



## Welcome back to Day 21!

Let's learn the Almond Ridge Stitch! This is a fun, textural stitch made by working in the back loops of our stitches, and we create the off-set pattern of curves by alternating half double crochets and slip stitches.

### Pattern Notes:

For this pattern there is no need to cut off your yarn after each colour change. Simply drop it and pick it up again at the next colour change.

### Pattern Instructions:

**Row 1 - CH 21** with colour A. (WS) Working into your back bump, SLST into the 2nd chain from the hook and each of the next 3 chains. \*HDC into each of the next 4 chains then SLST into each of the next 4 chains. Repeat from \* across changing to colour B in the last stitch. (20) CH 1 and turn your work.

**Row 2 - (RS)** With colour B HDC in the back loops only (HDCBLO) of each of the first 4 stitches, then \*SLST in the back loops only (SLSTBLO) of each of the next 4 stitches, and HDCBLO in each of the next 4 stitches. Repeat from \* across. (20) CH 1 and turn your work.

**Row 3 - (WS)** Repeat row 2, changing to colour A in the last stitch. (20) CH 1 and turn your work.

**Row 4 - (RS)** With colour A, SLSTBLO into each of the first 4 stitches, then \*HDCBLO in each of the next 4 stitches, and SLSTBLO in each of the next 4 stitches. Repeat from \* across. (20) CH 1 and turn your work.

**Row 5 - (WS)** Repeat row 4, changing to colour B in the last stitch. (20) CH 1 and turn your work.

**Rows 6 - 25 -** Repeat rows 2 - 5.

Check to see how your piece of fabric fits around your ornament blank after row 21, it will depend on your tension if you need the extra repeat or not. Once you have done enough rows to snugly wrap your fabric around your ornament, CH1 and get ready to sew your sides together. Do not cut off the other colour yet, we will use that tail to close the top.

Fold your right sides together and SLST through the back loops of each stitch on both sides. CH1 and FO leaving a long enough tail to cinch the bottom up tightly. Thread your yarn onto a yarn needle and weave it back and forth through the ends of the rows all the way around the bottom of your piece, cinch as you go. Once you've gone all the way around, cinch as tightly as you can and secure your tail. Weave in your two short tails and cut off your colour B leaving a long tail to use to cinch around the top.

Turn your piece right side out and **\*\* INSERT YOUR BAUBLE \*\*** - remove the metal top to make it easier to work around the ball. Using your colour B tail, weave it around the top of your piece, catching your colour floats as you go and cinching to tighten. Once you've worked all the way around, FO that tail.

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