

# FARTHING PATTERNS

## 1 / 12TH SCALE CANDY CANE FOR THE MINI CHRISTMAS TREE



### Abbreviations:

ch - chain; dc - double crochet; tr - treble crochet; htr - half treble crochet; st - stitch; sl - slip; sp-space; ( ) or [ ] - repeat instructions between brackets.

### American readers please note:

dc = single crochet, tr = double crochet; htr = half double crochet

**Materials required:** 0.60 mm crochet hook (US size 14 steel), No 80 or No 100 crochet cotton

The size of the candy cane can be adjusted by altering the length of the foundation chain.

**Foundation chain:** Using red-ch 24, turn,

**Row 1:** 3 tr into fourth ch from hook, (3 tr into each ch) to end. Fasten off and cut red thread. Join in white thread.

**Row 2:** (1 dc in each tr of previous row) to end. Fasten off and sew in all loose ends.

It will be noted that the candy cane starts to curl up this is necessary for the candy cane to be formed.

Stiffen as shown below, twist firmly into shape and leave to dry on a plastic lid or cardboard covered in cling film for at least 24 hours. When dry this can be hung on the tree.

### To stiffen ornaments:

- **Traditional sugar solution method**

1. Make a solution of two teaspoons boiling water to one level teaspoon sugar.
2. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
3. Place crochet in the solution until the crochet is completely wet through. Wring out excess solution or sugar crystals will form on the finished work!
4. Pin the crochet out on a piece of corrugated cardboard or polystyrene covered in cling film, using rustproof pins (as normal steel pins will rust and leave unsightly marks). Only pin around the edges of the decorations, making sure all the details are pinned out to form points. Pull the crochet into shape as you work around, making sure the candy cane stays flat.
5. Leave to dry in a warm place for 24 hours minimum.

- **Laundry Starch**

The item can be starched with laundry starch

Work as above starting at 3

- **PVA Glue**

A solution can be made from PVA glue and water, this will dry clear and slightly shiny.

Proceed as from point 3 on sugar starching.



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