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# Holiday Stars and Balls Ornaments

*Red and white ornaments will add a wonderful pop of color to your tree! Knit them and use them year after year, for if they fall, they will not break!*

## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft:** 2 ball each 9925 Really Red A and 4600 White B for all ornaments

**Susan Bates® Knitting Needles:** 4.0 mm [US 6] and 5.0 mm [US 8] double-pointed needles for Balls; 5.5mm [US 9] for Stars

4" [10 cm] foam balls, fiberfill stuffing, stitch marker, yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 20 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 22 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch with 5.0mm [US8] for Balls; 20 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 20 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch with 5.5mm [US9] for stars. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.



**RED HEART® Soft®**, Art. E728 solid colors available in 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m) balls

**SHOP KIT**

Ball ornaments measure 4" [10 cm]; Stars measure 6" [15 cm] across.

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**kf&b** = knit into front and back of next stitch.  
**M1** = Make 1 (Inc) – Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and work strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole, [knit or purl as indicated by pattern st].

## SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

**I-cord** = Knit specified number of sts, \*slide all sts to opposite end of double-pointed needle; carrying yarn tightly across back of work, knit to end of row, do not turn; repeat from \* to desired cord length.

## Notes

1. Ball ornaments begin with I-cord loop, then are worked in the round. Directions are for Norwegian Lace Ball; changes for Diamonds and Snowflake Balls are in parentheses.
2. Star points are worked individually and sewn together into star. Directions are for Stripe Star; changes for Red Star and White Star are in parentheses.

## BALL ORNAMENTS

### Hanging Loop

With smaller needles and **B (A, B)**, cast on 4 sts. Work I-cord for 3" [7.6 cm].

### Shape Top

**Increase row (Right Side):** Kf&b in each st—8 sts.

Distribute sts evenly to remaining double-pointed needles and join to work in rounds, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

Knit 1 round.

**Round 1:** Kf&b in each st—16 sts.

**Round 2:** Knit.

**Round 3:** Kf&b in each st—32 sts.

**Round 4:** Knit.

**Round 5:** [K3, kf&b] 8 times—40 sts.

**Round 6:** Knit.

**Round 7:** [K4, kf&b] 8 times—48 sts.

**Round 8:** Knit.

**Round 9:** [K5, kf&b] 8 times—56 sts.

**Round 10:** Knit.

**Round 11:** [K6, kf&b] 8 times—64 sts.

**Round 12:** Change to larger needles, knit.

Work 13-round intarsia chart for Norwegian Lace (Diamonds, Snowflake) pattern.

## Shape Bottom

**Next round:** With **A (A, B)**, knit.

Insert foam ball and continue knitting around it. Change to smaller needles; knit 1 round.

**Round 1:** [K6, k2tog] 8 times—56 sts.

**Round 2:** Knit.

**Round 3:** [K5, k2tog] 8 times—48 sts.

**Round 4:** Knit.

**Round 5:** [K4, k2tog] 8 times—40 sts.

**Round 6:** Knit.

**Round 7:** [K3, k2tog] 8 times—32 sts.

**Round 8:** Knit.

**Round 9:** [K2tog] 16 times—16 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving tail; draw tail through remaining 16 sts twice and pull to close opening. Fasten off.

## Finishing

Sew cast-on end of I-cord to top of ball, forming a loop. Weave in ends.

## STAR ORNAMENTS

Star Points, Back (Make 5)

With **A (A, B)** and larger needles, cast on 3 sts.

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Knit.

**Row 2:** P1, M1, purl to end—4 sts.

**Row 3:** K1, M1, knit to end—5 sts.

Repeat last 2 rows, increasing 1 st each row to 12 sts, end on a Row 3.

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**Row 1 (Right Side):** K2tog, knit to end—11 sts.

**Row 2:** P2tog, purl to end—10 sts.

Repeat last 2 rows, decreasing 1 st each row to 2 sts, end on a Row 1. Cut yarn, fasten off.

**Star Points, Front (Make 5)**

Following Stripe (Red Star, White Star) intarsia charts, make star points as for back.

## Finishing

Using photo as guide, arrange 5 star points for Back with decrease ends together at center; sew points together. Repeat for Front star points.

With right sides together, sew all but 1 star edges together; turn star right side out. Stuff star with fiberfill. Sew final edge closed.

Weave in ends.

Cut 6" [15 cm] strand of **B (B, A)**. With yarn needle, thread yarn through top star point, tie in a bow.

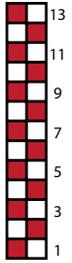
## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B** = Color A, B; **k** = knit; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p2tog** = purl next 2 sts together; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **\*** = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

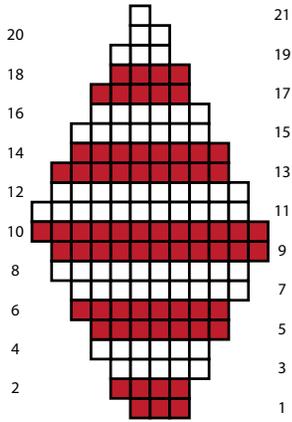
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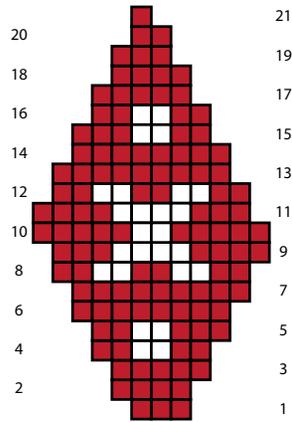
Norwegian Lace



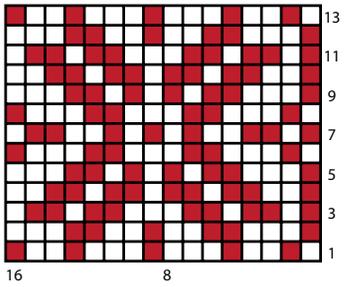
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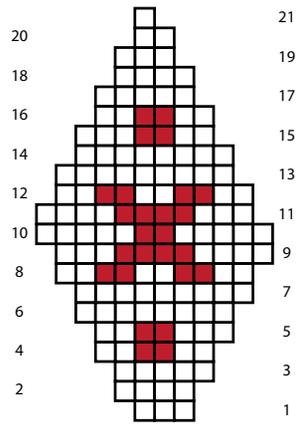
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Snowflake



White Star



Diamonds

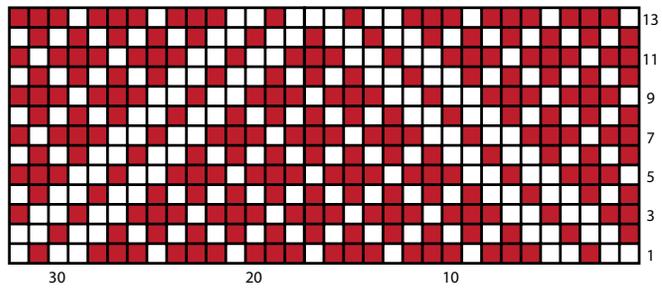


Chart Key

