CHRISTMAS IDEAS

BAUBLE GARLAND

Get the party started with a tasseltastic garland by Sara Huntington.

- Red Heart Miami (100% cotton, 50g/120m), 2 balls of each: Purple (134), Peacock (141), Cyclam (140), Apple (205)
- Anchor Artiste Metallic (80% viscose, 20% metallized polyester, 25g/100m), 2 balls of each: Purple (310), Turquoise (312), Pink (308), Gold (300)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- **A** 6.5mm (US K/10) hook
- 24 baubles, 4cm (1½in) diameter

MEASUREMENTS

Finished garland measures 3.7m (12 feet) long.

NOTES

Each cover is worked using 5 different colours, 2 shades of cotton yarn and 3 shades of metallic yarn or 3 shades of cotton yarn and 2 shades of metallic yarn. Use your choice of colours.

Make 24 covers for the garland or make individual covers for tree decorations (attach a chain length to the cap of each bauble as a hanging loop).

BAUBLE COVER

Using Yarn A and a 3mm hook, ch8, ss to first ch to join.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 2dc into each ch around, ss to first ch to join. [16 sts] **Fasten off**.

Round 2 Join Yarn B in first st, ch1 (does not count as st), *1dc in next st, 2dc in next st; repeat from * around. [24 sts] Fasten off.

Round 3 Join Yarn C in first st, ch1 (does not count as st), 1dc in each st around. **Fasten off**.

Round 4 Join Yarn D in first st, ch1 (does not count as st), *1dc in next 6 sts, ch12; repeat from * 3 more times, ss to first dc to join. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Slip cover over bauble so the cap pokes through the starting ring.

TASSELS

Using Yarn E, cut 18 strands if using metallic yarn or 11 strands if using cotton yarn, each 22cm in length.
Thread 1 strand through all four ch-12 loops underneath bauble and knot tog tightly to hold cover in place. Loop rem strands under bauble to create tassel.

HANGING CHAIN FOR GARLAND

Holding a strand of each yarn together and using a 6.5mm hook, make a chain 40cm long, join first bauble, *continue chain for 12cm before adding another bauble; repeat from * until all baubles are attached to the chain, continue chain for 40cm. Fold each end of the chain over to make a loop and secure by wrapping with another length of yarn and sewing into place.

