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GINGERBREAD HOUSE

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PROJECT SHEET



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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- '4 Seasons' Brighton Cotton Blend 8ply 50g: 2 x Colour 1 (C1), 1 x Colour 2 (C2), 1 x Colour 3 (C3), 1 x Colour 4 (C4), 1 x Colour 5 (C5), 1 x Colour 6 (C6), 1 x Colour 7 (C7)
- 3.5mm crochet hook
- Hobby Fill
- Cardboard or ice cream container plastic
- Scissors
- Yarn needle
- Tape measure

SIZE

Approx 16cm high, 17cm wide and 14cm long.

TENSION

Correct tension is not essential for this item.

INSTRUCTIONS:

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

fpsl st – front post slip stitch – work a slip st around the body of the stated st on the front of the work

fptr – front post treble – work a treble around the body of the stated st on the front of the work

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The roof is made with pockets to slip cardboard or plastic into. Cardboard or plastic is also used on the base to keep it flat.

ROOF SECTIONS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.5mm hook and C1, make 29ch

1st row – 1tr in 4th ch from hook, 1tr in each ch to end ... 27 sts.

2nd row – 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 1tr in each st to end.

3rd - 11th rows – Rep 2nd row.

Change to C2

12th - 13th rows – 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in each st to end.

BEGIN ROOF TILES

14th row – 3ch, 1tr in each of next 2 sts, * 2tr in next st, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, rep from * to end.

15th row – 1ch, fpsl st around first 2 sts, * miss 1st, 4fptr working down around next st, 4fptr working up around next st, miss 1 st, fpsl st around next st, rep from * to last st, fpsl st around last st.

Change to C3

16th row – Work into the sts two rows below (14th row) – 1ch, sl st into 3rd of 3ch, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 2 sts, * miss 1 st, 2tr between the 2tr in the centre of the roof tile, miss 1 st, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, rep from * to end.

17th round – Rep 15th row.

Last 2 rows form patt.

Cont in patt, changing colours every two rows using C3, C4 and C5 until 3 rows of tiles in each colour are worked. Work 2 more rows in the same way, using C2. Fasten off first section, but do not fasten off second section.

JOIN ROOF SECTIONS

Holding roof sections tog with right sides out, cont with C2, make 1ch, then 1dc through both layers in each st to end. Fasten off.

FRONT AND BACK ROOF EDGING

Using 3.5mm hook and C2, make 56ch

1st row – 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, * miss 2ch, 5tr in next st, miss 2ch, 1dc in next ch, rep from * to end. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

FRONT AND BACK (alike)

Using 3.5mm hook and C1, make 24ch

1st row – 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end ... 23 sts.

2nd row – 1ch, 1dc in each st to end.

3rd - 15th rows – Rep 2nd row.

16th row – 1ch, miss 1 st, 1dc in each st to last 2 sts, dc2tog ... 21 sts.

17th row – 1ch, 1dc in each st to end.

Rep last 2 rows until 3 sts rem, ending with the dec row, 1ch, dc3tog.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

SIDES (make 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and C1, make 30ch

1st row – 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end ... 29 sts.

2nd row – 1ch, 1dc in each st to end.

3rd - 15th rows – Rep 2nd row.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

BASE

Using 3.5mm hook and C1, make 24ch.

1st row – 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end ... 23 sts.

2nd row – 1ch, 1dc in each st to end.

3rd - 33rd rows – Rep 2nd row.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

DOOR

Using 3.5mm hook and C6, make 11ch

1st row – 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end ... 10 sts.

2nd - 6th rows – 1ch, 1dc in each st to end.

Fasten off.

Using C2

7th row – 1dc in each of first 9 sts up one long side, 3dc in 10th st, rotate to work across short side, work 5dc evenly across short side, rotate to work down long side, 3dc in first st on long side, 1dc in each st to end, turn.

8th row – 1ch, 1dc in each of next 11 sts, (2ch, 1 dtr in 4th st on short side) 4 times, 2ch, 1dc in middle st of 3dc on corner, 1 dc in each of next 10 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

WREATH

Using 3.5mm hook and C7, make 6ch, sl st into first ch to form a ring.

1st round – 1ch, 9dc into ring, sl st into dc at beg.

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

SHUTTERS (make 4)

Using 3.5mm hook and C6, make 4ch.

