

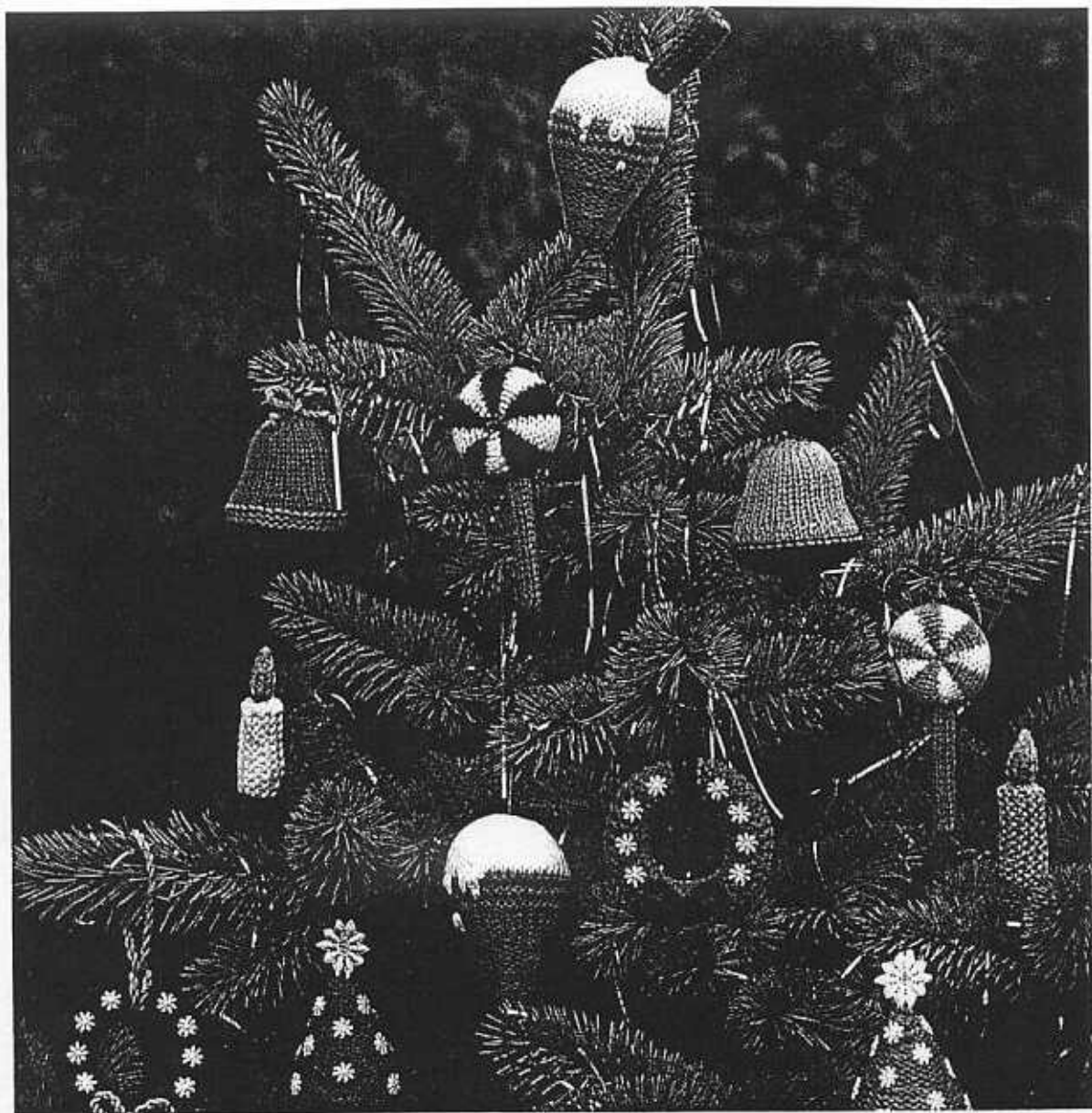
Christmas Tree Trims

These decorations for the Christmas season are fun, colourful and quick to knit. You can make them to hang on the Christmas tree or as amusing stocking fillers for the children.

To give an indication of size, the lollypops measure 11 cm [4½ in] in diameter and the garlands are 7 cm [2¾ in] in diameter.

You will need: Oddments of double knitting yarn in colours illustrated; a pair of 3½ mm [No 10, USA 3] knitting needles; a little

stuffing; large and small guipure flowers; flat wooden lolly sticks about 6 mm [¼ in] wide; adhesive.



through ends. Join cast on and cast off edges by oversewing them together. Make a twisted cord and loop it round garland at join as illustrated.

Make a twisted yarn bow and sew to garland then add guipure flowers as illustrated.

Bell

Begin at top and using blue or yellow yarn cast on 7 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st – 14 sts.

2nd row: P.

3rd row: As 1st – 28 sts. St-st 13 rows.

Next row: (K 1, inc in next st) to end – 42 sts.

St-st 2 rows. Break off blue or yellow and join on yellow or red yarn. Beginning with a K row, work 3 rows rev st-st. Break off yellow or red and join on black yarn. Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Shape underside of bell: Work as given for tree from ** to end.

