

Light Garland

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Christmas lights are the hallmark of the holiday season, bringing warmth and lighting up the chilly nights of December. They transform the outsides of ordinary homes into charming attractions that make everyone want to stop and take in their beauty.

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

90 x 3in (228 x 7.5cm)

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

For full size

Hobbii Rainbow 8/6 100% cotton (approx 115yd/105m per 50g)
1 x 50g ball in 54 Yellow (A) 1 x 50g ball in 100 Deep Jungle Green (B)
1 x 50g ball in 31 Blue (C) 1 x 50g ball in 84 Green (D)
1 x 50g ball in 58 Red (E)
3mm (US C/2 or D/3) crochet hook

For ornament size

Hobbii Rainbow Deluxe 8/4 100% Turkish cotton (approx 186yd/170m per 50g)
1 x 50g ball in 43 Pineapple (A) 1 x 50g ball in 37 Forest (B) 1 x 50g ball in 23 Zenith Blue (C)
1 x 50g ball in 39 Fern (D) 1 x 50g ball in 59 Apple Red (E)
Silver or gold crochet thread (optional)
2mm (US B/1) crochet hook
Stitch marker (optional)
Darning needle
Polyester filling
Scissors

PATTERN NOTE

The Christmas Lights are worked in rounds.

Stuff as you crochet.

For the Garland String all stitches are worked in a chain. The tension on the chain stitches needs to be tight to ensure the bulbs are evenly spaced.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Rnd 1: With A, working into MC, 6 dc (6 sts).

Rnd 2: 1 dc in each st around (6 sts).

Rnd 3: (Dc2inc) 6 times (12 sts).

Rnd 4: 1 dc in each st around (12 sts).

Rnd 5: (Dc, dc2inc) 6 times (18 sts).

Rnd 6: 1 dc in each st around (18 sts).

Rnd 7: (Dc, dc2inc, dc) 6 times (24 sts).

Rnds 8-10: 1 dc in each st around (24 sts).

Rnd 11: (3 dc, dc2inc) 6 times (30 sts).

Rnds 12-16: 1 dc in each st around (30 sts).

Rnd 17: (3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times (24 sts).

Rnds 18 and 19: 1 dc in each st around (24 sts).

Rnd 20: (Dc, dc2tog, dc) 6 times (18 sts).

Fasten off and weave in the extra yarn end into the piece.

Attach B to the back of the light bulb on the last st of rnd 20.

Rnd 21: 1 dc in each st around (18 sts).

Rnds 22-24: BLO dc in each st around (18 sts).

Rnd 25: BLO (dc, dc2tog) 6 times (12 sts).

Fasten off, weave the yarn under each FLO and pull tight to close the hole.

Make one more Christmas Light in A, then six more Christmas Lights: two in C, two in D and two in E.

This completes a full set of eight Christmas Lights to attach to the garland.

GARLAND STRING

Step 1: With A, start the Garland String with a long tail to add a loop for hanging, then 100 ch. Choose the first Christmas Light to secure to the Garland String.

Step 2: Sl st to the FLO of rnd 24 on the top of the Christmas Light, 4 ch, sl st to the FLO on rnd 24 directly across from the first sl st. Make sure there are 8 FLO sts on either side of the sl sts. This will ensure that the Christmas Light is attached evenly. 25 ch before attaching the next Christmas Light.

Repeat step 2 until there are seven Christmas Lights on the Garland.

Step 3: Sl st to the FLO of rnd 24 on the top of the last Christmas Light, 4 ch, sl st to the FLO on rnd 24 directly across from the first sl st. Make sure there are 8 FLO sts on either side of the sl sts. 100 ch to end the Garland String, leaving a long tail to add a loop for hanging.

ORNAMENT OPTION

If you chose to make the Christmas Lights in the smaller ornament size, omit the Garland String instructions. Instead, with the darning needle and either silver or gold crochet thread, add a large loop at the top of each Christmas Light to hang it from the Christmas tree.

Enter the needle on the right side of rnd 25 and exit on the left side of the same rnd. Tie the two yarn ends together to complete the loop.