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RED HEART

CROCHET SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
1 skein each 368 Paddy Green **A**, 316 Soft White **B**, 235 Lemon **C**, 319 Cherry Red **D**, 706 Perfect Pink **E**, and 520 Minty **F**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle, jar

GAUGE: 12 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 7 rows = 4" [10 cm]. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.**

4 MEDIUM **RED HEART® Super Saver®**, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yds (333 m); stripes, prints, multis and heathers 5 oz (141 g), 236 yds (215 m); flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

Christmas Tree Jar Topper

Fill a mason jar with a gift of hot cocoa mix and top it with this fun Christmas tree! To make it feel even more festive, add crushed peppermint as one of the layers in your cocoa jar.

Finished tree is 7" (17.75 cm) wide and 10" (25.5 cm) tall, including star.

To fit universal-size mason jar lid: 2¾" (70mm) diameter

To fit wide-mouth mason jar: 3⅜" (86mm) diameter

SPECIAL STITCH
Picot Stitch = ch 3, slip stitch into first chain

TREE BASE
Note: To substitute the adjustable ring, ch 3 and join to first ch.

With **A**, make an adjustable ring as follows: Wrap yarn around your finger with the yarn tail to the left and under the working yarn. Insert hook through the circle from front to back. Yarn over using the working yarn and pull through loop.

Round 1: Ch 1, 6 sc in adjustable ring, join to first sc. Pull starting end tight to close the circle – 6 sc.

Rounds 2 & 3: Sc in each of next 6 sts.

Round 4: Working in back loops only, (hdc, dc) in next st, 1 dc in next st, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next st; repeat from * once more – 9 sts.

Round 5: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * 2 more times – 12 dc.

Round 6: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * 2 more times – 15 dc.

Round 7: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 4 sts; repeat from * 2 more times – 18 dc.

Round 8: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 5 sts; repeat from * 2 more times – 21 dc.

Round 9: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 6 sts; repeat from * 2 more times – 24 dc.

Round 10: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 7 sts; repeat from * 2 more times – 27 dc.

Round 11: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 8 sts; repeat from * 2 more times – 30 dc.

Round 12: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 9 sts; repeat from * 2 more times – 33 dc.

Round 13: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 10 sts; repeat from * 2 more times –36 dc.

Round 14: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 11 sts; repeat from * 2 more times –39 dc.

Round 15: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 12 sts; repeat from * 2 more times – 42 dc.

Round 16: Working in back loops only, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 13 sts; repeat from * 2 more times, 1 hdc in next st, 1 sc in next st, slip st in next st – 48 sts.
Do not fasten off.

OUTER LAYER OF TREE
Note: You will now be working into all the front loops left behind.

Round 1: Turn, *ch 3, skip 2 sts, slip st into next front loop; repeat from * around.
Repeat this round until you have reached the top of the tree and worked the last front loop.

Next round: Turn, 3 sc in first ch space, sc into slip st, *(2 dc, Picot Stitch, 2 dc) in next ch space, sc in next slip st; repeat from * around.
Repeat this round until you have reached the bottom of the tree; sc in st after the last ch space.
Fasten off.

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STAR TREE TOPPER (Make 2)

With **C**, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1: Ch 1, 5 sc in adjustable ring, join to first sc. Pull starting end tight to close the circle – 5 sc.
Round 2: *Ch 3, turn; skip 1 ch, 1 sc in each of next 2 ch, slip st into next sc; repeat from * 4 more times.
Fasten off, leaving a 24" (61 cm) tail.

GARLAND

With **B**, ch 200.
Row 1: Slip st into 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 199 slip sts.
Fasten off, leaving a 60" (152.5 cm) tail.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
(Make 3 each using C, D, E, and F)

Make an adjustable ring.
Round 1: Ch 1, 6 sc in adjustable ring, join to first sc. Pull starting end tight to close the circle.
Fasten off, leaving a 12" (30.5 cm) tail.

FINISHING

With yarn needle and long tail, join the front and back of the star together and attach to the top of tree.

Using long yarn tail, attach garland around tree, sliding the needle and yarn through the garland between branches.

Using long yarn tails, attach ornaments to tree.

Weave in all loose ends. Place the lid cover on top of the jar.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E**, **F** = Colors A, B, C, D, E, F; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.