

Holiday Bowl

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Materials: 1 roll #18 La Espiga nylon color #75
Size G aluminum crochet hook
Stiffening solution

Fray Check - Dabbing fray check on the ends is necessary when using nylon thread which ravel's easily. When coming to an end or changing colors work over the thread just like yarn but leave a little more thread. Then clip close to the stitches and immediately dab Fray Check on the end and the surrounding area on the inside of your work. It can darken the thread so dab lightly but make sure it's saturated.

Dimensions: 9"x4"

Special Stitch: 2hdct (2 hdc together) - Yo, insert hook in next stitch and pull up a loop, yo, insert hook in next stitch and pull up a loop, yo and pull through all 5 loops on hook.

Round 1 - Make loop with end of yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Working into this loop (Magic Loop), ch 2, 7 hdc in loop. Sl st in top of ch 2. Pull tail of yarn to tighten loop and close opening.

Round 2 - Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in ea of next 7 hdc, sl st in top of ch 2. 16 hdc including beginning ch 2

Round 3 - Ch 2, (2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next hdc) 7 times, 2 hdc in next hdc. Sl st in top of ch 2. 24 hdc

Round 4 - Ch 2, (2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 2 hdc) 7 times, 2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next hdc. Sl st in top of ch 2. 32 hdc

Round 5 - Ch 2, (2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 3 hdc) 7 times, 2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 2 hdc. Sl st in top of ch 2. 40 hdc

Round 6 - Ch 2, (2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 4 hdc) 7 times, 2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 3 hdc. Sl st in top of ch 2. 48 hdc

Round 7 - Ch 2, (2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 5 hdc) 7 times, 2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 4 hdc. Sl st in top of ch 2. 56 hdc

Round 8 - Ch 2, (2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 6 hdc) 7 times, 2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 5 hdc. Sl st in top of ch 2. 64 hdc

Round 9 - Ch 2, (2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 7 hdc) 7 times, 2 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in next 6 hdc. Sl st in top of ch 2. 72 hdc

Round 10 - BLO (back loop only) Ch 3, 3 dc in same stitch, skip 3 hdc, *sl st in next hdc, ch 3, 3 dc in same stitch, skip 3 hdc*. Repeat from *to*, end with sl st in bottom of beginning ch 3. Ch 1, turn.

Round 11 - *Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop*. Repeat from *to* around, ending with sl st in st st at beginning of round. Ch 3, turn.

Round 12-17 - Repeat round 11

Row 18 - (Sc in 3 dc, 4 sc in ch 3 loop), repeat around, ending with sl st in beginning ch 1. Do not turn.

Row 19 - BLO Sl st in next sc, ch 1. [Sc in next sc, hdc in next sc, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next sc, hdc in next sc, sc in next sc, skip next 2 sc] repeat around, ending with sl st in beginning sc.

Row 20 - BLO Sl st in next sc, ch 2. [Hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 2 dc, 3 hdc in ch 1 (not ch 1 space), hdc in next 2 dc, hdc in next hdc, 2hdct over next 2 sc] repeat across, ending with hdc in last sc, sl st at top of ch 2. Fasten off.

I stiffened my basket with equal parts water and sugar. Bring to boil and let boil for 5 minutes. Let cool and saturate bowl with solution. Roll in towel to remove excess moisture. Place over a can of similar size (covered with plastic wrap), stretch and mold and let dry.