Oh! Christmas Tree! a tiny tree to enhance the big one



Materials

Worsted Yarn Tree Color: about 15 yards Trunk Color: about 3 yards Seaming Yarn: about 10" Ribbon or yarn for a hanger Scraps of yarn, beads, buttons, ribbon, etc. for decorations (optional) Pair of US3 double pointed needles (or the size that suits you) Yarn Needle

Gauge

Not a big deal, just make sure it's tight enough to be slightly stiff. Mine is 5 sts to 1" Finished trees are about 3" tall.

Notes

Tree is worked all in one piece and then folded in half and seamed with the trunk inside. Links and explanations for i-cord and other unfamiliar techniques can be found at: http://yarnmiracle.com/techniques

Abbreviations:

KFB - knit into the front and back of next stitch

YO - wrap yarn around the right-hand needle from back to front counterclockwise before knitting the next stitch (creates a hole) SSK - (slip, slip, knit) Slip two stitches as if to knit, stick the point of the left needle through the slipped stitches and knit them together K2TOG - knit 2 stitches together Other abbreviations are standard.

Trunk (make 1 in trunk color)

Using 2 double pointed needles as straight needles, cast on 8 stitches leaving a 4" tail. Work i-cord on those stitches for 6 rows.

Run yarn through live stitches to draw together neatly. Then pull that tail up through the middle of the trunk and out the top. This should make a nice rounded bottom.

Tree (Make 1 in Tree Color)

Using two double pointed needles as straight needles, cast on 2 stitches.

Increasing: Row 1: Knit Row 2: KFB, K1 Row 3: Knit Row 4: KFB, K to end of row Row 5: Knit Row 6: Knit to last two stitches, KFB, K1 Row 7: Knit Repeat rows 4 through 7 until there are 15 sts on the needle.

Turning Row: K6, K2TOG, YO, K7

Decreasing: Row 1: Knit Row 2: SSK, Knit to end of row Row 3: Knit Row 4: Knit to last two stitches, K2TOG Row 5: Knit Repeat rows 2 through 5 until 3 stitches remain.

Next: S1, K2TOG, PSSO

Break yarn and draw through the remaining stitch.

Pick a side to be the wrong side (inside) of the tree and weave in both yarn ends.

Assembly

Stuff the trunk through the hole in the turning row with the cast on edge on the inside of the tree. Secure it to the inside of the tree with the varn tails.

Fold the tree along the turning row with the trunk on the outside and the wrong side on the inside. With another length of yarn, sew the sides of the tree together with an overcast stitch, invisible stitch or a fancy embroidery stitch - whatever suits you. Hide the yarn tails inside. Run a length of 1/4" ribbon through through the top of the tree and knot it for a hanger.

Leave the tree as it is, or trim it with embroidered, knotted, looped, and beribboned decorations.

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