



## Welcome back to Day 14!

The star stitch is a simple two row repeat that comes together to create a beautiful design.

### Special Stitches:

**Beginning Star Stitch (BEG STAR ST)** - CH3 and pull up loops in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> chains for the hook and then the next 3 stitches. With 6 loops on your hook, YO and pull through all 6 loops then CH1 to close the stitch.

**Star Stitch (STAR ST)** - Starting in the eye of the previously made star stitch, pull up loops in the following places; the eye (the CH1 of the previous stitch), the last leg of the star, the same stitch the previous star stitch finished in, each of the next two stitches. With 6 loops on your hook, YO and pull through all 6 loops, CH1 to complete the stitch.

**Single Crochet 2 Together (SC2TOG)** - Insert your hook into the first indicated stitch and pull up a loop, insert your hook into the next stitch and pull up a loop, with 3 loops on your hook, YO and pull through all 3 loops.

### Pattern Instructions:

**Round 1** - Make a MR and CH1. Place 9 SC into your ring. SLST to first SC to close the round, CH1 (9 SC)

**Round 2** - Place 2 SC into each SC of round 1. SLST to first SC to close the round, CH1 (18 SC)

**Round 3** - \*Place 1 SC in the first stitch and 2 SC in the next stitch. Repeat from \* around. SLST to first SC to close the round, CH1 (27 SC)

**Round 4** - \*Place 1 SC in each of the first two stitches and 2 SC in the next stitch. Repeat from \* around. SLST to first SC to close the round (36 SC)

**Round 5** - BEG STAR as per the description in Special Stitches above, then STAR around. Note that in your last STAR ST, you will pull up a loop in your slip stitch from the round below. SL ST to the 2nd chain of your beginning CH3 to close the round (18 STAR ST) Ch1 & turn your work.

**Round 6** - Place 2 SC in the eye (the CH1 space) of the first star stitch then place 2 SC in the eye of each STAR ST all the way around. SL ST to the first SC of the round. (36 SC) turn your work

**Round 7 - 10** - Repeat rounds 5 & 6 twice more. Before starting your decreases tighten the magic ring and fasten off that tail. Join with a SLST to the first SC and turn your work.

**Round 11** - Repeat round 5. CH1 (18 STAR ST) Do not turn your work this time.

**\*\* 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 12** - Place one SC in each eye of each STAR ST from the round below. Join with a SLST to the first SC. CH1 (18 SC)

**(Optional) Round 13** - My sample did not need this but it will depend on your own tension if you do or not. SC2TOG around (9)

At the end of your final 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.