

# Playing Hookey Christmas CAL

## Week 1 Decorations for home and tree

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|    | Seen on a Hungarian web page – no pattern, but it should be easy enough. I love lavender, and I think this will even work with other fragrant herbs or flowers that dry well too!                                       | <a href="http://szememtukreben.blogspot.hu/2012/06/hetvegi-utunk-tihanyba.html?m=0">http://szememtukreben.blogspot.hu/2012/06/hetvegi-utunk-tihanyba.html?m=0</a> |
|   | The knitting tree. This is a card, but it would make a lovely wall hanging too, and it is not too hard to change it to a crochet tree! ☺  | <a href="http://www.knitforpeace.org.uk/shop/christmas-cards/">http://www.knitforpeace.org.uk/shop/christmas-cards/</a>   |
|  | Bunting does not have to hang on a long string – put each piece on an individual ribbon and hang where it gives you joy. These little trees are just three granny squares of different sizes, folded and sewn together. | <a href="http://www.lululoves.co.uk/item/happy-holidays.html">http://www.lululoves.co.uk/item/happy-holidays.html</a>   |
|  | Originally designed as a Christmas card, but by adding two more rows of squares to the bottom it becomes an advent calendar.  | <a href="http://attic24.typepad.com/weblog/2012/12/a-woolly-christmas-card.html">http://attic24.typepad.com/weblog/2012/12/a-woolly-christmas-card.html</a>       |

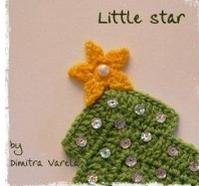
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|    | <p>Put buttons on both sides if you are going to hang it on the tree, otherwise just hang it on a door or wall. Choose a colour to suit your theme.</p>                         | <p>There is no pattern – it was just the photo on the internet at <a href="http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/46/12/58/461258424222df7da9d73832d304f40a.jpg">http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/46/12/58/461258424222df7da9d73832d304f40a.jpg</a></p> |
|    | <p>Make your own baubles from scratch and decorate in style!</p>  | <p><a href="http://www.craftstylish.com/item/31641/how-to-crochet-cute-christmas-ornaments">http://www.craftstylish.com/item/31641/how-to-crochet-cute-christmas-ornaments</a></p>  |
|   | <p>Stars of different sizes and colours. Make garlands, wreaths, hang on doorknobs...</p>   | <p><a href="http://littlewoollie.blogspot.com.au/2013/05/crochet-star-making-tutorial.html">http://littlewoollie.blogspot.com.au/2013/05/crochet-star-making-tutorial.html</a></p>  |
|  | <p>Substitute the knitting needles for a hook or two, and use colours of your choice, then you have a custom wreath.</p>  | <p><a href="http://emilymock.blogspot.com.au/2008/12/yarn-ball-wreath.html">http://emilymock.blogspot.com.au/2008/12/yarn-ball-wreath.html</a></p>  |
|  | <p>Create a wall of Christmas scenes with these cute frames, or just put you loved ones in the picture. Lovely way to make a family tree too.</p>                               | <p><a href="http://ideasmag.co.za/craft-decor/crocheted-frames/">http://ideasmag.co.za/craft-decor/crocheted-frames/</a></p>  |
|  | <p>Here is another pattern similar to the idea above. Dutch blog I have made these in Christmas colours, and instead of photos I have dangled small glass ornaments inside.</p> | <p><a href="http://by-ilona.blogspot.be/2013/04/gehaakte-fotolijstje-patroon-crochet.html">http://by-ilona.blogspot.be/2013/04/gehaakte-fotolijstje-patroon-crochet.html</a></p>  |
|  | <p>If you plan a winter scene at Christmas, these are for you. Just create a log-in at Lionbrand, and you can access the pattern.</p>   | <p><a href="https://www.lionbrand.com/cgi-bin/register.fcgi?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.lionbrand.com%2Fpatterns%2FL20343.html">https://www.lionbrand.com/cgi-bin/register.fcgi?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.lionbrand.com%2Fpatterns%2FL20343.html</a></p>                            |

