

Mini Christmas tree



PINE SO FINE

Becky Skuse's dinky evergreen creation will have you hooking textured stitches lickety-split.

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YOU WILL NEED

- Adriafile Classic Mirage DK (55% wool, 45% acrylic, 50g/125m), 1 ball of each:
 - Green (85),
 - Red (17)

- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook

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MEASUREMENTS

Tree measures 8cm (3in) tall
without flower

ABBREVIATIONS

Picot Ch2, ss to first ch

Puff stitch (Yrh, insert hook in stitch, yrh, pull up a loop) 3 times working into the same stitch as indicated, yrh, pull through all loops on hook

Popcorn stitch Work 5tr into the next stitch, carefully remove working loop from hook, insert hook in top of first of the 5 tr from front to back, insert hook back into working loop and pull through the first tr, ch1 to secure popcorn. (On following rounds, work sts into the ch1 part of the popcorn stitch, not into the treble loops of the popcorn stitch.)

For a full list, see www.simplycrochetmag.co.uk/abbreviations

Designer Becky Skuse says: "I love working with textured stitches and popcorns are perfect for creating the bobbly texture of a tree. Leave it plain to add a touch of greenery to your home or desk all year round, or add the puff stitch poinsettia to the top for a festive feel. The flower is quick and simple to crochet so you can use it to decorate other projects or even a real Christmas tree! You could try making it in yellow yarn to form a star shape." This mini make will help you master popcorn stitches and get you in a festive mood.

NOTES

Tree uses 12g of yarn, Flower uses less than 2g of yarn.

To make a larger tree, simply add more rounds in the pattern as set.

To make a larger flower, use a 4mm hook instead.

POPCORN CHRISTMAS TREE

Using Green and 4mm hook, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as stitch throughout), 4dc into the loop, ss to the first dc. [4 dc]

Round 2 Ch3 (counts as first tr throughout), tr into st at the base of ch, 2tr into each remaining dc around. [8 tr]

Round 3 Ch3, popcorn st in next st, (tr in next st, popcorn st in next st) around, ss to the top of the beginning ch-3. [4 popcorn sts, 4 tr]

Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) around, ss to first dc. [12 dc]

Round 5 Work as given for Round 3. [6 popcorn sts, 6 tr]

Round 6 Ch1, (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) around, ss to the first dc. [16 dc]

Round 7 Work as given for Round 3. [8 popcorn sts, 8 tr]

Round 8 Ch1, (dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) around, ss to the first dc. [20 dc]

Round 9 Work as given for Round 3. [10 popcorn sts, 10 tr]

Round 10 Ch1, (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts) around, ss to the first dc. [24 dc]

Round 11 Work as given for Round 3. [12 popcorn sts, 12 tr]

Round 12 Ch1, (dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) around, ss to the first dc. [28 dc]

Fasten off and weave in ends.



Forget the traditional star or angel – this tree is topped with a pretty poinsettia bloom.



The popcorn tree is completely hollow, ready to be filled up with tasty festive treats.

POINSETTIA FLOWER

Using Red and 3mm hook, make a magic loop, leaving a long tail.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 10dc into the loop, ss to the first dc. [10 dc]

Round 2 (Ch2, puff st in next dc, picot, ch2, ss to next dc) 5 times, working final ss into dc at base of beg ch-2. [5 petals]

Fasten off and weave in end.

Use long tail from the magic loop to sew the flower to the top of the tree.