

RANDOM ACTS OF CRAFTY KINDNESS

CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2023

Simplest knitted bauble

Cast on between 10 and 20 sts.

(If using chunky yarn stick to around 10-15 sts otherwise your bauble will be too big).

Knit all rows until you have a square.

Cast off leaving a long tail.

**Thread a darning needle with the yarn tail and sew a running stitch around the outside of the square.

Pop a ball of stuffing in the middle of the square before pulling it tight.

Use the rest of the tail of yarn to make a loop for hanging your bauble up.

If you get confident why not make some with stripes!

Simplest crochet bauble

Make a chain of 10-20 sts

(If using chunky yarn stick to around 10-15 sts otherwise your bauble will be too big)

Using a double or treble crochet st make a st into each of the foundation row sts

Continue working back and forth along the row until you have made a square.

Fasten off and leave a long tail.

Finish as above from **

Abbreviations

st/sts - stitch/es

k - knit

kfb - knit into front and back of st to increase

k2tog - knit two stitches together to decrease

ch - chain

sl st - slip stitch

dc - double crochet

dc2tog - double crochet 2 sts together to decrease

Intermediate knitted bauble

Cast on 3 sts

kfb, k1, kfb (5 sts)

kfb, k to last st, kfb (7 sts)

Continue as above until 13 sts

Knit one row

k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog

Continue as above until 3 sts remaining.

Cast off leaving a long tail.

Thread a darning needle with the yarn tail and sew a running stitch around the outside edge.

Pop a ball of stuffing in the middle before pulling it tight.

Use the rest of the tail of yarn to make a loop for hanging your bauble up.

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Intermediate crochet bauble

Dc 6 sts into a magic loop or make ch of 6 and sl st to join

Round 1: 2 dc into each st (12sts)

Round 2: *1 dc into first st, 2 dc into next, rep from * to end (18 sts)

Round 3: *2 dc, 2 dc into next st, rep from * to end(24 sts).

Round 4 &5: dc into each st

Decreasing

Round 6: *dc2tog, dc 2, dc2tog, rep from * to end

Round 7: *dc2tog, dc 1, dc2tog, rep from * to end

Pop stuffing in at this point so that the opening isn't too tight

Round 8: Dc2tog to end

Fasten off yarn with long tail and secure the opening with some stitches, use the tail to make a loop to hang up the bauble.

Make larger baubles by continuing to increasing the number of sts in between the increase st (e.g. 3/4/5 dc, 2 dc into next st.) until you have the desired circumference for your bauble, or stop at round 3 as above.

Remember you'll also need to work a few more decreasing rows too!

These are just some simple suggestions for decorations but you can find your own or why not bring your patterns and ideas to the knitting group meet ups in the museum once a month.

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