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|    | <p>Poinsettias are truly Christmas flowers. Make some that will not wilt.</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.planetjune.com/blog/free-crochet-patterns/poinsettia/">http://www.planetjune.com/blog/free-crochet-patterns/poinsettia/</a></p>   |
|    | <p>It does not bring ants or flies, and will not increase inches around your waist. Put cinnamon, orange peel and mixed spice in the stuffing for a gorgeous smell.</p> | <p><a href="http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/08/c6/ee/08c6ee64f678c95b8cfa b5a9ce58fc9c.jpg">http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/08/c6/ee/08c6ee64f678c95b8cfa b5a9ce58fc9c.jpg</a></p>                 |
|    | <p>If hearts are your theme, hang these on the back of each chair. Pattern on Ravelry</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.ravelry.com/">www.ravelry.com/</a></p>  |
|    | <p>Pretty earrings to get into the festive mood. I would use little red bells to make it even more like holly</p>   | <p><a href="http://ahandfulofhope.blogspot.co.uk/2012/12/jolly-holly-crochet-decorations.html">http://ahandfulofhope.blogspot.co.uk/2012/12/jolly-holly-crochet-decorations.html</a></p>                                   |
|   | <p>If your store-bought baubles are a bit worse for wear, cover them to give them a new lease of life.</p>  | <p><a href="http://www.flickr.com/photos/61205979@N06/6391018051/">http://www.flickr.com/photos/61205979@N06/6391018051/</a></p>   |
|  | <p>You can create a crochet hook by carefully whittling a little wedge out of a cocktail stick.</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.craftster.org/forum/index.php?topic=284853.0;all">http://www.craftster.org/forum/index.php?topic=284853.0;all</a></p>   |
|  | <p>Ornament, Christmas Decoration, Christmas Gift Tag, Wall Hanging, Scrapbooking.</p>  | <p><a href="http://www.etsy.com/au/listing/111759355/cij-pippis-crochet-shiny-christmas-tree?ref=fp_treasury_6">http://www.etsy.com/au/listing/111759355/cij-pippis-crochet-shiny-christmas-tree?ref=fp_treasury_6</a></p> |
|  | <p>Crocheted wreath Free pattern on blog</p>  | <p><a href="http://littlepieceofpie.com/2012/12/16/crochet-christmas-wreath/">http://littlepieceofpie.com/2012/12/16/crochet-christmas-wreath/</a></p>   |

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|    | <p>Why toil in the kitchen when you can crochet a sweet old-fashioned treat? Crocheted candies and “frosting” decorate this delightfully kitschy holiday house—best of all, it will last for years to come.</p> | <p><a href="http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/stitchy-gingerbread-house">http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/stitchy-gingerbread-house</a></p>   |
|    | <p>Dutch blog with free pattern – works fine with google translate for those who cannot manage.</p>   | <p><a href="http://by-ilona.blogspot.nl/2012/11/kerstboom-haken-crochet-christmas-tree.html?m=1">http://by-ilona.blogspot.nl/2012/11/kerstboom-haken-crochet-christmas-tree.html?m=1</a></p>       |
|   | <p>The link on the right has a bazillion wreaths, among them this one. Have fun selecting one (or a few) to make for your home.</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.crochetpatterncentral.com/directory/wreaths.php">http://www.crochetpatterncentral.com/directory/wreaths.php</a></p>   |
|  | <p>Granny square Christmas tree</p>   | <p><a href="http://sewritzytitz.blogspot.ca/2012/12/i-spy-vintage-granny-square-christmas.html?m=1">http://sewritzytitz.blogspot.ca/2012/12/i-spy-vintage-granny-square-christmas.html?m=1</a></p> |
|  | <p>Make these in different colours to decorate your tree. Hang them in a line as bunting... place them on side plates as table décor...</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.orble.com/free-fiveminute-christmas-bell-crochet-pattern/">http://www.orble.com/free-fiveminute-christmas-bell-crochet-pattern/</a></p>                                     |
|  | <p>A string of Santas to hang anywhere you need a bit of bright colour. You may need to use google translate from the Russian.</p>  | <p><a href="http://www.liveinternet.ru/users/bellaru4ka/post253016383/">http://www.liveinternet.ru/users/bellaru4ka/post253016383/</a></p>   |

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|    | <p>Inspiration only for how to make this cute tree. It is from the link on the right, however it is a paid pattern.</p>   | <p><a href="http://manualidades.facilissimo.com/foros/mas-manualidades/maraton-navideno-541784-85.html#">http://manualidades.facilissimo.com/foros/mas-manualidades/maraton-navideno-541784-85.html#</a></p> |
|    | <p>Using up scrap yarn does not need to be boring. Make it fun and exciting, and combine it with using up sequins, beads sparkles and other fun craft bits.</p>       | <p><a href="http://homemadeatmyplace.blogspot.ie/2013/11/make-it-christmas-tree-decoration.html">http://homemadeatmyplace.blogspot.ie/2013/11/make-it-christmas-tree-decoration.html</a></p>                 |
|   | <p>Another cute little Christmas Tree decoration</p>  | <p><a href="http://ellebel5.blogspot.nl/2013/11/tutorial-kerstboomje-nl.html">http://ellebel5.blogspot.nl/2013/11/tutorial-kerstboomje-nl.html</a></p>   |
|  | <p>An easy mini-wreath that can be made in any colour or size to suit the purpose.</p>  | <p><a href="http://falandodecrochet.blogspot.com.br/2009/12/mini-guirlanda-natal-laco-de-croche.html">http://falandodecrochet.blogspot.com.br/2009/12/mini-guirlanda-natal-laco-de-croche.html</a></p>       |
|  | <p>Looking for a lacey bell to starch – you have just found it. Gorgeous on a tree as well as on a table. Sorry, no pattern, just a photo as inspiration.</p>         | <p><a href="http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/b1/44/be/b144be9b93512908fe17a42a0b85a3a4.jpg">http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/b1/44/be/b144be9b93512908fe17a42a0b85a3a4.jpg</a></p>     |
|  | <p>More visual inspiration. The link for the original is on the right.</p>  | <p><a href="http://ana-rosa.tumblr.com/post/35340607159">http://ana-rosa.tumblr.com/post/35340607159</a></p>   |
|  | <p>If you wonder why I have so many Christmas trees, it is because it is Christmas. Also, because tastes differ, and not everyone will want to make the same one!</p> | <p><a href="http://twinstitches.blogspot.com.au/2012/12/granny-christmas-tree.html">http://twinstitches.blogspot.com.au/2012/12/granny-christmas-tree.html</a></p>   |

