

Inspiration Tree

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Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished size: 3" tall

Materials:

Inspiration, 1 ball (50 g/115 m)

E/4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook

180 size 3/0 seed beads in 3

different colors: red, green, cream

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Small length of thread

Fiber fill

Star shaped bead

Ornament hook

Gauge: not important

Note: One row is actually worked twice – once for the chain loops in front loops and again for the next row with increases in back loops. All other rows are worked under both loops.

Special Stitch: Chain loop is worked as follows: ch 2, ch with bead, ch 2 again. Ch with bead is worked as follows: pull up bead to hook, yo and pull through loop on hook locking bead into place.

Pre-string beads on yarn by tying a loop through the eye of a tapestry needle that is small enough to fit through the hole of the beads. Thread yarn through loop and pull 6" through. Start picking up beads in a random order and pull through needle down to yarn.

Tree:

With E hook, ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Do not join rounds but place stitch marker in first stitch.

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around (5 sc)

Rnd 3: *Ch loop, sc in front loop of next st.* Repeat from * 5 times. (5 ch loops)

2 sc in back loop of ea st around (10 sc)

Rnd 4: Sc in each st around (10 sc)

Rnd 5: *Ch loop, sc in front loop of next st.* Repeat from * 10 times. (10 ch loops)

(Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) in back loop of ea st around (15 sc)

Rnd 6: Sc in each st around (15 sc)

Rnd 7: *Ch loop, sc in front loop of next st.* Repeat from * 15 times. (15 ch loops)

(Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) in back loop of ea st around (20 sc)

Rnd 8: Sc in each st around (20 sc)



Rnd 9: *Ch loop, sc in front loop of next st.* Repeat from * 20 times. (20 ch loops)
(Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st) in back loop of ea st around (25 sc)
Rnd 10: Sc in each st around (25 sc)
Rnd 11: *Ch loop, sc in front loop of next st.* Repeat from * 25 times. (25 ch loops)
(Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st) in back loop of ea st around (30 sc)
Rnd 12: Sc in each st around (30 sc)
Rnd 13: *Ch loop, sc in front loop of next st.* Repeat from * 30 times. (30 ch loops)
(Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st) in back loop of ea st around (35 sc)
Rnd 14: Sc in each st around (35 sc)
Rnd 15: *Ch loop, sc in front loop of next st.* Repeat from * 35 times. (35 ch loops)
(Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st) in back loop of ea st around (40 sc)
Rnd 16: Sc in each st around (40 sc)
Rnd 17: *Ch loop, sc in front loop of next st.* Repeat from * 40 times. (40 ch loops)
Sc in each st around (40 sc)
End yarn, weave in ends.

Base:

With E hook, ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Do not join rounds but place stitch marker in first stitch.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in of ea st around (10 sc)

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) in ea st around (15 sc)

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) in ea st around (20 sc)

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st) in ea st around (25 sc)

Rnd 6: (Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st) in ea st around (30 sc)

Rnd 7: (Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st) in ea st around (35 sc)

Rnd 8: (Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st) in ea st around (40 sc)

Do not end yarn, but weave in beginning end.

Lightly stuff tree with a small amount of fiber fill.

Keeping RS facing out, attach base to bottom of tree by going through two layers: rnd 8 of base and rnd 17 of tree and working a sc around. Before working final few stitches, continue to stuff with fiber fill until it starts taking form – it may take a bit of ‘overstuffing’ to achieve result. Work final stitches, end yarn and weave in end.

Attach ornament hook to top of tree and slide on star bead so it sits at the top of the tree.

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