



Welcome back to Day 11!

We made a bauble completely covered in puff stitches on December 3rd, now let's look at how we can combine them with other stitches to create a striking pattern.

Special Stitches:

Wheat Stitch (WST) - We obtain the wheat stitch in this pattern by making two puff stitches in the same stitch. To make the puff stitch, *YO and insert your hook into the indicated stitch or chain space, YO and draw up a loop, repeat from * twice more. You should have 7 loops on your hook, YO and draw through all 7. CH1 and make another puff stitch in the same stitch or chain space, CH1 to close your second puff and complete the WST.

Half Double Crochet 2 Together (HDC2TOG) - YO and insert your hook into the indicated stitch, YO and pull up a loop. Immediately insert your hook into the next stitch or space and YO. You should have 4 loops on your hook. YO and pull through all 4 loops.

Pattern Instructions:

Round 1 - Make a MR and CH1. Place 8 HDC into your ring. SLST to first HDC to close the round, CH1 (8 HDC)

Round 2 - Place 2 HDC into each HDC of round 1. SLST to first HDC to close the round, CH1 (16 HDC)

Round 3 - *Place 1 HDC in the first stitch and 2 HDC in the next stitch. Repeat from * around. SLST to first HDC to close the round, CH1 (24 HDC)

Round 4 - *HDC in each of the first two stitches, skip a stitch and WST in the next stitch. Skip the next stitch and repeat from * until four stitches remain. HDC in each of the first two stitches, skip a stitch and WST in the last stitch. SLST to first HDC to close the round, CH1 (10 HDC, 5 WST)

Rounds 5 - *HDC in each of the first two stitches, WST in the next CH1 space (between the puff stitches of the WST of round 4). Repeat from * around. Join with a SLST to the first HDC. CH1 (10 HDC, 5 WST)

Round 6 - 9 - Repeat round 5. Before starting your decreases tighten the magic ring and fasten off that tail. Join to the first HDC with a SLST, CH1

Round 10 - *HDC2TOG over the first two HDC, WST in the next CH1 space. Repeat from * around. Join with a SLST to the first HDC of the round. CH1 (5 HDC2TOG, 5 WST)

**** INSERT YOUR BAUBLE **** - we will be working around the bauble from now on as we close. Remove the metal top to make it easier to work around the ball.

Round 11 - *HDC2TOG over the HDC2TOG and the CH1 space of the WST from the round below. Repeat from * around. (5 HDC2TOG) At the end of the round, cut a long tail, pull it out through your stitch. Thread it onto your yarn needle and weave it through the tops of each stitch. Pull tight and FO.

Finishing - Replace the metal top of your bauble and decorate as you desire with ribbon, moss or greenery.