1st row – 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in next 2ch.

2nd - 7th rows – 1ch, 1dc in each st to end.

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

BACK WINDOW

Using 3.5mm hook and C2, make 20ch, sl st into first ch to form a ring.

1st round – 1ch, 28dc into ring, sl st into dc at beg.

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

CANDY CANES (make 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and C2, make 20ch.

1st row – 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end ... 19 sts.

2nd row – 1ch, 1dc in each st to end.

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

FLOWERS (2 sizes – make as many as desired in C3, C4, C5 and C6)

Small – Using 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring, 1ch, 10dc into ring, sl st into dc at beg. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Large – Using 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring, 2ch, 12htr into ring, sl st into 2nd of 2ch at beg. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

FINISHING

Note – Sew all embellishments in place on house sides before assembling house.

Sew door, wreath and back window in place as shown. Sew flowers on as desired. Embroider flower stems using C7. Embroider side windows in C2 as pictured, then attach shutters to each side of these windows. Sew up long edges of candy cane strips. Wrap C6 around the canes, passing yarn under a stitch on one of the long edges on each wrap to secure stripes in place. Sew canes into place on front of house as shown, shaping the ends into a hook.

Fold C1 pockets on roof piece so that the edge tiles project over the straight edge of the fold. Stitch into place. Cut cardboard or plastic to size to fit into pockets and insert them into pockets. Stitch the Front and Back Roof Edging into place as shown, ensuring the middle scallop is positioned at the centre roofline (this scallop will get tucked behind when the roof is in place).

Cut a piece of cardboard or plastic slightly smaller than base piece of house. Sew house sides to each other and to base piece. Stitch the two sides and the front of house to the roof, noting that the roof will overhang the house a little all the way around. Insert base cardboard/plastic in place through opening that is left at the back and stuff with hobby fill – do not overfill. Stitch up opening.

TREE

Note – the tree is made of stacked discs of 8 different sizes.

Using 3.5mm hook and C7, make the foll

SIZE 1 (make 1)

Make a magic ring, 1ch, * sl st into ring, 3ch, rep from * 5 times, sl st into sl st at beg. Fasten off.

SIZE 2 (make 3)

Make a magic ring, 1ch, * 1dc into ring, 3ch, rep from * 5 times, sl st into dc at beg. Fasten off.

SIZE 3 (make 3)

Make a magic ring, 6ch, * 1htr into ring, 4ch, rep from * 5 times, sl st into 2nd of 6ch at beg. Fasten off.

SIZE 4 (make 3)

Make a magic ring, 7ch, * 1tr into ring, 4ch, rep from * 9 times, sl st into 3rd of 7ch at beg. Fasten off.

SIZE 5 (make 3)

Make a magic ring.

1st round – 3ch, 13tr into ring, sl st into 3rd of 3ch at beg.

2nd round – * 3ch, sl st into next st, rep from * around, 3ch, sl st into base of first 3ch loop. Fasten off.

SIZE 6 (make 3)

Make a magic ring.

1st round – 3ch, 13tr into ring, sl st into 3rd of 3ch at beg.

2nd round – 1 ch, 1dc in same st, 4 ch, * 1dc in next st, 4ch, rep from * around, sl st into dc at beg. Fasten off.

SIZE 7 (make 3)

Make a magic ring.

1st round – 3ch, 13tr into ring, sl st into 3rd of 3ch at beg.

2nd round – 7ch, * 1tr in next st, 4ch, rep from * around, 4ch, sl st into 3rd of 7ch at beg. Fasten off.

SIZE 8 (make 3)

Make a magic ring.

1st round – 3ch, 9tr into ring, sl st into 3rd of 3ch at beg.

2nd round – 3ch, 1tr in same st, 2tr in each st around, sl st into 3rd of 3ch at beg.

3rd round – 1ch, 1dc in same st, 4ch * 1dc in next st, 4ch, rep from * around, sl st into dc at beg. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew in ends of all discs. Using 40cm of C7, anchor end in centre of one of the size 8 discs. Pass thread through the centres of each disc in decreasing sizes until all are loosely spaced on the thread. Pass thread slightly off-centre of size 1 disc, back through the centres of all discs to the bottom. Tighten thread so discs are gently stacked, but not so tightly as to squash the tree too short. Fasten off and sew in ends.