USE YOUR
Tinsel
yarn kit

PLUS
wooden
beads, stuffing,
tapestry needle

SIZE
Pom-pom tree
height: 16cm
Popcorn tree
height: 14cm

pom–pom tree

BASE CONE
Using 4mm hook and Eggnog Cream make a magic ring, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 5tr into ring. Six sts
Note: at end of each rnd, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch
Rnd 1: [3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr] in next st, (1tr, 2tr in next st) to last st, 1tr. Nine sts
Rnd 2: [3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr] in next st, (2tr, 2tr in next st) to last two sts, 2tr. 12 sts
Rnd 3: [3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr] in next st, (3tr, 2tr in next st) to last three sts, 3tr. 15 sts
Rnd 4: [3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr] in next st, (4tr, 2tr in next st) to last four sts, 4tr. 18 sts

Rnd 5: [3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr] in next st, (5tr, 2tr in next st) to last five sts, 5tr. 21 sts
Rnd 6: 3ch in next st (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each st to end
Rnd 7: [3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr] in next st, (6tr, 2tr in next st) to last six sts, 6tr. 24 sts
Rnd 8: [3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr] in next st, (7tr, 2tr in next st) to last seven sts, 7tr. 27 sts

Rnd 9: rep Rnd 6
Rnd 10: [3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr] in next st, (8tr, 2tr in next st) to last eight sts, 8tr. 30 sts
Stuff firmly
Rnd 11: working in back loops only 3ch in next st (counts as 1tr), (tr3tog, 2tr) to last four sts, tr3tog, 1tr. 18 sts
Rnd 12: 3ch in next st (counts as 1tr), (tr2tog) to last st, 1tr. Ten sts
Fasten off

BRANCHES
Using 4mm hook and Tree Green thread ten beads onto yarn, with cone point facing you join yarn to front loop only of any st of Rnd 10 of Base Cone
Rnd 1: (1dc, 1htr) in same st, * [1tr, 3dtr placing bead (see Great Advice), 1tr]

in next st, (1htr, 1dc) in next st **, (1dc, 1htr) in next st, rep from * to last two sts then from * to ** once, join with a sl st to first st. Ten branches made Fasten off Tree Green, join Elf Green to Rnd 9 of Base Cone between any posts directly under a bead st
Rnd 2: rep Rnd 1 but do not place beads. Nine branches made

VINTAGE DECS

Ramp up the kitsch factor with these adorable trees

If you can't adorn your work with beads and fluffy yarn at Christmas, when can you? That's why we love **ALI CAMPBELL'S** jolly crocheted trees that are perfect for popping on the mantelpiece. There are quite a few techniques involved, but this will ensure that you'll feel extra proud of your finished creation.

POPCORN TREE

POM-POM TREE

Great Advice
PLACING A BEAD
To place a bead when instructed, slide the bead down before you start the middle double treble of the 3dtr cluster, then work the stitch as normal

Fasten off Elf Green, thread nine beads onto Merry Red and join yarn to Rnd 8 of Base Cone, below any (1dc, 1htr) of Rnd 2

Rnd 3: rep Rnd 1. Nine branches made

Fasten off Merry Red, join Tree Green to Rnd 7 of Base Cone between any posts directly under a bead st

Rnd 4: (1dc, 1htr) in same st, * (1tr, 1dtr, 1tr) in next st, (1htr, 1dc) in next st **, (1dc, 1htr) in next st, rep from * to last two sts then from * to ** once, join with a sl st to first st. Eight branches made

Fasten off Tree Green, thread seven beads onto Elf Green and join yarn to Rnd 6 of Base Cone, below any (1dc, 1htr) of Rnd 4

Rnd 5: rep Rnd 4, adding bead on each dtr. Seven branches made

Fasten off Elf Green, join Merry Red to Rnd 5 of Base Cone between any posts directly under a bead st

Rnd 6: [1dc, (1htr, 1tr, 1htr) in next st, 1dc] to end. Seven branches made

Fasten off Merry Red, thread six beads onto Tree Green and join yarn to Rnd 4 of Base Cone, below any 1dc of Rnd 6

