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ABBREVIATIONS:

st(s)	= stitch(es)	dec	= decrease
db	= double crochet	beg	= beginning
sls	= slip stitch	mrk	= mark(er)
cs	= chain stitch	WS	= wrong side
rep	= repeat	co	= colour
tog	= together		

Crochet in two strands of yarn.

Work 6 db in a magic ring.

Round 2: 2 db in each db = 12 db.

Round 3: *1 db in the first db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 18 db

Round 4: *1 db in the first 2 db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 24 db

Round 5: *1 db in the first 3 db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 30 db

Round 6: 1 db in each db = 30 db

Round 7: *1 db in the first 4 db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 36 db

Round 8: 1 db in each db = 36 db

Round 9: *1 db in the first 5 db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 42 db

Round 10-24: 1 db in each db = 36 db

Round 25: *1 db in the first 12 db, 2 db tog* rep from * to * = 39 db

Round 26-31: 1 db in each db = 39 db

Round 32: *1 db in the first 11 db, 2 db tog* rep from * to * = 36 db

Round 23-44: 1 db in each db = 36 db [the work now measures about 20 cm]

Cactus arm 1:

Work 6 db in a magic ring.

Round 2: 2 db in each db = 12 db

Round 3: *1 db in the first db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 18 db

Round 4: *1 db in the first 2 db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 24 db

Round 5: 1 db in each db = 24 db

Round 6: *1 db in the first 3 db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 30 db

Round 7: 1 db in each db = 30 db

Round 8: *1 db in the first 4 db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 36 db

Round 9-22: 1 db in each db = 36 db

Round 23: *1 db in the first 10 db, 2 db tog* rep from * to * = 33 db

Round 24-29: 1 db in each db = 33 db

Round 30: *1 db in the first 9 db, 2 db tog* rep from * to * = 30 db

Round 31-32: 1 db in each db = 30 db

Round 33: 4 db [2 db tog, 2 db] x 5, 2 db tog, 1 db [3 db before the mrk]. Let the work rest.

Cactus arm 2:

Work 6 db in a magic ring.

Round 2: 2 db in each db = 12 db

Round 3: *1 db in the first db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 18 db

Round 4: *1 db in the first 2 db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 24 db

Round 5: 1 db in each db = 24 db

Round 6: *1 db in the first 3 db, 2 db in the next db* rep from * to * = 30 db

Round 7-20: 1 db in each db = 30 db

Round 21: *1 db in the first 8 db, 2 db tog* rep from * to * = 27 db

Round 22-27: 1 db in each db = 27 db

Round 28: 5 db [2 db tog, 1 db] x 5, 2 db tog, 2 db [3 db before the mrk].

Now divide the work in 4 pieces. Count from the mrk on the middle piece of the cactus 12 db, now bring cactus arm 1 up, RS against RS. It is easiest to hold it so that the cactus arms have the top downwards so that you are looking down into the cactus. Now crochet the two parts tog across 6 db. 6 db from the middle piece and 6 sts from cactus arm 1, crochet with the same yarn as cactus arm 1 is crochet with. Cut the yarn.

Now bring up cactus arm 2 to the opposite side so that between the cactus arms there is 12 db.

Now crochet the two parts tog across 6 db with the same yarn as cactus arm 2 is crochet with. Cut the yarn.

MEASUREMENTS

Hight 34 cm

GARN

Colourful Fraya

100% Cotton

50 g = 170 m

GARNFORBRUG

150 g

Left over yarn for flowers and spikes

CROCHET GAUGE

Crochet in two strands of yarn.

16 db = 10 cm

SUGGESTED NEEDLE SIZE

UK size 10-9 [3.5 mm] crochet hook.

Please note: It is important to obtain gauge. The work should have a close texture. Try with a smaller or larger needle if necessary.

NOTIONS

Fiber filling 150 g

Now work 1 round where you crochet across all sts. Careful not to crochet in the sts in which cactus arm 1 and 2 are already attached to. Tighten the yarn a bit when connecting the arms and the middle. You now have from the mrk on the middle piece $6 + 18 + 12 + 15 + 6 \text{ db} = 57 \text{ db}$ on the entire round.

Work one more round of 57 db. It is a good idea to weave in the ends now before continuing. Start putting a bit of fiber filling in the arms.

5 db, 2 db tog, 7 db, 2 db tog, 7 db, 2 db tog, 10 db, 2 db tog, 6 db, 2 db tog, 5 db, 2 db tog, 5 db = 51 db.

Work 1 round of 51 db.

Work 1 round where you crochet 2 db tog at the 4 connections = 47 db.

5 db, 2 db tog, *6 db, 2 db tog* rep from * to * = 41 db.

Work 1 round where you crochet 2 db tog a random place = 40 db.

8 db, 2 db tog rep a total of 4 times = 36 db.

Now work 12 rounds over across the 36 db.

Put more filling in the cactus, shape it neatly so that the arms are "standing" on their own. If you can see the filling through the sts it is crocheted too loosely.

When the cactus measures about 30 cm, decrease for the bottom as follows:

4 db, 2 db tog rep from * to * = 30 db.

30 db.

3 db, 2 db tog rep from * to * = 24 db.

24 db. Fill with fiber filling.

2 db, 2 db tog rep from * to * = 18 db.

2 db, 2 db tog rep from * to * = 12 db.

Crochet 2 db tog until the hole is closed. Cut the yarn and sew the end neatly so there is no "bump" on the bottom.

Flowers:

Work 6 db in a magic ring, close the round with 1 sls.

6 cs, 1 sls in the next db rep a total of 6 times. Cut the yarn. Crochet 5 flowers, sew them on the cactus.

Spikes:

With double yarn sew a st on the cactus. Tie a knot with the ends all the way close to the cactus and cut, so that the 4 yarn ends measure about 2 cm. Sew on spikes in multiple places on the cactus.

