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EASY

crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each 334 Buff **A** and 316 Soft White **B**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 4 mm [US G-6]

Yarn needle, 24 ¼" (6mm) pearl beads, three ⅝" (15 mm) wood beads, 12¼-½" (6-12 mm) white buttons, three 15/16" (23mm) diameter x 12" (30.5 cm) long dowels, three 3" (7.5 cm) tin buckets (samples by Oriental Trading Company), three 3" (7.5 cm) Styrofoam® balls, sewing needle and white thread, polyester fiberfill, craft glue

GAUGE: 4 sc = 1" (2.5 cm); 18 rows = 4" (10 cm) in single crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

Buy Yarn

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

Triangle Christmas Trees

Decorating with neutral tones gives an elegance to your home. Crochet this trio of trees and display them on your entry table, on the mantel or anywhere you want to add a bit of holiday spirit.

Tree measures 7¾" (19.5 cm) at widest point x 10½" (26.5 cm) tall without bucket; tree in bucket measures 16" (40.5 cm) tall.

Notes

1. Three tree-in-bucket sets are each made from 2 triangles, 1 skirt, and 1 bucket. Beads, buttons, and decorations vary for each set.
2. Refer to photographs as a guide for placement of beads, buttons, and decorations. Work with right side of all pieces facing when assembling unless otherwise stated.
3. Trees are for decoration only and are not intended for use as a toy.

Special Stitches

sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

beg 3-dc Cl (beginning 3 double crochet cluster) = Ch 3, yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch or space, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remain on hook); yarn over, insert hook in same stitch or space, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

3-dc Cl (3 double crochet cluster) = Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch or space, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remain on hook); [yarn over, insert hook in same stitch or space, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 4 loops on hook.

Special Technique

Join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

TREE (make 3)
Triangle (make 2)
With **A**, ch 32.
Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—31 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st, turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog, turn—29 sc.
Rows 4 and 5: Repeat Row 2.
Row 6: Repeat Row 3—27 sc.
Rows 7–36: Repeat Rows 4–6 ten times—7 sc.
Rows 37–40: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 twice—3 sc.
Row 41: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn—2 sc.
Row 42: Ch 1, sc2tog—1 sc. Fasten off.

Skirt
With **B**, ch 7; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout) 15 dc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 dc.
Round 2: Ch 3, dc in next st, *ch 3, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * around, ch 3; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 dc and 8 ch-3 spaces.

Round 3: Slip st in next st, 4 sc in each ch-3 space; join with slip st in first sc—32 sc. Fasten off.

TREE 1 DECORATIONS
Circle Motif (make 2)
With **B**, ch 7; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, 12 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 2: Ch 3, dc in next sc, *ch 3, dc in next 2 sc; repeat from * around, ch 3; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—12 dc and 6 ch-3 spaces.

Round 3: Slip st in next st, (slip st, beg 3-dc Cl, ch 4, 3-dc Cl) in first ch-3 space, [ch 4, 3-dc Cl] twice in each ch-3 space, ch 4; join with slip st in top of beginning Cl—12 Cls and 12 ch-4 spaces.

Round 4: Work (2 sc, ch 3, 2 sc) in each ch-4 space; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Scallop Trim #1
With **B**, ch 72.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *skip next 2 ch, 5 dc in next ch; repeat from * across to last ch, sc in last ch. Fasten off.
Scallop Trim #2
With **B**, ch 63. Work same as scallop trim #1.

Bucket Trim
With **B**, work an even number of ch as needed to fit around top edge of bucket.

Row 1: Dc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—odd number of dc.

Row 2: Ch 3, skip next dc, sc in next st, *ch 3, skip next dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.
Bow

With 2 strands of **A** held together, work as many ch as needed to wrap around bucket and tie a bow. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY
Weave in ends.
Step 1: Sew a circle motif on each triangle.
Step 2: At top of each triangle, sew 3 pearl beads in a vertical row.
Step 3: With right sides held together, sew triangle sides together. Turn tree right side out and stuff lightly (do not overstuff).
Step 4: With sewing needle and thread, sew short edges of scallop trim #1 together, then sew trim to bottom edge of tree. Sew short edges of scallop trim #2 together, place trim on tree, and sew to nearest round.
Step 5: With sewing needle and thread, sew bottom edges together, leaving a ½" (1.5 cm) opening in the center for the dowel.
Step 6: Apply glue to ⅔ of dowel and insert in tree, leaving remainder of dowel for bucket. Allow glue to dry thoroughly throughout all assembly and finishing steps before handling.
Step 7: Apply glue to outside of bucket near top edge and glue bucket trim in place around. Allow to dry, then tie bow around trim. You may want to apply glue to an inconspicuous area of the knot to prevent it from unraveling and to loops to prevent drooping.

