

# HEART TREE DECORATION

## YOU WILL NEED

**Yarn:** 1 x 50g ball each of cotton 4-ply (fingering) yarn in white (A) and blue (B) or red (C): I used Scheepjes Catona (50g/1½oz/125m/137yd) in Bridal White: 105, Baby Blue: 509 and Ruby: 517

**Notions:** matching sequins, holly or snowflake buttons, piece of fabric or felt for lining, a small amount of toy stuffing, glue gun

**Crochet hook:** 3mm (UK 11, US C/D)

**Measurements:** 8cm (3¼in) in height

## INSTRUCTIONS

Make two pieces the same for each heart.

Using A, make 6 ch, join into a ring with a sl st.

**Round 1:** 3 ch (counts as first tr), 2 tr into ring, \*3 ch, 3 tr into ring, rep from \* twice more, 3 ch, join to beg of round with a sl st (4 3-tr groups and 4 3-ch sps).

**Round 2:** 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr into each of next 2 tr, \*(3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr) into next 3-ch sp, 1 tr into each of next 3 tr, rep from \* twice more, (3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr) into last 3-ch sp, join to beg of round with a sl st (36 tr and 4 3-ch sps). Fasten off.

**Round 3:** rejoin yarn A to any 3-ch sp, 1 dc into same sp, \*miss 4 tr, 12 dtr into next tr, miss 4 tr, 1 dc into next 3-ch sp, rep from \* once more, fasten off.

Make another heart to match. Work in all ends.

Using the heart shape as a template, cut two pieces of fabric or felt. Sew these pieces together and lightly pad with some stuffing.

Join the hearts together as follows: place hearts back to back, right sides facing out.

**Round 4:** remembering to insert the padded heart before closing the round, and working through both layers, join in yarn B or C to centre dc of previous round, 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to 3-ch sp at point of heart, 3 dc in 3-ch sp, 1 dc into each st to end, join to beg of round with a sl st.

**Round 5:** work 1 dc in each dc to end BUT working from right to left, thus creating a twisted stitch called crab stitch.

Fasten off.

## HANGING LOOP

Using yarn B or C, make 26 ch.

**Row 1:** 1 dc into second ch from hook, 1 dc in each ch to end (25 sts).

Fasten off.

## MAKING UP

Work in any ends. Add the sequins and button to the front of the heart. Thread the hanging loop through the top of the heart and join the ends together.

## BUN

Using yarn D, make 2 ch, 6 dc into second ch from hook, join with a sl st to beg of round (6 sts).

**Round 1:** 1 ch, 2 dc in each st to end (12 sts).

**Round 2:** 1 ch, \*1 dc, 2 dc in next st, rep from \* to end, join (18 sts).

**Round 3:** 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to end.  
Fasten off.

## APRON

Using yarn C, make 31 ch.

**Row 1:** 1 dc into second ch from hook, 1 dc into each ch to end, turn (30 sts).

**Rows 2-4:** 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to end, turn.

**Row 5:** 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr in each st to end, turn.

**Row 6:** 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to end, turn.

**Row 7 and 8:** rep rows 5 and 6, once more.

**Row 9:** 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to end, turn.

**Row 10:** 1 ch, 20 dc, turn.

**Work apron top:**

**Row 11:** 1 ch, 20 dc, turn.

**Rows 12-15:** 1 ch, 10 dc, turn (10 sts).

**Rows 16-33:** 1 ch, 2 dc, turn (2 sts).

Fasten off.

Rejoin yarn C to eighth dc of row 15.

**Rows 16-33:** 1 ch, 2 dc, turn (2 sts).

Fasten off.

## APRON TIE (MAKE 2)

Beg at row 7 of apron and ending at row 10, working into row ends, join yarn C and work 4 dc along one side of apron, turn (4 sts).

**Rows 1-14:** 1 ch, 4 dc, turn.

Fasten off.

Join yarn C on opposite side and work the other tie in the same way.

## CHRISTMAS PIE

Using yarn E, make 2 ch, 6 dc into second ch from hook, join with a sl st to beg of round (6 sts).

