



Welcome back to Day 9!

Special Stitches:

Stacked Single Crochet (STSC) - This is made at the beginning of a round or row as an alternative to a turning chain. To make a STSC, immediately after slip stitching to join your round, insert your hook into the same stitch, YO and draw up a loop. YO and pull through both loops to complete a SC. Then insert your hook into the far left vertical leg of the stitch just made (far right leg if you are a left handed crocheter), YO, draw up a loop, YO and pull through both loops on your hook to complete another SC.

Front Post Double Crochet (FPDC) - YO and instead of inserting your hook into the top of the stitch, insert it from front to back around the post of the stitch one row below. 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 3 loops on your hook. YO and pull through the first two loops on your hook. YO and pull through the remaining 2 loops on your hook.

Back Post Double Crochet (BPDC) - YO and instead of inserting your hook into the top of the stitch, insert it from back to front around the post of the stitch one row below. 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 3 loops on your hook. YO and pull through the first two loops on your hook. YO and pull through the remaining 2 loops on your hook.

Double Crochet 2 Together (DC2TOG) - YO and insert your hook into the indicated stitch, YO and pull up a loop. YO and pull through 2 loops. YO and insert your hook into the next stitch or space, YO and pull up a loop. YO and pull through 2 loops. You should have 3 loops on your hook. YO and pull through all 3 loops.

Pattern Instructions:

Round 1 - Make a MR and CH2 (does not count as a stitch). Place 8 DC into your ring. SLST to first DC to close the round, DO NOT CHAIN (8 DC)

Round 2 - STSC in the first DC (PM in this stitch to help you identify the STSC), DC back into the same stitch. Place 2 DC into each remaining stitch of round 1. SLST to STSC to close the round, DO NOT CHAIN (1 STSC, 15 DC)

Round 3 - STSC in the first DC (PM), and place 2 DC into the next stitch. *Make 1 DC into the next, and 2 DC into the next stitch. Repeat from * around. SLST to STSC to close the round, DO NOT CHAIN (1 STSC, 23 DC)

Round 4 - STSC in the first stitch (PM in this stitch). BPDC in the next 2 stitches. *DC in the next stitch, BPDC in the next two stitches. Repeat from * around. SL ST to STSC to join, CH1 (1 STSC, 16 BPDC, 7 DC)

Rounds 5 - FPDC around STSC of the round below, *DC in the next 2 stitches (in the tops of the two BPDC of the round below), FPDC around the post of the next stitch (the DC from the round below). Repeat from * until there are 2 stitches remaining. DC in each of the last 2 stitches. SLST to the first FPDC to join. DO NOT CHAIN (8 FPDC, 16 DC)

Round 6 - 9 - Repeat rounds 4 & 5

Round 10 - Repeat round 4 one more time. At the end of Round 10, tighten your magic ring and fasten off that tail.

Round 11 - FPDC around STSC of the round below, *DC2TOG over the next 2 stitches, FPDC around the next stitch. Repeat from * until 2 stitches remain. DC2TOG over the last 2 stitches. (8FPDC, 8 DC2TOG) At the end of the round, cut a long tail, pull it out through your stitch.

**** INSERT YOUR BAUBLE **** Thread your tail onto a 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.