

CANDY CANE



MATERIALS

Worsted weight yarn in White, Red, Hunter Green and Kelly Green

Red Heart Holiday yarn in Green/Silver

Polyfill

Size G crochet hook

Yarn needle

Thick Tacky glue

STARTING AT BOTTOM OF CANDY CANE

With White Yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6 stitches (if you don't know what a magic circle is, there is an excellent video demonstrating it on Utube: Here is the link: <http://ca.youtube.com/watch?v=WLuSVyKvoUg>)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc

Rnds 4 – 12: sc in each sc – 18 sc, Change to Red yarn.

Rnds 13 – 19: sc in each sc in Red, Change to White yarn.

Rnds 20 – 26: sc in each sc in White, Change to Red yarn.

Rnds 27 – 33: sc in each sc in Red, Change to White yarn.

Start to stuff the candy cane now and continue as you go along.

Rnds 34 – 40: sc in each sc in White, Change to Red yarn.

Rnd 41: sc in each sc

****Now you will begin to increase the size of the stitches on the top of the candy cane so that it starts to curve****

Rnd 42: sc in first 4 sc, dc in next 9 sc, sc in rem 5 sc

Rnd 43: sc in first 4 sc, dc in each dc, sc in rem 5 sc

Rnds 44 – 47: repeat row 43, Change to White Yarn

Rnds 48 – 54: repeat row 43, Change to Red Yarn

Rnds 55 – 61: repeat row 43, Change to White Yarn

Rnds 62 – 68: sc in each sc

Rnd 69: *sc 2 tog, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 12 sc

Finish stuffing.

Rnd 70: sc 2 tog until closed. End off.

BANDS AROUND CANDY CANE (Make 8)

With Green/Silver yarn:

Ch 20, sc in each ch, end off, leaving long tails.

Place bands around candy cane where colors meet, ends in back. Sew ends closed and stitch to hold in place. Note: these bands will help cover up where the color changes took place.

LARGE LEAVES (make 2)

There will be a dtr (double triple crochet) stitch used twice on the leaves. If you are unfamiliar with this stitch it is the same as a triple crochet, but you yarn over 3 times and pull through 4 times.

With Kelly Green yarn:

Ch 17

Starting in next ch from hook, sc, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch. This completes one of the points on the poinsettia leave. You will be making 2 more points.

Next point (this will be the largest point): Doing one stitch in each chain as above: dc, tr, dtr, tr, dc, hdc. This completes the second point.

Last point: dc, tr, dc, hdc, sc in last ch, ch 3, sc in each ch 3, and now you will be continuing up the other side of the chain with a mirror image of the side you just completed

Simply reverse the stitches going back up the other side, starting with the last point.

(hdc, dc, tr, dc)

Next point: hdc, dc, tr, dtr, tr, dc.

Last point: hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc, sc, sl st in beginning sc, end off. The part you just ended off is the bottom of the leaf. The pointier end is the top.

Attach Hunter Green yarn in last stitch.

Sc in each stitch around the whole leaf, except:

1 - dc and sc in each of the largest stitches on the points which would be the tr, dtr, tr stitches.

2 - sl st in each hdc stitch.

3 - sl st in each of the three stitches leading up to the point at the top of the leaf, and in the 3 stitches after the point.

Doing this will make the points more prominent. See my photos of the leaves on the next page.

SMALL LEAF

With Kelly Green yarn:

Follow the instructions for the larger leaves, except:

Start with ch 15 and only work the first two points (skip the last dc, tr, dc, hdc which would be the third point.)

Continue up the other side as you did for the larger leaves.

Attach the Hunter Green yarn and go around as you did for the larger leaves. Sew on the veins.

The photos also show the veins on the leaves done in red yarn.

Thread the yarn needle with the yarn and make a knot in the end. Go in through the bottom of the leaves (this part will be hidden later)

And sew the long vein up the center. Go down through the back and out the starting point. From there continue sewing the veins on as shown in the photos. The backs should look similar to the fronts.



THIS IS THE FRONT



THIS IS THE BACK



HERE IS A CLOSEUP OF THE LARGER LEAF THAT MAY BE OF SOME HELP TO YOU (I put a little tacky glue under the long stitch to hold it in place. You can see a little of the white glue before it dried)

BERRIES (make 7)

With Red yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 4

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc, end off, leaving tails.

Thread the tails onto a yarn needle, and bend the little circle into a bowl shape. Sew back and forth across the opening until the little bowl becomes a ball. Weave in tails. Glue the berries onto the leaves as shown in my photo or place them wherever you would like.



Thread a piece of white yarn onto yarn needle and sew a loop on the top back of the candy cane. Tie a knot in the loop and pull the loop so that the knot goes inside. See the white loop going across the green band in my photo:





HERE IS A CLEARER VIEW OF THE BANDS AND LOOP AT THE BACK

Well that about does it. I hope this went smoothly for you – especially the explanation of how to do the leaves. There was a lot of trial and error in that one! Ha.

If you would like, you can sprinkle a little glitter on the berries or leaves for a little added sparkle.