

Crochet Christmas Ball Keychain Pattern

Materials Needed

- **Yarn:** Himalaya Himagurumi cotton yarn in green, white, and gold/silver glitter thread
- **Crochet Hook:** Size 2.50 mm
- **Keychain Clip:** For attaching your finished ball
- **Yarn Needle:** For weaving in ends
- **Bead Fiber Filling:** To stuff the ball
- **Scissors:** For cutting yarn

Basic Crochet Techniques

1. **Chain Stitch:** Start by making a foundation chain.
2. **Single Crochet (sc):** Insert your hook into a stitch, yarn over, pull through, yarn over again, and pull through both loops on the hook.
3. **Increase:** Make two single crochets in one stitch.
4. **Decrease:** Close three stitches together to reduce the stitch count.

Pattern Instructions

This pattern creates a round ball with stripes. We'll crochet in rows, starting with a foundation chain and using single crochets. To create the ball shape, we'll increase stitches on odd-numbered rows and decrease stitches on even-numbered rows.

Starting the Ball

1. **Make a Slipknot:** Begin by making a slipknot with the green yarn and place it on your hook.
2. **Foundation Chain:**
 - Chain 18 (make sure the chain is not too tight).
3. **First Row:**
 - Starting from the 2nd chain from the hook, make 1 single crochet in each chain until you reach the last chain.
 - In the last chain, make 2 single crochets. This increases the stitch count.
 - You should have a total of 19 stitches at the end of this row.
4. **Turn Your Work:**
 - Chain 1 and turn your work.

Creating the Body of the Ball

5. **Second Row:**
 - Starting from the back of the first single crochet, make 15 single crochets.
 - Increase by making 2 single crochets in the next stitch.
 - Decrease by closing 3 stitches together in the last two stitches (total of 17 stitches).
6. **Change Color:**

- Switch to glitter yarn for the last stitch. Cut the green yarn and tie the glitter yarn.

7. **Third Row:**

- Chain 1 and turn your work.
- Make 15 single crochets with the glitter yarn, increasing by making 2 single crochets in the last stitch (total of 17 stitches).
- Switch to white yarn while completing the last single crochet.

8. **Fourth Row:**

- Chain 1 and turn your work.
- Repeat the second row using white yarn: make 15 single crochets, increase with 2 single crochets in the last stitch, then decrease by closing 3 stitches together.

Continuing the Pattern

9. **Repeat Rows:**

- Alternate between two rows of green or white and one row of glitter yarn until you have completed a total of 30 rows. Use the following sequence:
 - 2 Rows of Green
 - 1 Row of Glitter
 - 2 Rows of White
 - 1 Row of Glitter
- Ensure you maintain the increases and decreases as described.

Finishing the Ball

10. **Finalizing the Shape:**

- After reaching the desired height, weave in any remaining yarn ends.
- Stuff the ball with bead fiber filling to give it a nice shape.

11. **Attach the Keychain Clip:**

- Use the yarn needle to sew the top of the ball shut and attach your keychain clip.

12. **Optional Decoration:**

- Use a piece of yarn to create a loop for hanging on a Christmas tree instead of a keychain clip.

Sizing Tips

- If you want a larger ball, increase the foundation chain by groups of 6 (for example, chain 24 or 30 instead of 18). Each additional 6 chains will add height to your ball.
- Adjust the number of rows based on your desired size and yarn thickness.

Conclusion

This crochet Christmas ball keychain is a fantastic project for beginners and a lovely gift for the holiday season. Feel free to experiment with different color combinations and sizes. Happy crocheting!