Simple Origami Christmas Baubles UK

Use up your stash and make this super easy Christmas Baubles. For more help, check out the video tutorial!

Materials

Any stash dk yarn and a size 4mm hook in two or more colours. You can also try making these in light worsted with a 5mm hook (I used up the left overs from my Christmas Stocking project)

A tapestry needle to fit your yarn.

Pattern

Each bauble is made from 6 discs which are worked in the round and slip stitched together as you go. The middle four discs have holes in the centres to reduce the bulk. Use a different colour from the previous disc each time you start a new one.

Disc 1:

Make a magic circle, or chain 4 and join with a sl-st if you prefer.

R1: ch2 (counts as tr here and throughout), 11tr into ring, draw the ring closed, join with a sl-st into the starting ch (12sts)

R2: ch2, tr into same st, (2tr) into each st around, join with a sl-st (24 sts)

R3: ch2, tr into next st, ch1, *tr into each of next 2 sts, ch1, repeat from *around, join with a sl-st (36 sts)

Disc 1 has 12 chain spaces. Fasten off leaving a long tail (this will be used later to make the hanging loop). Do not weave in ends!

Disc 2:

Chain 12, join with a sl-st to make a ring. Crochet round 1 over the end so that you can trim it later and avoid having to weave it in.

R1: ch2, 23tr into the ring, join with a sl-st (24tr)

R2: ch2, tr into next st. Place disc 1 in front of disc 2 and sl-st through the ch-sp on disc 1 which is one before the final chain space you made. Tr into each of next 2 sts, ch1, *tr into next two stitches, skip one chain space on disc 1 and sl-st into the next, tr into each of next 2 sts, ch1, repeat from *around, join with a sl-st (36 sts)

Disc 2 is joined to disc one by 6 sl-sts in alternating chain spaces. The 6 empty chain spaces on disc 2 will be used to attach disc 3 in the exact same way. Trim off the tail from the centre of disc 2 and

weave in the tail at the finishing end. Pull the tail from the centre of disc 2 through the hole in disc 2.

Disc 3-5:

Repeat as for Disc 2, but work the sl-sts into the empty chain spaces of the previous disc made.

Disc 6:

Repeat rounds 1-2 of Disc 1. Take the tail from disc 1 which is pulled through the middle of all the other discs, and tie it together tightly with the tail of disc 6 so that the centres of disc 1 and 6 are drawn together through the other discs.

Now work Round 2 as per disc 2. Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.

You will now have a layered cylinder of discs which make a nice concertina when stretched out!

Thread the tail from disc 6 onto the needle and pass this through each of the chain spaces from the inside out for each one, and for the starting chain space. Pull the thread tight to draw the chain spaces together, and weave in the end.

Repeat on the other side, using the length to make a hanging loop before fastening off.