

Playing Hooky Christmas CAL

Week 2 Decorations for home and tree 2

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	String up the lights, but don't worry about a big electricity account at the end of the month!	http://www.yarnspirations.com/pattern/crochet/holiday-lights-garland
	Or you could make a yarn wreath. If you don't want to use your precious stash, ordinary twine will colour up beautifully to make this wreath for your front door, or dining room wall, or wherever you want some cheer.	http://hubpages.com/hub/Christmas-Wreaths-to-Make
	Enjoy Christmas even with your cup of Java. Crochet a gorgeous cozy to use in the office in the run up to the festive season.	http://www.coatsandclark.com/Crafts/Crochet/Projects/Seasonal/WM1060+Christmas+Crochet+Coffee+Cozy.htm
	Crocodile stitch Christmas trees. You can leave them plain or decorate them. Make a forest as your table center piece! Google translate for the blog (and look at the gorgeous doily mat she has done too!)	http://yarnfreak-blog.blogspot.dk/2012/12/1-sndag-i-advents-diy-hklede-juletrer.html
	Cute idea instead of name cards on your Christmas table. Make a different character for each place. The owner of the blog has written a book about cupcake characters!	http://madebymriek.blogspot.com.au/
	Not a pattern, but a finished item for sale from a Russian website. I would make it with cinnamon sticks in the middle, so it can smell nice too!	http://eng.crochettoys.com.ua/index.php/my-toys/item/16-crochet-cristmas-tree

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	<p>This is not crocheted, but it is yarn, and it was done quickly. Use the colours that would work with your theme, and brighten up that dull corner.</p>	<p>http://www.flickr.com/photos/precociouspaper/5930617882/</p>
	<p>Truly a portable project – granny Christmas trees to use as bunting. Make them in any colours, add beads if you want, and string them up anywhere and everywhere!</p>	<p>http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/grandma-tree</p>
	<p>Use some of your doilies to create a gorgeous “tree” in one of your windows or against a sliding door. Of course, you can make doilies specifically for the purpose. Link to the original image on the right.</p>	<p>http://www.flickr.com/photos/27526153@N02/5201581788</p>
	<p>You have to pay for the pattern on this one.</p>	<p>http://www.etsy.com/listing/85711614/colorful-christmas-ball-crochet-pattern</p>
	<p>A cushion for the lounge or your favourite chair, to bring in the spirit of the season.</p>	<p>http://www.momsloveofcrochet.com/ChristmasTreePillow.html</p>
	<p>A cushion for the lounge or your favourite chair, to bring in the spirit of the season.</p>	<p>http://www.crochettoday.com/crochet-patterns/hollyday-pillows</p>
	<p>Tree decorations in the form of wreaths. If you change the colours of the beads and bows, they will all look different, and sparkle in the branches.</p>	<p>http://www.craftjuice.com/story.php?title=Folksy_Buy_Crochet_Christmas_Wreaths</p>
	<p>In a sparkly yarn these look stunning! The pattern is easy to follow, and works up in minutes!</p>	<p>http://www.knitaholics.com/2011/12/23/advent-calendar-december-23-crochet-star-dennis-gilles/</p>

