

Christmas tree stitch

This is a stitch for working on top-down items such as garments. It can give a lovely textured edging to sweaters and cardigans.

Suggested yarn: any yarn with any weight, though it is best to use a yarn with some cotton content for good stitch definition.

Note: this pattern is written for a flat piece, but it can easily be worked in the round without turning.

Chain a multiple of 4+4 stitches in cream yarn.

Row 1: htr in every stitch (wrong side). Turn piece.

Row 2: (right side) join yellow yarn. Ch2, dc in 3rd stitch, [ch3, skip 3 sts, dc] until last 2 stitches, ch1, slst into last st, and bind off yellow yarn. Do not turn.

Row 3: (rs) pick up cream yarn. Dc into first 2 sts of row 1, working over ch2 from row 2 to hide it. Then [ch1, skip yellow dc, dc into next 3 sts of row 1], repeat until last 3 sts. Skip final yellow dc, and dc into last 2 sts of row 1, working over row 2. Turn.

Row 4: (ws) htr in every st. Turn.

Row 5: (rs) join green yarn. Ch2, [work 3htr spike sts into yellow dc of row 2, ch1, skip to next yellow dc] repeat until last st, slst into last st, bind off green yarn. Do not turn.

Row 6: (rs) pick up cream yarn. Dc into first 2 sts of row 4, working over 2chsp of row 5. [Ch2, skip green 3htr spike sts, dc into next 2 sts of row 4 between 3htr spike sts] repeat until last 5 sts, Ch2, skip last green 3htr spike sts, dc into last 2 sts of row 4. Bind off cream yarn, do not turn.

Row 7: (rs) join brown yarn. Ch2, [dc into blo of 2nd htr in green 3htr cluster from row 5, ch3, skip until next 2nd green htr] repeat until last 4 sts, dc into blo of 2nd htr in green 3htr cluster, skip next green htr, dc into last 2 sts of row 5.

Row 8: (rs) Rejoin cream yarn. Dc into first 2 sts of row 6, working over 2chsp of row 7. [Skip brown dc, [dc2 into next st of row 6, dc into next 2sts] until last 3 sts, skip last brown dc, dc into last 2 sts of row 6. Turn.

Row 9: (ws) Htr into every st.

