

# Kitchen Spice Braid



## KITCHEN SPICE BRAID

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*A wonderful aroma for your kitchen*



### Materials:

- ✓ About 4-5 ounces worsted weight cotton yarn in a color that goes in your kitchen
- ✓ Crochet hook size G (4.00 mm)
- ✓ One 2" lucite ring
- ✓ About 1/2 cup of mixed whole spices (whole cloves, whole allspice, whole nutmeg, star anise, broken stick cinnamon) OR 1/2 cup spice-scented potpourri
- ✓ Six 3" cinnamon sticks
- ✓ Three 10" tulle circles OR three toes cut from sheer sandal-foot pantyhose. Optional: You can substitute raffia for the crocheted ties, if desired.

**Gauge:** not important

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### *Braid*

**Make three 6' lengths of lobster stitch cord using this method:** Ch 2, sc in the 2nd ch from hook. Do not turn, but flip the stitch clockwise. At the top of the flipped stitch you should see a single bar. Sc in the single bar; do not turn, but flip piece clockwise. \*At the top of the flipped stitch you should see a double bar (2 strands). Sc in the double bar; do

not turn, but flip stitch clockwise.\* Repeat from \*to\* until piece measures 6 feet long. Make sure all three cords are the same length.

### *Pouches*

Make 3 of these little pouches. (work tightly for best results)  
Ch 11.

**Round 1:** Sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, working in the base of the foundation ch's on the opposite side, sc in each of the foundation ch's across; join with a sl st in the first sc. (20 sc)

**Round 2:** Ch 4 to count as the first dc and the first ch 1, skip next sc, (dc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next sc) 9 times; join with a sl st in the 3rd ch of the beginning ch 4. (10 dc and 10 ch-1 sps)

**Rounds 3-7:** Ch 4 to count as the first dc and the first ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, (dc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp) 9 times; join with a sl st in the 3rd ch of the beginning ch 4. (10 dc and 10 ch-1 sps)

**Round 8:** (Sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-1 sp around; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

### *Hanging Ring*

Work 30 sc around the 2" lucite ring; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

### *Ties*

Make 6.

Ch 60. Fasten off.

### *Assembly*

1. Line each of the three crocheted pouches with tulle or a pantyhose toe. Stuff with whole spices or potpourri. Set aside.
2. Insert the three lobster stitch cords into the 2" ring so that all six ends are even. Wrap yarn evenly for about 1" just below the ring to secure the cords. Using the two strands from each cord, braid the three lobster cords to within 4" from the ends. Wrap the braid evenly with yarn for about 1" at the end of the braid, allowing the 4" ends to remain loose.
3. Arrange the three pouches alternately with two cinnamon sticks on the braid. Pull the ends of the ties (or several strands of raffia) from the back to the front of the braid with crochet hook where the top of each of the three pouches are placed; weave each end of the tie through round 7 on the pouch so that the two ends of the tie meet in the center front of the pouch. Pull tightly to close the pouch; tie in a bow to secure.
4. Repeat step 3 for each pair of cinnamon sticks. Weave in all ends. Hang in the kitchen.



Happy Crocheting!