FINISHING TREE 1
Insert a Styrofoam ball in the bucket. Apply glue around the ball where it meets the inside of bucket and allow to dry. With a pin, mark the center of the ball. Lightly mark 1½" (4 cm) from the bottom edge of dowel and insert dowel into the ball up to this mark. Carefully remove the dowel and fill the hole with glue. With right side facing the tree, slide skirt onto dowel, then reinsert the dowel into the hole. Ensure that the tree is standing straight, slide the skirt down to the ball, and allow glue to dry thoroughly.

TREE 2 DECORATIONS
Large Snowflake (make 2)
With **B**, ch 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), dc in ring, *ch 1, dc in ring; repeat from * 11 times, ch 1; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—14 dc and 14 ch-1 spaces.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in first ch-1 space, *ch 5, sc in next 2 ch-1 spaces, repeat from * 5 times, ch 5, sc in last ch-1 space; join with slip st in first sc—7 ch-5 spaces. Fasten off.

Medium Snowflake (make 2)
With **B**, ch 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, 12 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, (sc, ch 5, sc) in same st as join, *sc in next sc, (sc, ch 5, sc) in next sc; repeat from * 4 times, sc in last sc; join with slip st in first sc—6 ch–5 spaces. Fasten off.

Lower Band Trim
With **B**, ch 7.

Row 1 (right side): Dc in 3rd ch from hook, *ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * once, turn—3 dc and 2 ch-1 spaces.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *ch 1, skip next dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * once, turn—3 sc and 2 ch-1 spaces.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in first sc, *ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next sc; repeat from * once, turn—3 dc and 2 ch-1 spaces.
Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until trim fits around lower rounds of tree. Fasten off.

Upper Band Trim
Work same as lower band trim, repeating Rows 2 and 3 until trim fits around upper section of tree.
Bow (make 2)
With 2 strands of **A** held together, work as many ch as needed to weave in and out of each band and tie a bow. Fasten off.

Bucket Trim
With **A**, work as many ch as needed to fit around outside of bucket near top edge plus 2 ch.

Row 1 (right side): Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off.

Flower
With **B**, ch 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, 12 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, *ch 5, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * 4 times, ch 5, sc in last sc; join with slip st in first sc—6 ch-5 spaces. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY
Weave in ends.
Step 1: Sew 1 medium and 1 large snowflake on each triangle. Do not sew through outer ch-spaces of the large snowflake.
Step 2: Sew a pearl bead in center of each snowflake. Sewing through triangle, sew a bead on 3rd ch of each ch-5 of large snowflake, pulling outward slightly to create a point.
Step 3: Repeat Step 3 of Tree 1 Assembly.
Step 4: Sew short ends of each band together to form a ring. Weave the appropriate bow through the upper and lower bands. Place the upper band on the

tree and tie the bow. Position the lower band over the lowest rounds and, with sewing needle and thread, sew in place. Tie the bow. You may prefer to glue or tack the underside of the bow loops to the band so they don't droop.

Steps 5 and 6: Repeat Steps 5 and 6 of Tree 1 Assembly.

Step 7: Apply glue to outside of bucket near top edge and glue bucket trim in place. Sew a pearl bead in center of flower and glue flower on front of trim.

FINISHING TREE 2

See instructions for Finishing Tree 1.

TREE 3 DECORATIONS

Large Swirl (make 4)

With **B**, ch 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in ring, *ch 2, dc in ring; repeat from * 5 times; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—8 dc and 8 ch-2 spaces.

Round 2: Slip st in next ch, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-2 space around (petal made); join with slip st in first sc—8 ch-3 spaces. Fasten off.

Medium Swirl (make 2)

Work same as Round 1 of large swirl. Fasten off.

Small Swirl (make 5)

With **B**, ch 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): *Ch 3, sc in ring; repeat from * 7 times; join with slip st in base of beginning ch–8 ch-3 spaces. Fasten off.

Curved Trim

With **B**, ch 3.

Row 1 (right side): Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 3, 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook; repeat from * as needed to fit around lower edge of tree. Fasten off.

Bucket Trim

With **A**, ch 4.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, turn—3 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in each st, turn.

Working an odd number of rows, repeat Row 2 until trim fits around the top of the bucket. Fasten off. Sew short edges together.

Edging Round: With right side of either edge facing, join **B** with sc at seam, working in ends of rows, ch 1, skip first row, sc in next row, *ch 1, skip next row, sc in next row; repeat from * around to last row, ch 1, skip last row; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Repeat on opposite edge.

ASSEMBLY

Weave in ends.

Step 1: Sew 2 large swirls, one medium swirl, and 2 small swirls on each triangle. Sew beads and buttons as shown or where desired.

Step 2: Repeat Step 3 of Tree 1 Assembly.

Step 3: Sew short ends of curved band together to form a ring. Position band at lower edge of tree and with sewing needle and thread, sew in place.

Steps 4 and 5: Repeat Steps 5 and 6 of Tree 1 Assembly.

Step 6: Apply glue around outside of bucket near top edge and glue bucket trim in place. Sew a button to center of remaining small swirl. Glue swirl to front of bucket trim.

FINISHING TREE 3

See instructions for Finishing Tree 1.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **( )** = work directions in parentheses into same st; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.