



Welcome back to Day 16!

Let's extend our stitch today and play with Treble Crochets!

Special Stitches:

Treble Crochet (TC) - YO twice before inserting your hook into the indicated stitch, YO and pull up a loop. You should have 4 loops on your hook. *YO and pull through the first two loops. Repeat from * twice more.

Front Post Treble Crochet (FPTC) - YO twice and instead of inserting your hook into the top of the stitch, insert it from front to back around the post of the stitch. Bring your hook around the post and come out the other side. YO and pull that loop all the way back around the post until you have 4 loops on your hook. *YO and pull through the first two loops on your hook. Repeat from * twice more.

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 (24 HDC)

Round 4 - CH3 (does not count as a stitch here and throughout - TIP: place a stitch marker into it so you don't mistake it for the post of a TC later) *Skip the first two stitches, place two TC into the next stitch, then working in front of these TC just made, TC into each of the two skipped stitches. Repeat from * around. SLST to your first TC to close the round. (32)

Round 5 - CH3 *Skip the first 4 stitches, FPTC around the post of each of the next two stitches, then working behind these two TC, FPTC around the posts of the 3rd and 4th skipped stitches (you will work the other two skipped stitches at the end of the round). *Skip the next two stitches and FPTC around the posts of each of the next two stitches, then working behind these TC just made, TC into the skipped stitches. Repeat from * around - in the last repeat, you will work FPTC around the posts of the first two stitches skipped at the beginning of the round. SLST to your first TC to close the round. (32)

Round 6 - CH3 *Skip the first 4 stitches, FPTC around the post of each of the next two stitches, then working in front of these two TC, FPTC around the posts of the 3rd and 4th skipped stitches (you will work the other two skipped stitches at the end of the round). *Skip the next two stitches and FPTC around the posts of each of the next two stitches, then working in front of these TC just made, TC into the skipped stitches. Repeat from * around - in the last repeat, you will work FPTC around the posts of the first two stitches skipped at the beginning of the round. SLST to your first TC to close the round. (32)



Pattern Instructions continued:

Round 7 - Repeat round 5.

Before starting your decreases tighten the magic ring and fasten off that tail.

Round 8 - CH3 *Skip the first 4 stitches, FPTC around *both posts* of each of the next two stitches together (to work a decrease), then working in front of this TC, FPTC around the posts of the 3rd and 4th skipped stitches (you will work the other two skipped stitches at the end of the round). *Skip the next two stitches and work a FPTC decrease as before around both posts of the next two stitches, then working in front of this TC just made, TC into the skipped stitches. Repeat from * around - in the last repeat, you will work the FPTC decrease around both posts of the first two stitches skipped at the beginning of the round. SLST to your first TC to close the round. (24)

**** 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 9 - HDC2TOG around. (12) 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.