



Materials:

- 100% wool yarn (not superwash – this yarn must be suited for felting)
- (I used Lambswool from Hosrtia (150m per 100g))
- Waste yarn for cast on
- Small amounts of metallic, novelty or brightly-colored yarn for bobbles.
- Needles 4-5 mm (US 7-9)
- Tapestry needle
- Strand of Christmas lights (with about 10 lights)

Notes: The Christmas tree is worked in open work using the short row technique for shaping. The last row will be sewn to the first row for closing the body.

Right side rows are knitted and wrong side rows are purled. (Stockinette Stitch)

The body is formed by 4 wedges. Each wedge is created by a couple of decreasing rows followed by increasing rows.

Directions:

Using the waste yarn cast on 75 stitches.

Begin knitting with wool.

Row 1: knit

Row 2 and all even rows: purl

Row 3: knit 71 stitches, turn, yarn over

Row 5: knit 66 stitches, turn, yarn over

Row 7: knit 60 stitches, turn, yarn over

Row 9: knit 53 stitches, turn, yarn over

Row 11: knit 46 stitches, turn, yarn over

Row 13: knit 39 stitches, turn, yarn over

Row 15: knit 32 stitches, turn, yarn over

Row 17: knit 25 stitches, turn, yarn over

Row 19: knit 18 stitches, turn, yarn over

Row 21: knit all stitches including the yarn overs (to close the gaps from turning)

Second half of the first wedge (increase rows)

Row 23: knit 18 stitches, turn

Row 25: knit 25 stitches, turn

Row 27: knit 32 stitches, turn

Row 29: knit 39 stitches, turn

Row 31: knit 46 stitches, turn

Row 33: knit 53 stitches, turn

Row 35: knit 60 stitches, turn

Row 37 knit 66 stitches, turn

Row 39: knit 71 stitches, turn



Row 40: purl

Repeat the above 40 rows 3 more times.

Bind off.

You have just completed 4 wedges.

Remove the waste yarn. Using the Kitchener stitch, graft these live stitches to bound off edge.

Felt the tree until the fabric is thick, and the tree is sturdy enough to stand.

Do not let the felted tree spin out. When the desired amount of felting is achieved, remove from washer, press as much water as you can out of the tree, and stand the tree up and shape.

Knitting the sparkling bobble ornaments:

While the tree is felting, you can begin knitting the bobbles to be used as the ball ornaments with small amounts of metallic, novelty, or any brightly colored yarn.

Cast on 5 stitches.

Rows 1-4: Knit the right side rows and purl in wrong side row.

In the last row knit together all 5 stitches. Done.

Knit as many bobbles as you like for the tree.

If you don't want to knit bobbles, you may use colorful beads

Decorating the tree:

Mark a place for each light from the strand with some waste yarn evenly around the tree.

Cut a small hole into the tree for each light.

Sew the knitted bobbles on the tree.

Put the strand of lights inside the tree and pull a light through each hole.

Enjoy your tree!