To make up

Make up as for tree, noting that K side is right side of work. Wind a tiny ball of yarn using red or green then thread end of yarn into a darning needle. Sew backwards and forwards through the ball to hold wound strands in place. Sew ball to centre of bell underneath, taking yarn up through centre of bell to top. Pull yarn to depress the ball slightly into base, then fasten off. Add a hanging loop and a twisted yarn bow as illustrated.

Candle

Using white or blue yarn cast on 14 sts and g-st 40 rows. Cast off.

For the flame, cast on 4 sts using red. Break off red and join on yellow yarn.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st – 8 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: (P 2 tog) to end – 4 sts.

Next row: (K 2 tog) to end – 2 sts. Fasten off the 2 sts.

For candle holder use red or green yarn, cast on 36 sts and g-st 6 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Make up candle as for chocolate flake. Oversew row ends of flame together, right side outside. Stuff, then sew to top of candle. Wind the candle holder strip round base of candle and sew in place. Add a hanging loop to top of flame, or fix base of candle holder to branch of tree with a length of thread.

Lollypop

Using red or green yarn cast on 14 sts.

1st row: Sl 1, K to last st, turn.

2nd row: P to last st, turn.

3rd row: K to end.

4th row: Sl 1, P to end. These 4 rows form the stripe pattern. Join on white yarn and continue working the 4 row stripes using white and red or green alternately, until there are five red or green and four white stripes.

Last stripe [white]: Work rows 1 to 3 then cast off.

For the knitted strip which covers the stick, begin at top end and using fawn yarn cast on 6 sts. St-st 18 rows. Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

To make up

Oversew cast on and cast off edges of lollypop together having wrong side outside. Gather up row ends at right hand side of work tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff.

Gather up remaining row ends tightly and fasten off, then take a stitch through centre of lollypop and back again, pulling tightly to make flattened shape. Fasten off.

Cut wooden lolly stick to 6 cm [$2\frac{1}{4}$ in] in length. Having right side of knitted strip outside, oversew row ends together, enclosing the stick as you go. Sew cast on edge of stick to lollypop. Add a hanging loop.

Abbreviations: See page 17, as well as below – rev st-st, reverse st-st [P is right side of work]; m 1 – make one stitch by picking up horizontal strand of yarn lying between last knitted stitch and next stitch and knitting into back of it; sl 1, slip 1.

To make a twisted hanging cord
[optional] Cut a 120 cm [47 in] length of yarn and knot ends together. Secure knotted end to edge of a table with sticky tape. Insert index finger of right hand in folded end. Holding yarn taut, twist finger round and round in clockwise direction until yarn begins to curl tightly back on itself when relaxed. Bring ends of yarn together and knot, then smooth along length so that twists are even. Trim ends of yarn close to knot.

Christmas tree

Note that P side of work is right side of tree. Using green yarn begin at top and cast on 7 sts. St-st 2 rows.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st – 14 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K 2, (m 1, K 2) to end – 20 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K 2, (m 1, K 2) to end – 29 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K 2, (m 1, K 2) to last st, K 1 – 42 sts *.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: P.

Work dec for underneath tree:

** *1st row:* K 2, (K 2 tog, K 2) to end – 32 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K 1, (K 2 tog, K 1) to last st, K 1 – 22 sts.

5th row: (K 2 tog) to end – 11 sts. Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it loosely through remaining sts and leave.

For the tub, use red yarn and cast on 30 sts loosely. St-st 3 rows then cast off firmly K wise.

To make up

Gather up cast on sts of tree tightly and

fasten off. Join row ends as far as sts threaded onto yarn. Turn right side out, stuff, then pull up yarn length tightly and fasten off.

Roll up the tub strip tightly across width and sew row ends in place. Sew cast on edge of tub centrally underneath tree, then sew across rolled up cast off edges to hold in place. Sew two large guipure flowers glued together to top of tree then sew on a hanging loop. Glue on small guipure flowers to decorate tree.

Ice cream cone

Using fawn yarn work as for tree as far as *. G-st 4 rows. Break off fawn, join on white or pink yarn for ice cream and beginning with a K row, st-st 8 rows.

Shape top: *Next row:* (K 1, K 2 tog) to end – 28 sts.

Next row: P.

Next row: (K 2 tog) to end – 14 sts.

P 1 row then break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it loosely through remaining sts and leave.

For the chocolate flake, use brown yarn and cast on 10 sts. G-st 22 rows then cast off.

To make up

Make up cone as for tree. Roll up flake strip tightly from cast off edge then oversew cast on edge to one of the g-st ridges. Sew across wound up ends of flake to hold in place. Sew one end of flake to ice cream as illustrated. Work a few chain stitches in white or pink yarn for dribbles of ice cream down the cone. Add a hanging loop.

Garland

Using green or red yarn on 10 sts and g-st 80 rows, slipping the first st on every row. Cast off loosely.

To make up

Oversew loops at row ends together, pulling up each st as you go, to curve the strip. Stuff