

Shiny Bauble Ornament

A metallic bauble with a vintage sculpted centre

WIDTH	LENGTH	HOOK	FINISH
11 cm / 4.3 in	13 cm / 5.1 in	6.5 mm	Optional stiffening

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Before you begin

Use US crochet terms. The foundation is a four-chain ring. The first two chains of each round do not count as a stitch. Alternate colours and front-post double crochet to create the indented centre; rounds 2 and 3 need particular care.

Yarn A is Blue (09), yarn B is Silver (12), and yarn C is Green (06). Carry yarn A through rounds 1-3 as stated. The alternate finish changes which yarn is fastened off and uses yarn A for rounds 5 and 6.

Gently snug the yarn after colour changes to avoid gaps. Add a matching yarn loop through the chain-three space. Optional stiffening uses equal parts water and white PVA glue, with the wrong side facing you while the bauble is pinned between rounds 4 and 5.

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Materials

Metallic yarn 80 % Viscose, 20 % Metallic Fiber 50 g / 1.75 oz = 90 m / 98 yds

1 x Blue [09] as yarn A

2 x Silver [12] as yarn B

1 x Green [06] as yarn C

1 x Red [04]

1 x Pink [03]

Crochet hook 6.5 mm (US K) Scissors Yarn needle

Optional - for stiffening: White PVA glue and soft brush Pins and blocking board or foam tiles

MEASUREMENTS Width: 11cm / 4.3” Length: 13 cm / 5.1”







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Stitches & tips

PATTERN INFORMATION This colourful decoration is inspired by vintage ornaments popular during the 1940s-50s in the United States. If you are nostalgic for that mid-century Christmas feeling, well this bauble allows you to recreate that colourful atmosphere!

ABBREVIATIONS

cc = change of colour

ch = chain

st (s) = stitch (es)

sl st (s) = slip stitches

sc = single crochet

hdc = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

dc blo = double crochet in back loop only

FPdc = front post double crochet

tr = treble

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

prev = previous

rnd = round

INFO AND TIPS A delicious chunky ornament, which gives you a vintage feeling of mid-century Christmases. The typical indent, which allows a 3D effect to the bauble is created alternating colours (like in tapestry crochet) and using a textural stitch as the front post double crochet. I confess to you that both the second and third rounds of this pattern could be tricky for that reason, but the final result it's worth it! Remember to pull gently the yarns after each colour change to avoid gaps in the decoration. The colour change is made by pulling the new yarn through the last pull through of the previous stitch, so as to make the next stitch using the new colour.

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Using a 6.5 mm (US K) hook and yarn A, chain 4 and sl st in 1st chain to make a foundation ring.

Round 1 (RS): 2ch (doesn't count as a st here and throughout), 12dc, sl st in top of first st

switching to yarn B. DO NOT FASTEN OFF yarn A, but carry it around as in tapestry crochet. [12dc]

Round 2: 2ch and 1dc in top of first dc, cc to yarn A, 1FPdc around post of first dc, cc to yarn B, (1dc in top of next dc, cc to yarn A, 1FPdc around the post of same dc, cc to yarn B) 11 times, sl st in top of first st. [12dc, 12FPdc]



In the above picture you can check both round 1 and round 2.

Round 3: 2ch and 2dc in top of first dc, cc to yarn A, 1FPdc around first FPdc of prev rnd, cc to yarn B, (2dc in top of next dc, cc to yarn A, 1FPdc around next FPdc of prev rnd, cc to yarn B) 11 times, sl st in top of first st, fasten off yarn A. [24dc, 12FPdc] Using only yarn B:

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Round 4: 2ch and 1dc in top of first dc, 2dc in next dc, 1FPdc around first FPdc of prev rnd, (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1FPdc around next FPdc of prev rnd) 11 times, sl st in top of first st. [36dc, 12FPdc]



In the above picture you can see both round 3 and round 4.

Round 5: 2ch, 48dc blo, sl st in top of first st. [48dc blo]

Round 6: 1ch (doesn't count as a st) and 1sc in same st space, 19sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 2tr, 3ch, 2tr, 1dc, 1hdc, 20sc, sl st in top of first st and fasten off. [40sc, 2hdc, 2dc, 4tr, ch-3 space]



In the above picture you can check both round 5 and round 6.

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Colour variations

You can substitute yarn A with yarn C to obtain a different centre colour.





To obtain a slightly different effect from the bauble given in the pattern, you need to:

Not fasten off yarn A at the end of round 3

Fasten off yarn B at end of round 4

Work round 5 and round 6 using yarn A!

Just look at the picture below to see what you can get just following these tips!

Weave in all ends.



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Hanging loop & stiffening

HANGING LOOP

Cut the desired length of yarn, matching it with the yarn used for the last round of the bauble. Pass it through the ch-3 space, knot the ends together and trim the excess of yarn.

STIFFENING (OPTIONAL)

Prepare a solution made 50% of water and 50% of white PVA glue. Pin the ornament (WS facing you, between rounds 4 and 5), on a blocking board or foam blocks.

With the help of a soft brush spread the solution on the ornament and let it dry completely before using it.



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