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# What you will need:

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10: 1 ball each 480 Delft A, 001 White B, and 421 Goldenrod C

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks: 2.75 mm [C-2 US] and 3.75mm [F-5 US]

Tapestry needle, fabric stiffener, fabric sealant (optional)

**GAUGE:** With 3.75mm [F-5] hook and holding two strands together, 5 sc = 1" (2.5 cm), 6 rows sc = 1" (2.5 cm). Gauge is not critical for this project.

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, Art. 154 available in white & ecru 400 yd; solid color 250 yd; shaded color 300 yd balls



# Menorah Gift Tie

Crochet a menorah for a special gift wrap presentation or decoration during the Hanukkah season

**SHOP KIT** 

Menorah measures 5¼" (13.5 cm) wide x 4½" tall (11.5 cm) after blocking.

## **Special Stitch**

**sc2tog** = [draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

#### **Notes**

- 1. Menorah can be tied onto a gift or used as a hanging decoration.
- Menorah base and candles are made by holding two strands of thread together. Flames are made with one strand of thread.
- To change color, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Do not cut until instructed.

## **MENORAH**

#### Base

With larger hook and 2 strands of **A** held together, ch 12.

Row 1 (wrong side): Sc in 2nd ch and in each ch across, turn—11 sc.

Row 2 (right side): Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog, sc in last sc, turn—9 sts

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn—9 sc. Row 5: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog, turn—7 sts.

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn—7 sc. Row 7: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog, turn—5 sts.

Rows 8–11: Ch 1, sc in each st, turn—5 sc.

Row 12: Ch 1, sc in each sc, ch 11, drop hook from yarn; holding 2 new strands of A together and with right side facing, join thread with slip st to last st of previous row, ch 10; fasten off these strands and drop hook—5 sc and 21 ch.

Row 13: With right side facing, insert hook in last ch of ch-11, turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each of next 9 chs, 5 sc, and 10 chs, turn—25 sc.

**Row 14:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 23 sc, 2 sc in last sc, turn—27 sc.

#### **Candles**

**Note:** When working with **A**, carry **B** behind **A** and work stitches over **B**. When working with **B**, do not carry, but drop **A**.

Row 15: Ch 1, slip st in first sc, sc in next sc, changing to **B** in last 2 loops; ch 6, slip st in 2nd ch from hook; sc in next 4 chs, changing to **A** in last 2 loops (candle made); \*sc in same sc as candle; sc in next 3 sc, changing to **B** in last 2 loops; ch 6, slip st in 2nd ch from hook; sc in next 4 chs, changing to **A** in last 2 loops (candle made)\*\*; repeat from \* twice; sc in same sc as candle; sc in next 3 sc, changing to **B** in last 2 loops; ch 9; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 7 chs, changing to **A** in last 2 loops (candle made); repeat from \* 4 times, ending last repeat at \*\*; sc in same sc as last candle; leave last st unworked—9 candles. Fasten off **A** and cut **B**.

#### **Flames**

With wrong side facing and smaller hook, join one strand of **C** with slip st in slip st of candle, ch 3, turn, sc in 2nd ch from hook and next ch, slip st in unworked loop at top of candle. Fasten off. Repeat for each candle.

# **FINISHING**

Weave in all ends before blocking. If desired, apply sealant to flames. Stretch the piece and pin in place, ensuring the row of candles is straight and each candle is blocked to its longest length. Apply stiffener and allow to dry completely before attaching gift tie or Hanging Loop.

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## **Gift Tie**

With 2 strands of **A** held together, work as many chs as needed for 13" (33 cm) length; fasten off. With right side facing, thread ends of tie in space between 2nd and 3rd sc and 4th and 5th sc of Row 13. Gently pull to wrong side and tie to package.

# **Hanging loop**

With smaller hook and one strand of **C**, work as many chs as needed for desired length; slip st in first ch to form a loop. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew to wrong side of flame of center candle. Weave in remaining ends.

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C; ch = chain; cm = centimeters; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* or \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.