decrease the number of final rounds you crochet in order to make the two halves fit tightly around your bauble.

Finishing off:

Weave in threads. Place the two halves around the bauble – there should be a gap between the two pieces as they need to be stretched over the bauble to give a tight fit. Sew the two halves together, weave in end and fasten off yarn. Attach a hanging loop to the bauble.