Puffy Jacket

Welcome back to Day 3!

Today's pattern reminded me of the viral coats and vests that my girls all wanted in high school. The good ol' Puff Stitch is a classic so let's tackle it today.

Special Stitches:
Puff Stitch (PF) – YO and insert your hook into the indicated stitch or space, YO and draw up a loop. Repeat twice more, you should have 7 loops on your hook. YO and draw through all 7 loops.
Puff Stitch Decrease (PF2TOG) – YO and insert your hook into the first stitch or space, YO and draw up a loop, repeat. YO and insert your hook into the next stitch or space, YO and draw up a loop and repeat. You should have 9 loops on your hook. YO and draw through all 9 loops.
Half Double Crochet 2 Together (HDC2TOG) – To begin, YO, then insert your hook into the indicated stitch or space. 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 - Start with 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 - Make a PF in the first HDC, CH1. [PF, CH1] in each HDC around. SLST to first PF to close the round. CH1 (16 PF, 16 CH1)
Round 4 - PF in the first CH1 space, CH1. [PF, CH1] in every CH1 space around. SLST to first PF to close the round. CH1 (16 PF, 16 CH1)
Rounds 5 - 9 - Repeat Round 4

At this point, take the time to tighten the magic ring and fasten off that tail.
** 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 10 - *PF2TOG over the next 2 CH spaces, CH1, PF in the next CH1 space, CH1. Repeat from * until there is one CH1 space left. PF in the last CH1 space. SLST to first PF to close the round. CH1 (5PF2TOG, 6PF, 11CH1)

Round 11 – HDC in first CH1 space and every CH1 space around. (11 HDC) At the end of the round, cut a long tail, pull it out through your stitch. Thread it onto your yarn needle and join with an invisible stitch to the first PF. Then weave your needle through each HDC around, pull tight to close the top of your pattern, and weave in the end to secure. FO

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