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Aunt Lydia's® Crochet Thread™

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What you will need:

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10: 1 ball 1 White

Susan Bates® Steel Crochet Hook: 1.50 mm [US 7]

Susan Bates® split lock stitch markers

Two 20 x 30 sheets of foam board, one 8⅞ x 3⅞″ (22.5 x 10 cm) Styrofoam™ cone with plastic wrapping still on, duct tape, rust-proof straight pins, self-sticking plastic wrap, fabric stiffener (see notes for using Epsom® salts for fabric stiffener), craft glue, yarn needle

GAUGE: Rounds 1 and 2 of Main Body Motif = 2″ (5 cm) across. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, Art. A154 available in white, ecru & natural 400 yd (366 m); solid color 350 yd (320 m); shaded color 300 yd (274 m) balls.

SHOP KIT

Lacy Joyful Tree Topper

Use your crochet skills to make this elegant tree topper! It's the perfect finishing touch for a special holiday season tradition.

Tree Topper measures 10″ (25.5 cm) across and 13½″ (34.5 cm) in height

NOTE
To make Epsom® salts fabric stiffener, use equal amounts of water and Epsom® salt. Bring water to boil. Add Epsom® salts and stir until dissolved. Let cool.

SPECIAL STITCHES
Cl (cluster) = * Yarn over twice, pull up a loop in indicated st or space, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops] twice; repeat from * twice more, yarn over and draw though all 4 loops on hook.
Beg cl (beginning cluster) = Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr), * yarn over twice, pull up a loop in indicated st or space, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops] twice; repeat from * once more, yarn over and draw though all 3 loops on hook.
Chwp (chain with picot) = ch 4, slip st in 4th ch from hook.
Dcwp (double crochet with picot) = dc in indicated st or space, ch 3, slip st in dc just made.
Trwp (treble / triple crochet with picot) = tr in indicated st or space, ch 3, slip st in tr just made.
Dcw3p (double crochet with triple picot) = dc in indicated st or space, ch 4, slip st in dc just made, ch 5, slip st through last slip st made and top of dc, ch 4, slip st through last 2 slip sts and dc.

MAIN BODY MOTIF (make 3)
Ch 4, and slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1: Beg cl in ring, ch 5, [cl in ring, ch 5] 5 times, join with slip st in first cl.
Round 2: Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc), 7 dc in next ch-5 space, [dc in next cl, 7 dc in next ch-5 space] 5 times, join with slip st in first dc – 48 dc.
Round 3: Ch 1, sc in each of first 5 dc, mark last sc made, * [ch 3, chwp, ch 1, chwp] twice (first half of spire stem completed), ch 12, slip st in 9th ch from

hook to form ring, rotate work so you are ready to work into ring just formed as if it were a foundation ring, ch 1, (sc, 3 dc, dcwp in ring), [(4 dc, dcwp) in ring] twice, (3 dc, sc, slip st) in ring (spire head completed), working down the back side of first half of spire stem, ch 1, skip 1 ch, slip st in next ch, [ch 1, chwp, ch 1, chwp, ch 1, skip next 5 ch (both with and without picots), slip st in next ch] twice, ch 1, slip st in same dc as marked sc (second half of spire stem completed), remove marker, ** sc in each of next 8 dc, mark last sc made; repeat from * 5 more times, ending last repeat at **, sc in each of last 3 dc, join with slip st in first sc.
Round 4: Ch 1, sc in each of first 2 sc, * ch 4, dc in ch space between first pair of picots on first half of spire stem, ch 6, tr in ch space between next pair of picots, (ch 7, tr, ch 3, tr) in each of 3 picots on spire head, ch 7, tr in ch space between first pair of picots on second half of spire stem, ch 6, dc in ch space between next pair of picots, ch 4, sk next 2 sc, ** sc in each of next 3 sc; repeat from * 5 more times, ending last repeat at **, sc in last sc, join with slip st in first sc.

Round 5:
1st Spire:
Ch 1, sc in first sc, 5 sc in next ch-4 space, (sc, hdc, 3 dc, dcwp, 3 dc) in next ch-6 space, (4 dc, dcwp, 4 dc) in next ch-7 space, (2 dc, dcwp, 2 dc) in next ch-3 space, (4 dc, dcw3p, 4 dc) in next ch-7 space, (2 dc, dcw3p, 2 dc) in next ch-3 space, (4 dc, dcw3p, 4 dc) in next ch-7 space, (2 dc, dcwp, 2 dc) in next ch-3 space, (4 dc, dcwp, 4 dc) in next ch-7 space, (3 dc, dcwp, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, 5 sc in next ch-4 space, skip next sc.