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	<p>Another cutie tree, complete with a star topper. This one also works up fast, and you can make it as plain or as elaborate as you want.</p>	<p>http://pardonmychaos-amanda.blogspot.co.uk/2010/12/crochet-ribbon-tree.html</p>
	<p>last minute tree decoration. Make it in a sparkly yarn so it twinkles when it moves.</p>	<p>http://natasnest.blogspot.com.au/2012/12/last-minute-christmas-tree-decoration.html?showComment=1356309906180</p>
	<p>Cutie decoration-shaped potholder to brighten up your kitchen. One could even do it in multi-colour.</p>	<p>http://www.freevintagecrochet.com/potholder-pattern/coats312/christmas-ball-potholder</p>
	<p>Star ornaments with the diagram. The site where I found them is not in English, but there are HEAPS of gorgeous patterns with diagrams. Have a look.</p>	<p>https://plus.google.com/photos/113840194708538679594/albums/5530947275527116097?banner=pwa</p>
	<p>Cotton Angels that you can make as large or small as you like. Starch them if you are not going to just hang them on the tree, so they keep their shape better.</p>	<p>http://www.angelfire.com/va3/heartfeltangels/AngelOrnament.html</p>
	<p>And yes, another Christmas tree. But hey, it is the season, after all! ☺</p>	<p>http://koalakidsfashion.blogspot.co.uk/2011/11/christmas-tree-crochet-ornament.html</p>
	<p>One for our friends in the colder climes. You can make them look warm, I suppose....</p>	<p>http://www.mijnwebwinkel.nl/winkel/aminettesworld/a-26147105/gratis-patroontjes-amp-tutorial-s/patroon-snowy-pixies/</p>
 <p data-bbox="244 1910 363 1939">Download</p>	<p>Cute little Rudolph Amigurumi. He does not need to stay in the tree – he could hang in a garland too, or in a string next to a door, or on the backs of chairs, wherever really!</p>	<p>http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/7a/32/b1/7a32b1c73fb8b0d260f8152381d2a9f4.jpg</p>

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	<p>Doily with a difference. Maybe consider framing this one! This is a paid pattern.</p>	<p>http://www.etsy.com/listing/61637934/tidings-of-joy-christmas-doily-crochet</p>
	<p>Cheer up your dining room or breakfast nook instantly with these gorgeous covers for the backs of chairs. Another paid pattern.</p>	<p>http://www.crochetmemories.com/patterns/santa-hat-chair-back-cover.php</p>
	<p>Gorgeous patterns on this link!</p>	<p>http://faythef.hubpages.com/hub/Crochet-Snowflakes</p>
	<p>Something a bit different – use bottle caps to make these ornaments. You can also cover them with fabric if you don't want to crochet covers for each lid.</p>	<p>http://www.free-crochet.com/detail.html?code=FC00466&cat_id=316</p>
	<p>Just a bit of a picture that was posted on a bridal website. I know they used fairy lights and paper doilies, but....</p>	<p>http://www.lovelybride.com/</p>
	<p>Don't be limited by white only – use whatever colour works in your scheme of things.</p>	<p>http://www.womenbeforeus.com/aterforsaljare.aspx</p>
	<p>Clothespin Angel to sit on your tree, hang on a door or in a window, behind a chair... You choose.</p>	<p>http://www.momsloveofcrochet.com/clothespinangel.html</p>

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	<p>Country Angels – very cute even as a gift topper. This link has several angel patterns to crochet – really lovely!</p>	<p>http://www.freepatterns.com/detail.html?code=FC00483&cat_id=313</p>
	<p>An e-book by Madelie. I guess it is not our Madelie, unless she did not tell us she wrote a hookey bookey! 😊</p>	<p>http://www.anniescatalog.com/detail.html?code=871393&source=pnrsta</p>
	<p>I loveloveLOVE this heart. It is just gorgeous, love the texture and everything about it. Also that you can make it double and fill it with something smelling yummy.</p>	<p>http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/dmc-crochet-hearts-2</p>
	<p>Three beautiful angels – all different patterns. Free on the link.</p>	<p>http://thumpysquietplace.yuku.com/topic/192/Celestial-Trio-of-Angels#.Upstlies9as</p>
	<p>Can you resist the look on the reindeer? He actually looks like the bull from Red Bull! 😊</p>	<p>Sorry, the ravelry link where he was found no longer works. If I get it elsewhere, I will post another link to it.</p>
	<p>Something traditional to end this week – a granny square ornament. OK, not quite square, but it does have corners. Have fun!!</p>	<p>http://dawndavis.blogspot.com.au/2008_11_01_archive.html</p>