

Festive Garland

Materials

Oddments of DK weight yarn in bright festive colours, e.g. Stylecraft Special DK. A 4mm hook.



Pattern Information

Each bauble has five rounds, and you will need to select four colours - A, B, C and D. Make sure there is a contrast between colour A and colour B.

Abbreviations

The pattern is written using UK crochet terms as follows:

dc	Double Crochet
tr	Treble Crochet
st(s)	Stitch(es)
ch	Chain
sk	Skip
sl st	Slip Stitch

Pattern Notes

At the beginning and end of each round you will need to leave long tail ends measuring approximately 15cm. When you begin each round, make your starting slip knot 15cm in from the end. Tail ends from all rounds will be used to form the tassel.

Baubles (make 12)

Round 1, use Colour A

- TO BEGIN** Make a slip knot 15cm in from the end; chain 4; sl st into first ch to form a ring.
Ch 4 (counts as 1 tr, plus 1 ch);
* 1 tr; ch 1;
Repeat from * 6 more times.
Sl st into 3rd ch of beginning ch-4 to close the round; fasten off, leaving a 15cm tail end.

Round 2, use Colour B

TO BEGIN Make a slip knot approx 15cm from the yarn end and insert your hook (with the slip knot on it) into the first chain-1 space. Yarn over and work a slip stitch - this will anchor your new yarn in place, ready to begin.

Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc); 1 dc in same sp; ch 2;

* 2 dc in next space; ch 2;

Repeat from * 6 more times;

Sl st into 2nd ch of beginning ch-2 to close the round; fasten off, leaving a 15cm tail end.

Round 3, use Colour A

TO BEGIN Make a slip knot approx 15cm from the yarn end and insert your hook (with the slip knot on it) into the first chain-2 space. Yarn over and work a slip stitch - this will anchor your new yarn in place, ready to begin.

Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc); 1 dc in same sp; ch 2;

* 2 dc in next sp; ch 2;

Repeat from * 6 more times;

Slip stitch into 2nd ch of beginning ch-2 to close the round; fasten off, leaving a 15cm tail end.

Round 4, use Colour C

TO BEGIN Make a slip knot approx 15cm from the yarn end and insert your hook (with the slip knot on it) into the first chain-2 space. Yarn over and work a slip stitch - this will anchor your new yarn in place, ready to begin.

Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc); 2 dc in same space; ch 2;

* 3 dc in next space; ch 2;

Repeat from * 6 more times;

Sl st into 2nd ch of beginning ch-2 to close the round; fasten off, leaving a 15cm tail end.

Round 5, use Colour D

TO BEGIN Insert hook into the BLO of the first stitch and draw through a loop of the new colour.

Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc);

Work 1 dc into BLO of the next 18 sts;

in BLO of the next stitch, work (sl st; ch 2: 1 tr; ch 2; sl st) – this creates a little bump where you can attach a hanging thread, or attach to a garland.

Work 1 dc into BLO of the next 20 sts;

Sl st into 2nd ch of beginning ch-2 to close the round; fasten off, leaving a 15cm tail end.

TASSEL

After completing 5 rounds of crochet, you'll have ten tail ends to use for the tassel. You'll need to darn these carefully through the stitches on the reverse of the work, bringing them out at the edge of your crochet directly opposite the hanging bit that you created in the final round.

Begin at the outer edge and work your way inwards ie darn in the ends from round 5 first, then do round 4, then 3, 2 and finally the first round. Try and spread your tail ends out a little, making them pop out at the outer edge of the crochet across the space of three dc stitches.

Complete as many decorations as you need for your garland (I made 12 for mine), then give them a little steam treatment.

Use a warm iron and gently puff steam onto the crochet, flattening and shaping the circles with your hands while they are still damp. Give the tassels a good steam too, so that they become beautifully straight and lie flat ready for you to knot and trim them.

Now to knot the tassel. Keep your decoration with the wrong side facing uppermost and gently twist the tail ends around each other to create a neat single thick strand. Carefully tie the strand into a single knot, easing the knot gently upwards until it sits neatly right next to the edge of the crochet. Decide on the finished length of your tassel and trim with sharp scissors.

Teeny Stars (make 24 of these)

TO BEGIN Ch 4; sl st in 1st ch to form a ring.

ROUND 1 Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc); 9 dc into the ring; sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2 to close round [10 sts]

ROUND 2 * In next st work (1 dc; ch 2; sl st in 2nd ch from hook (picot point)); (1 dc; sl st) in next st;

Repeat from * four more times to make five star points in total.

Cut yarn leaving a tail end for darning and pull end through to front of work. Thread onto darning needle and insert needle into the base of the first dc, taking the yarn end right through to the back to create a neat finish. Darn needle under stitches of round 1 and pull firmly to close the central hole.

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Arrange your baubles and stars on a flat surface in the order you wish to join them for your garland. Use the photo of my Festive Garland for guidance – I placed two stars in between each bauble, and one star at each end.

Use silver/gold metallic yarn (or plain DK yarn if you prefer) to create the hanging chain, attaching the baubles and stars using slip stitches.

TO BEGIN Ch 12; sl st in 1st ch to form a hanging loop.

Ch 8; insert hook into top of a bauble/star from front to back, yarn over and make a sl st to anchor in place.

* Ch 8 (or as many as you need to create the correct spacing between the baubles and stars – you might need to experiment to see what looks right); insert hook into top of bauble/star and sl st in place.

Repeat from * until all pieces are joined.

Ch 20; sl st in 12th chain from hook to form the hanging loop; fasten off and darn in ends.

Bells (these are optional)

For an added little festive touch, you can attach 10mm metallic bells in between each crochet motif. Take 12cm lengths of silver yarn (or yarn colour to match your garland chain) and tie them firmly to each bell, making sure the bell sits in the centre of the yarn length. Tightly knot the bell to the garland chain, placing it centrally in between each crochet motif. Trim off the tail ends as close to the knot as you can for a neat finish.

For a full photo tutorial to accompany this pattern please visit my blog at:

<https://attic24.typepad.com/weblog/festive-garland.html>