2nd – 5th Spires:
Sc in next sc, 5 sc in next ch-4 space, (sc, hdc, 4 dc) in next ch-6 space, ch

1, slip st in corresponding picot on previous spire, ch 1, slip st in last dc made, 3 dc in same space as last 4 dc, 5 dc in next ch-7 space, ch 4, slip st in corresponding picot on previous spire, ch 1, chwp, ch 1, slip st in 2nd of 4 ch just made, ch 1, slip st in last dc made on current spire, 4 dc in same space as last 5 dc, (2 dc, dcwp, 2 dc) in next ch-3 space, (4 dc, dcw3p, 4 dc) in next ch-7 space, (2 dc, dcw3p, 2 dc) in next ch-3 space, (4 dc, dcw3p, 4 dc) in next ch-7 space, (2 dc, dcwp, 2 dc) in next ch-3 space, (4 dc, dcwp, 4 dc) in next ch-7 space, (3 dc, dcwp, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, 5 sc in next ch-4 space, skip next sc.

6th Spire:
Sc in next sc, 5 sc in next ch-4 space, (sc, hdc, 4 dc) in next ch-6 space, ch 1, slip st in corresponding picot on previous spire, ch 1, slip st in last dc made, 3 dc in same space as last 4 dc, 5 dc in next ch-7 space, ch 4, slip st in corresponding picot on previous spire, ch 1, chwp, ch 1, slip st in 2nd of 4 ch just made, ch 1, slip st in last dc made on current spire, 4 dc in same space as last 5 dc, (2 dc, dcwp, 2 dc) in next ch-3 space, (4 dc, dcw3p, 4 dc) in next ch-7 space, (2 dc, dcw3p, 2 dc) in next ch-3 space, (4 dc, dcw3p, 4 dc) in next ch-7 space, (2 dc, dcwp, 2 dc) in next ch-3 space, 5 dc in next ch-7 space, ch 3, chwp, ch 1, slip st in corresponding picot on first spire, ch 2, slip st in 2nd of 7 ch just made, ch 1, slip st in last dc made on current spire, 4 dc in same space as last 5 dc, 4 dc in next ch-6 space, ch 1, slip st in corresponding picot on previous spire, ch 1, slip st in last dc made, (3 dc, hdc,

sc) in same space as last 4 dc, 5 sc in next ch-4 space, skip next sc, join with slip st in first sc.
Fasten off.

BASE
Ch 5, slip st in first ch to form ring.
Round 1: Ch 1, 12 sc in ring, join with slip st in first sc.
Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around, join with slip st in first sc – 24 sc.
Round 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, join with slip st in first sc.
Round 4: Ch 2, (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in first sc, ch 2, skip 2 sc, * 2 dc in each of next 2 sc, ch 2, skip 2 sc; repeat from * 4 more times, 2 dc in last sc, join with slip st in first dc – 24 dc.
Round 5: Ch 2, dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 1, * dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 2, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 1; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 6: Slip st in next dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same space, ch 2, * (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 2; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 7: Slip st in next dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same space, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, * (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 8: Slip st in next dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1, skip next ch-2 space, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next ch-2 space, repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.

Round 9: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, repeat from * to * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 10: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 2, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 2; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 11: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 12: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 3, skip next ch-2 space, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 3, skip next ch-2 space; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 13: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 3, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 3; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Rounds 14 and 15: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 4, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 4; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 16: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 2, dc in next ch-4 space, ch 2, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 2, dc in next ch-4 space, ch 2; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 17: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 2, dc in next

dc, ch 2, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 2, dc in next dc, ch 2; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 18: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 2, 2 dc in next dc, ch 2, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 2, 2 dc in next dc, ch 2; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 19: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 2, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 2, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 2, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 2; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 20: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 1, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 1; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 21: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1, dc in each of next 4 dc, ch 1, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, dc in each of next 4 dc, ch 1; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 22: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1, [dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 1] twice, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, [dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 1] twice; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.
Round 23: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, ch 1, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next

ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, ch 1; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.

Rounds 24 and 25: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 space, ch 1, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 space, ch 1; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc of.

Round 26: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-1 space, ch 1, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-1 space, ch 1; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first dc.

Round 27: Slip st in each of next 2 dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, * ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space; repeat from * around, join with hdc in first dc.

