

Christmas decorating - Lantern



Lantern

Cast on 40 sts using 3¾mm needles and black dk yarn.

Rows 1&2 Knit.

Row 3 P1, switch to orange yarn, P3, switch to black yarn, P1, switch to orange yarn, P3, switch to black yarn, P1, switch to orange yarn, P3, switch to black yarn, P1, switch to orange yarn, P3, switch to black yarn, P to end.

Row 4 K24, 'switch to orange yarn, P3, switch to black yarn, P1; rep from * to end of row.

Row 5 P1, *switch to orange yarn, K3, switch to black yarn, P1; rep from * 3 times, P to end.

Row 6 Knit.

Rows 7-10 Rep rows 3-6 in sequence (orange yarn can be fastened off after row 9).

Row 11 Knit.

Cast off purlwise.

Lid (make one per lantern)

Cast on 10 sts using 3¾mm needles and black yarn.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Inc 1 in every stitch. [20 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 *Inc 1, K1; rep from *to end. [30 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 *Inc 1, K2; rep from *to end. [40 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 Knit.

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 *K2 tog, K2; repeat from * to end. [30 sts]

Row 11 *P2 tog, P1; repeat from * to end but **Cast** off all sts whilst working this row.

Chain

Using black yarn and 3.5mm crochet hook, work a chain of sufficient length to be able to accommodate all of the lanterns you have created. Alternatively, use the yarn and hook to make a looped chain for each lantern in order that you can hang them individually.

TO MAKE UP

With the right side facing outwards, roll up the lantern into a cylindrical shape with the eight orange/yellow squares facing outwards. Sew side seam down, then run a few stitches right through the lantern itself in order to prevent the work from unravelling.

Run a length of yarn through the original cast-on stitches of the lantern lid and draw up to pull the lid into a rounded shape. With the wrong side facing outwards, sew up the side seam, turn the work right side out and then flatten the work down on itself. (It should look like a little beret at this point.) Fit the lantern into the hole in the lid and stitch the two together. Run another length of yarn around Row 7 of the lid (or thereabouts) and pull up to form the peaked top of the lid, fasten off securely. If you're making a string of lanterns, stitch the lantern to the crocheted chain. Repeat these instructions as many times as desired - the final number of lanterns is entirely up to you.