

Lace Mesh Ornaments

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Lace mesh ornament covers to dress up your tree. Instructions for both hand knit and circular machine knit ornaments included.

Materials

Yarn:

Metallic Knit-Cro-Sheen or Omega Nylon thread (or crochet cotton or nylon of your choice)

Needles:

Size 8, 9 or 10 US needles

Notions:

Unbreakable round ball ornaments, (plastic, satin, or styrofoam)

Yarn needle

For machine version: Barbie Knit Hits or Mattel knitting machine, or other small circumference loom

Gauge: Not important, these will be stretching to fit ornament size.

Hand Knit Instructions (Top photo)

Cast on 24 stitches

Knit 30 rows for "bumpier" garter stitch mesh.

OR

Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row 15 times for 30 rows of smoother stockinette stitch mesh.

Cut yarn, leaving a good length tail to sew, draw through stitches on needle, then sew up side seam. Insert ornament ball into mesh pouch, leaving a "puff" of fabric at top, and sew around base of top hanger part, gathering up the top and snugging it to close. Secure end in, and then either flare or pouf the top fabric, or roll it down over the sewed top gather, whichever you prefer.

Barbie Knit Hits Machine Knit Ornaments (Bottom photo)

As I was handknitting the ornaments above I realized this could be a perfect thing to use my Barbie Knit Hits machine for. So I dug it out of storage and gave it a try, and it worked beautifully! You could also use a manual circular knitting loom of about the same size, about 3-4" across.

I simply knit up a tube, cinched one end closed, inserted the ornament, and gathered the top edge, leaving a "pouf" of fabric around the top, covering the hanger part. After trying it with each side of the fabric tube, I turned it inside out since I liked the "bumpy" purl side showing more than the smooth "v" side for ornaments. Just a thought for those of you with these machines for simple gifts to make with them.

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