

Welcome back to Day 7!

What's more iconic in the holiday season than a candy cane? This bauble pattern has a bold horizontal stripe that can be made using any of the colours, so feel free to mix it up!

Special Stitches and Pattern Notes:

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

If after a few rows of the striped pattern, your bauble cover is significantly larger than your bauble, you may want to redo it in a 4.5mm hook OR reduce the number of starting SC by 1. Round 1 = 9SC, Round 2 = 18SC, Round 3 = 27SC and Round 4 = 36SC. With my tension this fits comfortably around my bauble but yours is likely different.

Pattern Instructions:

Round 1 - With colour A make a MR and CH1. Place 10 SC into your ring. SLST to first SC to close the round, CH1 (10 SC)

Round 2 - Place 2 SC into each SC of round 1. SLST to first SC to close the round, CH1(20 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 (30 SC)

Round 4 - *Place 1 SC in the first two stitches and 2 SC in the next stitch. Repeat from * around. SLST to first SC in the back loop only (BLO) to close the round, CHANGE TO COLOUR B, CH1(40 SC)

**For the next 10 rounds we will be working in the back loop only (BLO).

Rounds 5 - With colour B, SLST BLO in every stitch around. Join with a SLST to the BLO of the beginning SLST. CH1 (40 SLST)

Round 6 - SC BLO in every stitch around. Join with a SLST to the BLO of the beginning SC. CHANGE TO COLOUR A, CH1(40 SC)

Rounds 7 - 14 - Repeat rounds 5 & 6, changing colour after every repeat of round 6. Before starting your decreases, cut off your Colour B and weave in the end. Then tighten the magic ring and fasten off that tail.

Round 15 - With Colour A, SLST in each stitch around. Join with a SLST to the first SLST of the round. CH1 (40 SLST)

Round 16 - SC2TOG BLO around. SLST to the BLO of the first SC2TOG to join the round. CH1(20 SC2TOG)

** 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 17 - SC2TOG BLO around. (10) 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.