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|    | <p>The next few links do not have instructions, I am posting them as inspiration and to show you what is possible. The original link is on the right for copyright purposes.</p>          | <p><a href="http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/b2/11/42/b21142b02f0324b82b0440931fd2fd1a.jpg">http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/b2/11/42/b21142b02f0324b82b0440931fd2fd1a.jpg</a></p>   |
|    | <p>Ditto. For a better definition picture and to look at detail, please click on the link.</p>  | <p><a href="http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/fe/1a/60/fe1a60fff2b9d36adc4b54e6c82c438d.jpg">http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/fe/1a/60/fe1a60fff2b9d36adc4b54e6c82c438d.jpg</a></p>   |
|    | <p>This one's link is no longer working, and the image has been removed. Sorry about that, just use it as inspiration, and please do not re-post.</p>                                     |  |
|   | <p>Two-tone Christmas Star.</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.yarnspirations.com/pattern/crochet/christmas-star-ornament">http://www.yarnspirations.com/pattern/crochet/christmas-star-ornament</a></p>   |
|  | <p>Cute, cute, cute! Free pattern at link. Make a wreath, hang a row anywhere, just make them!</p>  | <p><a href="http://crochetnewstoday.com/2013/09/30/5-christmas-crochet-patterns/">http://crochetnewstoday.com/2013/09/30/5-christmas-crochet-patterns/</a></p>   |
|  | <p>A garland that will take you anywhere, even around the tree. Make it in colours to suit your theme.</p>  | <p><a href="http://www.redheart.com/free-patterns/snowflake-garland">http://www.redheart.com/free-patterns/snowflake-garland</a></p>   |
|  | <p>These lovely 3-D trees will brighten any space. Make one or make a few, and even make it in sparkly yarn, or just use what you have and add beads. Let your imagination take over.</p> | <p><a href="http://www.annocrochet.com/2013/11/tree-ornaments-free-pattern.html?showComment=1385119507898#c1932128108302934444">http://www.annocrochet.com/2013/11/tree-ornaments-free-pattern.html?showComment=1385119507898#c1932128108302934444</a></p> |

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|    | <p>A beautiful crocheted advent calendar to count down the days to Christmas.</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/advent-calendar-6">http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/advent-calendar-6</a></p>   |
|    | <p>Very cute little tree ornament or something to string up as bunting on the verandah outside. You decide where you want to hang this one.</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/little-star-4">http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/little-star-4</a></p>   |
|    | <p>A pattern you need to pay for, but it is such a cutie, and designers have to make a living one way or another!</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.etsy.com/au/shop/ATERGcrochet">http://www.etsy.com/au/shop/ATERGcrochet</a></p>   |
|   | <p>These baubles are again from a magazine, so placed here as inspiration with a link for you to be able to either order a hard copy or an e-version with the patterns.</p>                 | <p><a href="http://www.anniescatalog.com/detail.html?prod_id=103457&amp;cat_id=24">http://www.anniescatalog.com/detail.html?prod_id=103457&amp;cat_id=24</a></p>                                 |
|  | <p>Very cute tiny trees. On the blog link you will see it made in many different colour combinations, and with or without beads. I love it in a long string down the side of my mirror.</p> | <p><a href="http://takosan.pl/en/little-christmas-tree/">http://takosan.pl/en/little-christmas-tree/</a></p>   |
|  | <p>A quick and easy advent calendar (basically granny squares) that can hold LARGE treats. ☺ Fun to make and use!</p>   | <p><a href="http://sarahlondon.wordpress.com/2009/11/16/november-mystery-crochet-project-part-4/">http://sarahlondon.wordpress.com/2009/11/16/november-mystery-crochet-project-part-4/</a></p>   |
|  | <p>Are you having a snow theme for Christmas, but hot weather? Then this yarn snowman may be just what you need.</p>  | <p><a href="http://wmcraftgoodies.blogspot.com.au/2010/11/day-26-and-day-27-yarn-snowman-and.html">http://wmcraftgoodies.blogspot.com.au/2010/11/day-26-and-day-27-yarn-snowman-and.html</a></p> |