Rnd 7: rep Rnd 6, adding bead on each tr. Six branches made

Fasten off Tree

Great Advice

POPCORN STITCH

To work popcorn stitch (ps), work as folls: (3ch, 4tr) in same st, remove hook from loop, insert hook into third of first 3ch, reinsert hook through loop you just removed hook from, pull first loop on hook through second loop on hook, push st forward to make it 'pop'

Green, join Elf Green to Rnd 3 of Base Cone between any posts directly under a bead st
Rnd 8: (1dc, [1htr, 1tr, 1htr] in next st) to last st, 1dc. Seven branches made
Fasten off Elf Green, thread six beads onto Merry Red and join yarn to Rnd 2 of Base Cone, below any 1dc of Rnd 8
Rnd 9: (1dc, [1htr, 1tr, 1htr] in next st) to end, adding bead on each tr. Six branches made
Fasten off

TO MAKE UP
Make a small pom-pom from Halo Yellow and sew to top of tree

popcorn tree

Using 4mm hook and Elf Green make a magic ring, 1ch (does not count as a st), 3dc into ring. Three sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts
Rnd 2: 1ps in next st (see Great Advice panel), 1ch, miss next st, (1ps, 1ch, miss next st) to end, join with a sl st to first ps. Three ps made
Fasten off Elf Green, join Tree Green to any 1ch sp
Rnd 3: [(1ps, 1ch, 1ps) in next 1ch sp, 1ch] to end, join with a sl st to first ps. Six ps made
Fasten off Tree

Green, join Elf Green to any 1ch sp after a (1ps, 1ch, 1ps)
Rnd 4: (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) in same 1ch sp, [1ch, 1ps in next 1ch sp, 1ch, (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) in next 1ch sp] twice, 1ch, 1ps in next 1ch sp, 1ch, join with a sl st to first ps. Nine ps made
Fasten off Elf Green, join Tree Green to any centre 1ch sp in (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) from prev rnd
Rnd 5: (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) in same 1ch sp, * (1ch, 1ps in next 1ch sp) twice, 1ch **, (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) in next 1ch sp, rep from * once then from * to ** once, join with a sl st to first ps. 12 ps made

Green, join Elf Green to any centre 1ch sp in (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) from prev rnd
Rnd 6: (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) in same 1ch sp, * (1ch, 1ps in next 1ch sp) three times, 1ch **, (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) in next 1ch sp, rep from * once then from * to ** once, join with a sl st to first ps. 15 ps made
Fasten off Elf Green, join Tree Green to any centre 1ch sp in (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) from prev rnd
Rnd 7: (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) in same 1ch sp, * (1ch, 1ps in next 1ch sp) four times, 1ch **, (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) in next 1ch sp, rep from * once

then from * to ** once, join with a sl st to first ps. 18 ps made
Fasten off Tree Green, join Elf Green to any centre 1ch sp in (1ps, 1ch, 1ps) from prev rnd
Rnd 8: [2ch (counts as 1htr), 2htr] in same 1ch sp, * (1ch, 2htr in next 1ch sp) five times, 1ch **, 3htr in next 1ch sp, rep from * once then from * to ** once, join with a sl st to second of first 2ch. 39 sts
Fasten off Elf Green, join Merry Red to any st
Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off Merry Red, join Halo Yellow to any st
Rnd 10: * 3ch, miss next st, one sl st in next st, rep from * to end
Fasten off

BAUBLE
Make ten (five in each colour)
Using 4mm hook and Merry Red (Halo Yellow) make 3ch, join with a sl st to first ch
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

STAR
Using 4mm hook

and Halo Yellow make 4ch
Rnd 1: (7ch, one sl st into ring) five times
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

TO MAKE UP
Cut 1m length of Fluffy Purple and join to any st in Rnd 8, wrap around tree to top, attaching to branch tips as you work
Fasten off, sew in ends
Sew Baubles and Star to tree, stuff tree firmly

BASE
Using 4mm hook and Eggnog Cream make 4ch, join with a sl st to form a ring
Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 11tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (3ch, 1tr) in next st, 2tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 24 sts
Rnd 3: (3ch, 1tr) in next st, (1tr, 2tr in next st) to last st, 1tr. 36 sts
Join Rnd 3 of Base to Rnd 9 of tree by sl st into front loop only of every st
Fasten off, sew in ends