**Round 1:** 1 ch, 2 dc in each st to end, join (12 sts).

**Round 2:** 1 ch, \*1 dc, 2 dc in next st, rep from \* to end, join (18 sts).

**Round 3:** 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to end BUT work into BLO of each dc, join.

**Rounds 4 and 5:** 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to end, join.

**Round 5:** work next round from the inside of the piece:

1 ch, \*1 dc, 1 tr, rep from \* to end, join.

Fasten off.

## GENTRE OF PIE

Using yarn F, make 2 ch, 6 dc into second ch from hook, join with a sl st to beg of round (6 sts).

**Round 1:** 1 ch, 2 dc in each st to end, join (12 sts).

**Round 2:** 1 ch, \*1 dc, 2 dc in next st, rep from \* to end, join (18 sts).

**Rounds 3 and 4:** 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to end, join.

Fasten off.

## COLLAR

Using yarn C, make 25 ch.

**Row 1:** 1 dc into second ch from hook, 2 ch, sl st into second ch from hook, 1 dc into next ch, \*1 dc into next ch, 2 ch, sl st into second ch from hook, 1 dc into next ch, rep from \* to end.

Fasten off.

## HAIR TRIM

Work as collar.

## EAR (MAKE 2)

Using yarn A, make 2 ch, 6 dc into second ch from hook, join with a sl st to beg of round (6 sts).

**Round 1:** 1 ch, 2 dc in each st to end, join (12 sts).

**Round 2:** 1 ch, \*1 dc, 2 dc in next st, rep from \* to end, join (18 sts).

**Round 3:** 1 ch, \*2 dc, 2 dc in next st, rep from \* to end, join (24 sts).

**Round 4:** 1 ch, \*3 dc, 2 dc in next st, rep from \* to end, join (30 sts).

Fasten off.

## ARM (MAKE 2)

Using yarn A, make 2 ch, work 7 dc into second ch from hook, join with a sl st to beg of round (7 sts).

**Round 1:** 1 ch, 2 dc in each st to end, join (14 sts).

**Rounds 2-8:** 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to end, join.

**Round 9:** 1 ch, \*1 dc, dc2tog, rep from \* to last 2 sts, 2 dc, join (10 sts).

**Rounds 10-13:** 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to end, join.

Fasten off.

## MUZZLE

Using yarn A, make 2 ch, 6 dc into second ch from hook, join with a sl st to beg of round (6 sts).

**Round 1:** 1 ch, 2 dc in each st to end, join (12 sts).

**Round 2:** 1 ch, \*1 dc, 2 dc in next st, rep from \* to end, join (18 sts).

**Round 3:** 1 ch, \*2 dc, 2 dc in next st, rep from \* to end, join (24 sts).

**Rounds 4 and 5:** 1 ch, 1 dc in each st to end, join.

Fasten off.

## SCARF

Using yarn C, make 49 ch.

**Row 1:** 1 dc into second ch from hook, \*1 tr into next ch, 1 dc into next ch, rep from \* to end, turn (48 sts).

Break yarn C. Join in yarn B.

**Row 2:** 2 ch, miss first dc, \*1 dc into next tr, 1 tr in next dc, rep from \* to end.

Fasten off.

## MAKING UP

Before completing the stuffing of the body and head, insert the eyes into the head. Secure the eyes with glue or push each screw through the front and close the safety clasps inside the piece. If you prefer to embroider your eyes, do this once the head is stuffed. Finish stuffing the head and body, and add any further stuffing to the legs if needed. Use the blunt end of a crochet hook to tease the stuffing into place and close both legs. Lightly stuff the arms and sew to the body on either side at shoulder height. Fold each ear in half to form a semi-circle, curl slightly and sew to either side of the head. Place the muzzle onto the face, adding a little stuffing, and sew to the head. Work in all ends. Embroider the nose and mouth using yarn D. Embroider the eyebrows using yarn D. Sew on the buttons. Wrap the scarf around the bear's neck.

