Christmas Tree Ornament with Beads

Materials

Red Heart Soft Yarn Color 1882 Toast and 4412 Grass Green or other medium weight yarn

Bead It Rocaille 10/0 Red beads (optional)

Bead It "E" 6/0 Crystal AB and Gold beads or other colors for ornaments thread

Beadalon® Collapsible Eye Needle (easy to thread and thin enough to slide through the beads)

polyfiber fill

size 6 (4 mm) straight knitting needles

Abbreviations

p2togb: P2 tog in back loops

Make 2 trees.

without rocailles

With brown cast on 4 sts.

K1 row, P1 row for 4 rows. Cut the yarn and set piece to one side. You have now completed the trunk.

With green yarn and using a knitted cast-on method, cast on 8 sts; knit the 4 tree trunk sts; cast on 8 sts (20 stitches)

Row 1 (ws of the tree): Purl

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: SSK, k to last 2 sts, K2 tog (18 sts).

Row 5: P2 tog, p to the last 2 sts, p2togb (16sts).

Rows 6–7: Repeat rows 4 and 5 once (12 sts).

Row 8: Cast on 3 sts at beg of row. Knit these 3 cast-on stitches;

K across row; cast on 3 sts at end of row (18 sts).

Row 9: Purl.

Rows 10–13: Rep rows 4 and 5 twice (10 sts).

Row 14: Repeat row 8 (16 sts).

Row 15: Purl.

Rows 16–21: Rep rows 4 and 5 three times (4 sts).

Row 22: SSK, K2 tog; slip the first sts over the last st. End and cut

yarn, leaving an 18" tail to sew sides of tree together.

Work in ends on wrong side.



with rocailles

Sew the "ornaments" on the tree. Bring needle up in the position you want the first ornament. Thread an "E" bead and a rocaille bead. Go back through the "E" bead and to the back of the ornament. Continue in this manner, place the beads randomly. You can eliminate the rocailles and use just the "E" beads.

With wrong sides together, whip stitch the front and back together. Add a small amount of fill before finishing the whip stitching.