

## Welcome back to Day 13!

Sometimes all you need to make a big impact are simple stitches and festive colours.

This is another pattern we work flat, with carefully crafted tapering at the top and bottom to make cinching around our baubles easier. We will change yarn colour every two rows and while you can carry your main colour (Colour A), the other two colours will be cut after each time you've finished with them, but stay tuned for an optional, fun way we can deal with all those ends!

### Pattern Instructions:

#### Chain 21 in your main colour (colour A)

**Row 1 (RS)** - With colour A, and working in the back bumps - SLST in 2nd chain from the hook and each of the next 2 chains. SC in the next 14 chains and SLST in the last 3 chains. Change to colour B in the last stitch. CH1 and turn (20)

**Row 2 (WS)** - With colour B, SLST BLO (back loop only) in every stitch. CH1 and turn (20)

**Row 3 (RS)** - SLST FLO (front loop only) in the first 3 stitches, SC FLO in the next 14 stitches, SLST FLO in the last 3 stitches. Pick up your colour A and change colour in the last stitch, cut off colour B. CH1 and turn. (20)

**Row 4 (WS)** - With colour A, SLST BLO in every stitch. CH1 and turn. (20)

**Row 5 (RS)** - SLST FLO in the first 3 stitches, SC FLO in the next 14 stitches, SLST FLO in the last 3 stitches. Change to colour C in the last stitch. CH1 and turn. (20)

**Row 6 (WS)** - With colour C, SLST BLO in every stitch. CH1 and turn. (20)

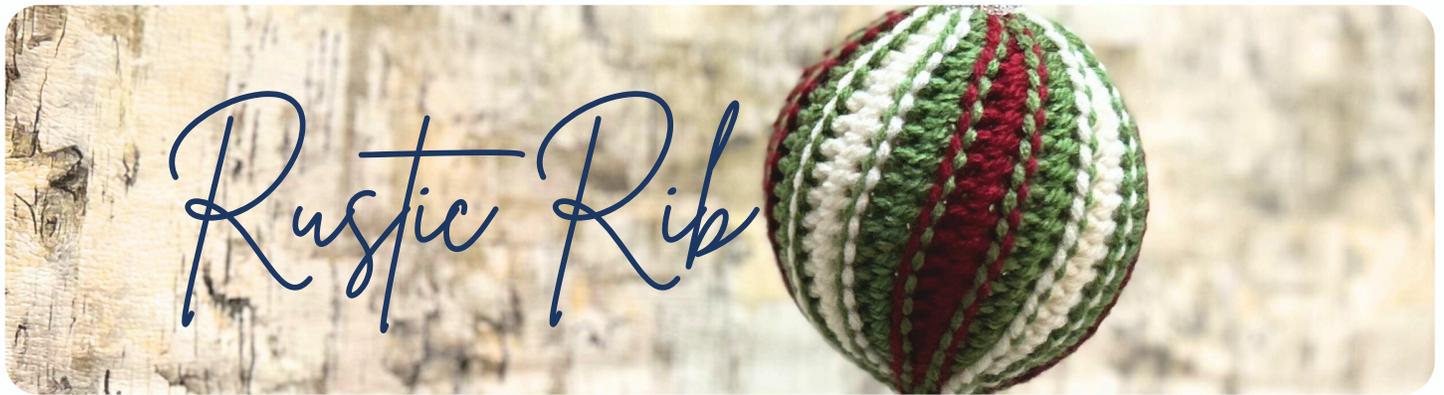
**Row 7 (RS)** - SLST FLO in the first 3 stitches, SC FLO in the next 14 stitches, SLST FLO in the last 3 stitches. Pick up your colour A and change colour in the last stitch, cut off colour C. CH1 and turn. (20)

**Row 8 (WS)** - With colour A, SLST BLO in every stitch. CH1 and turn (20)

**Row 9 (RS)** - SLST FLO in the first 3 stitches, SC FLO in the next 14 stitches, SLST FLO in the last 3 stitches. Change to colour B in the last stitch. CH1 and turn (20)

**Rows 10 - 32** - Repeat rows 2 - 9 twice more and then rows 2 - 8 again. Check for fit around your bauble. You want it to be snug but if you need to stretch it too much to get around the bauble, then add more rows following the pattern.

To join your sides together, place right sides together, and going through the back loop of the side nearest you, and the front loop of the far side, SLST in every stitch (20). Cut a long tail (about 12") and choose how you are finishing your bauble.



**Option 1** - Tuck your tails inside your cover, thread your long colour A tail onto a yarn needle and weave through the tops of the stitches pulling to tighten as you go. Turn your cover right side out, pulling your tails and long tail (still on the needle) through. Cinch the bottom once more. Then, holding all the tails together, wrap your long tail around them at the base 4 or 5 times. Secure everything by threading the needle through the base 2 or 3 times and then down through the base and out the bottom. Once you have inserted your bauble and finished cinching the top, trim the tails hanging from the bottom to the same length.

**Option 2** - Tie off each of your colour B and C tails securely with double knots. Then thread your colour A long tail onto a needle and weave through the tops of the stitches pulling to tighten as you go. Cinch tight and secure the bottom before moving on. Turn your cover right side out and proceed to the next step.

**\*\* 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.

Cut another length of colour A and thread it onto a yarn needle. Weave it through the tops of each stitch cinching as you go. Pull tight, tie the two ends together, and FO.

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