Round 28: Ch 1, sc in space created by joining hdc, (4 tr, trwp 4 tr) in next ch-2 space, * sc in next ch-1 space, (4 tr, trwp 4 tr) in next ch-2 space; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first sc.
Fasten off.

FINISHING
Weave in all loose ends.

Blocking
Make 2 blocking forms as follows:
Cut out four 6 x 12″ (15 x 30.5 cm) pieces, two 8 x 12″ (20.5 x 30.5 cm) pieces, and one 12 x 12″ (30.5 x 30.5 cm) piece of foam board.
Place 2 of the smaller rectangles side by side with long edges touching, and duct tape them together. This is the inner side of the upper (wedge) part of the form.
On one of the bigger rectangles, mark 1″ (2.5 cm) from each corner on each of the short edges. This will leave a 6″ (15 cm) center space between the marks at each short edge. Fold wedge piece and align the bottom edges to the marks on the larger rectangle. Using straight pins to keep wedge in place, duct tape outside of top fold of wedge, then duct tape wedge to bottom piece.
Make second form the same way.
Cover both forms and the square piece with self-sticking plastic wrap.

Soak first Motif in fabric stiffener until saturated; only work on piece at a time. Pin Motif flat on the square piece of foam board, pinning out all points and picots. Set aside and allow to dry thoroughly.

Soak next Motif and center it on top fold of wedged piece so the picot joins between spires are aligned along the fold. Pin out all points and picots, making sure Motif ends up the same size as first blocked Motif. Set aside and allow to dry thoroughly.
Work 3rd Motif same as 2nd Motif.

Soak Base in fabric stiffener until saturated, and slide over the plastic-wrapped cone. Stretch it out evenly all around. pin in place. Set aside and allow to dry thoroughly.
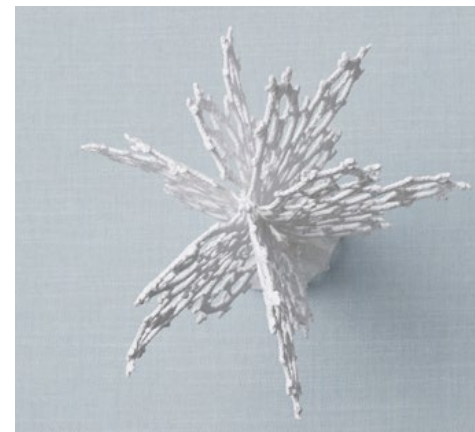
When all pieces are dry, gently remove from forms.

Assembly
Lay flat Motif back on plastic covered square piece. Place a line of glue along vertical center line, dabbing picot joins. Line up one folded Motif along vertical center line and press gently together. Prop up the top Motif so it doesn't move while drying using any household object of a size that would work. Make sure all contact points on both Motifs are touching. Allow to dry thoroughly.

Once dry, flip piece upside down, stabilizing and propping to allow you to attach the 2nd folded Motif. Attach 2nd side same way as the first.

Once both sides are attached and thoroughly dry, remove Base from its form and set Motifs on top of Base to see where the picots touch the Base. Apply glue to touch points on Base, and set Motifs back on Base. Again prop up the pieces so they don't move while drying. Make sure all touch points are glued securely. Allow to dry thoroughly.
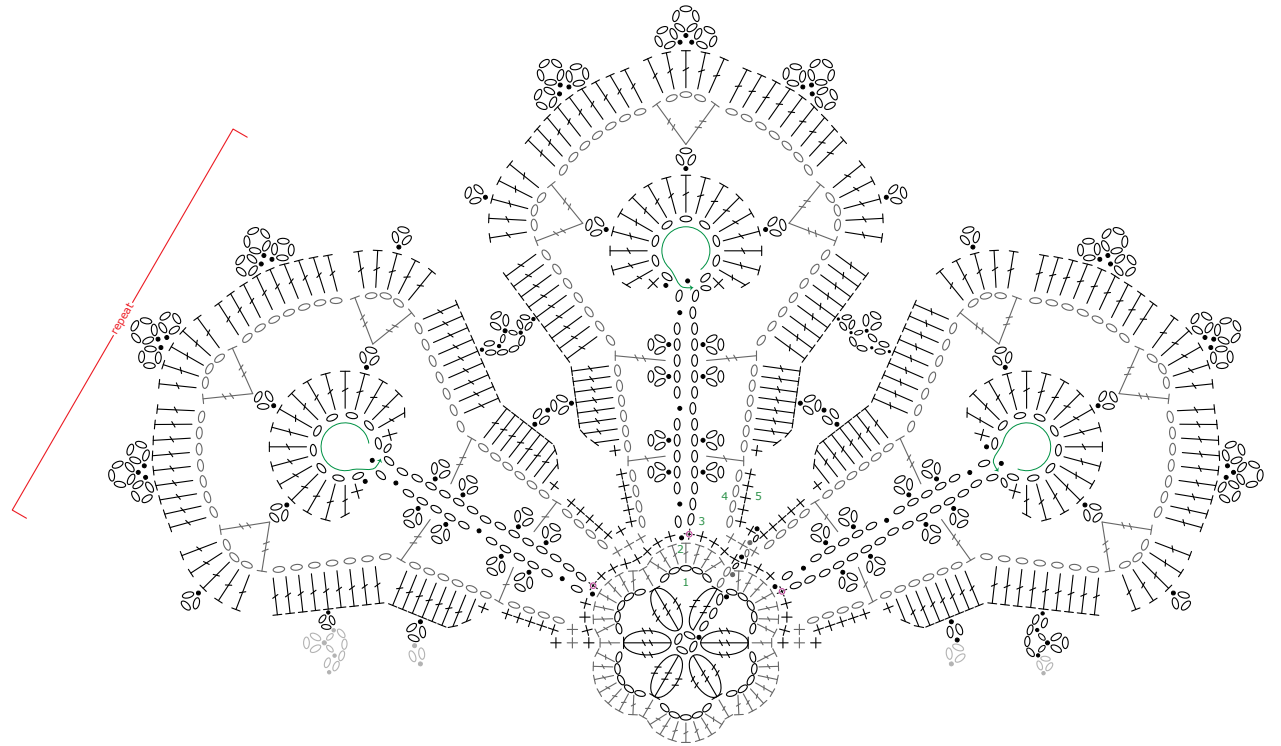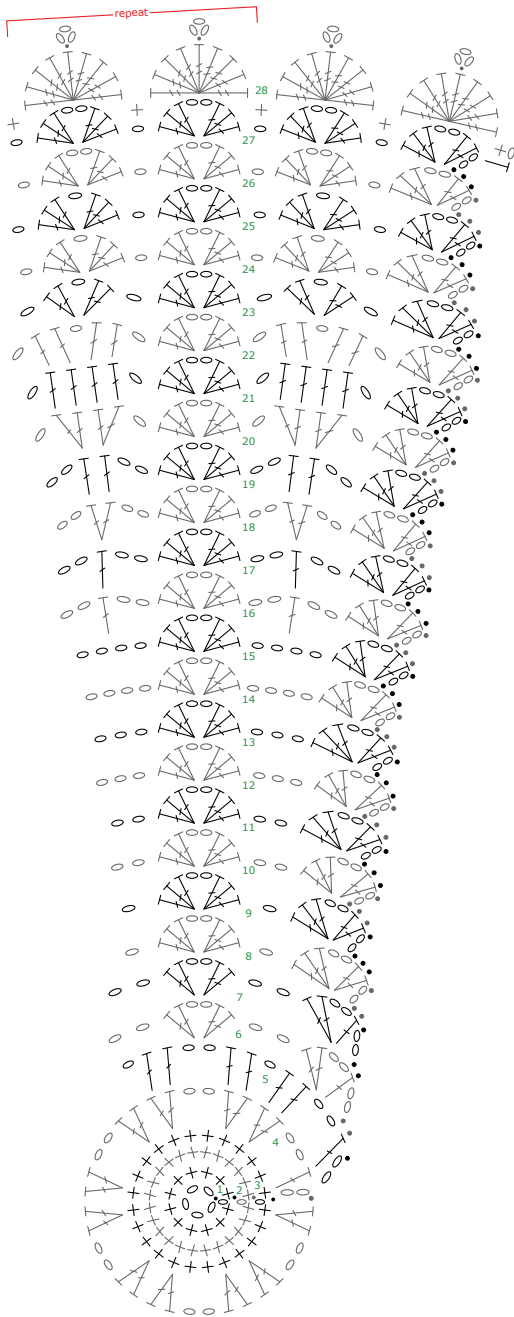
ABBREVIATIONS
ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tr** = treble (triple) crochet; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

See next page for charts

Symbol Key

Symbol	Name	Symbol	Name
◯	Ch	⬭	Cl
•	Sl st	⬭	Beg Cl
+	Sc	✿	Dcw3p
T	Hdc		
⊤	Dc		
✿	Picot		