

# Patriotic Wreath



## PATRIOTIC WREATH

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*This wreath is convertible. You can crochet different covers for other seasons or holidays, and then change the wreath by unlacing the beading round to remove, and replacing with a different cover. (Advantages: The wreath cover is completely machine washable and dryable. Also, if storage space is a problem, you use the same wreath form for every wreath, and you can store the separate covers in much less space than entire wreaths. Some ideas for other holiday covers: pink or red and white for Valentines day (using hearts instead of the stars); green and white for St. Patrick's Day (using shamrocks instead of stars). Or how about your team colors with "Go (Your Team)" letters in plastic canvas replacing the stars. Use your imagination! (Different holiday fridgie patterns can work as substitutes for the stars.)*



### Materials:

- About 2 ounces each of red, white and blue worsted weight yarn
- Crochet hooks size H (5.00 mm) and E (3.50 mm)

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### *Wreath Body*

Make 2.

With blue yarn and size H hook, ch 73 to measure about 24".

**Row 1:** Sc in the 2nd ch from hook, sc in the next 10 ch, 2 sc in the next ch (sc in the next 11 ch, 2 sc in the next ch) 5 times (mark this as the right side); ch 1, turn. (78 sc)

**Row 2:** Sc in the first 12 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, (sc in the next 12 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 5 times; ch 1, turn. (84 sc)

**Row 3:** Sc in the first 13 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, (sc in the next 13 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 5 times; ch 1, turn. (90 sc)

**Row 4:** Sc in the first 14 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, (sc in the next 14 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 5 times; ch 1, turn. (96 sc)

**Row 5:** Sc in the first 15 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, (sc in the next 15 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 5 times; ch 1, turn. (102 sc)

**Row 6:** Sc in the first 16 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, (sc in the next 16 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 5 times; ch 1, turn. (108 sc)

**Row 7:** Sc in the first 17 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, (sc in the next 17 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 5 times; ch 1, turn. (114 sc)

**Row 8:** Sc in the first 18 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, (sc in the next 18 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 5 times; fasten off, leaving a 12" yarn tail. - 120 sc Using the yarn tail, sew the short ends of the piece together to form a flat "donut" shape. Weave in ends.

**Beading round:** With right side facing you; join blue yarn with a sl st to the first sc; ch 3 (skip next sc, hdc in the next sc,

ch 1) 59 times; join with a sl st to the second ch of the beginning ch 3. (You should have 60 ch 1 spaces.) Fasten off. Weave in ends.

### *Wreath Ruffle*

Make 1 of these striped pieces:

With size H hook and red yarn, ch 362.

**Row 1:** Dc in the fourth ch from hook and in each ch across. (Mark this as the right side.) Fasten off red; turn.

**Row 2:** Attach white with a sl st to the last dc made on row 1; ch 3 (to count as first dc); dc in each dc across. Fasten off white; turn.

**Row 3:** Attach red with a sl st to the last dc made on row 2; ch 3 (to count as first dc); dc in each dc across. Fasten off red, turn.

**Row 4:** (Edging) With right side facing, attach white with a sl st in the first dc; (ch 1, sl in next dc) across. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Matching stripes, sew the two short ends together to form a sort of headband-shaped piece.

### *Bow Pieces*

Make 1 of these striped pieces:

With size H hook and red yarn, ch 43.

**Row 1:** Sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in the next ch, dc in

the next 17 chs, sc in the next 4 chs, dc in the next 17 chs, sc in the last 2 chs. (Mark this as the right side.) Fasten off red; turn.

**Row 2:** Attach white with a sc to the last sc made on row 1; sc in the next sc, dc in the next 17 dc, sc in the next 4 sc, dc in the next 17 dc, sc in the last 2 sc. Fasten off white; turn.

**Row 3:** Attach red with a sc to the last sc made on row 2, sc in the next sc, dc in the next 17 dc, sc in the next 4 sc, dc in the next 17 dc, sc in the last 2 sc. Fasten off red.

**Rows 4 and 5:** Repeat rows 2 and 3. Fasten off.

**Edging:** With right side facing you and with white yarn, work (sl st, ch 1) in each st across. Fasten off. Repeat edging on opposite side in the base of the foundation chains. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Mark this as piece A.

Matching stripes, sew the two short ends together (to form a headband-shaped piece.)

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Make 1 of these striped pieces:

With size H hook and red yarn, ch 62

**Row 1:** Dc in the fourth ch from hook and in each of the next 26 chs, sc in each of the next 4 chs, dc in the last 28 chs. (Mark this as the right side.) Fasten off red; turn.

**Row 2:** Attach white with a sl st to the last dc made on row 1; ch 3 (to count as first dc); dc in the next 27 dc, sc in the next 4 sc, dc in the last 28 dc. Fasten off white; turn.

**Row 3:** Attach red with a sl st to the last dc made on row 2; ch 3 (to count as first dc); dc in the next 27 dc, sc in the next 4 sc, dc in the last 28 dc. Fasten off white; turn.

**Rows 4 and 5:** Repeat rows 2 and 3. Fasten off.

**Edging:** With right side facing you and with white yarn, work (sl st, ch 1) in each st across. Fasten off. Repeat edging on opposite side in the base of the foundation chains. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Mark this as piece B.

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Make one of these: With size H hook and red yarn, ch 5.

**Row 1:** Sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; ch 1, turn - 4 sc

**Row 2:** Sc in each sc across; ch 1, turn - 4 sc

**Rows 3-10:** Repeat row 2. Do not ch 1 at the end of row 10. Fasten off after row 10. Mark this as piece C.

Assemble Bow

Lay piece B on a flat surface. Fold piece A in half, matching the joined 4 sc with center 4 sc. Lay piece A on piece B, match-

ing the 4 sc sections of piece A with the center 4 sc of piece B. Sew pieces A and B together through all three thicknesses of the center 4 sc to form a bow with tails. Wrap piece C around the sewn sc section at the center of the bow; sew together the ends of piece C behind the bow (under piece B); tack to the back of piece B to secure.

### *Stars*

Make 13.

With size E hook and white yarn, ch 2.

**Round 1:** Work 5 sc in the second ch from hook; join with a sl st to the first sc

**Round 2:** (Ch 4, sc in the 2nd ch from hook, hdc in the next ch, dc in the next ch, sl st in the next sc in the ring) 5 times; fasten off. Weave in ends.

### *Cord*

With blue yarn and size H hook, ch 141.

**Row 1:** Sl st in the second ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

### *Assembly*

**Step 1:** Lay one of the wreath body pieces (with the right side up) on a flat surface. Place the center of the bow over the place

where the ends of the wreath body piece were joined together. Sew the bow to the wreath body piece securely.

**Step 2:** Arrange and pin the 13 stars around the parts of the wreath body piece that aren't covered by the bow. (Do not place stars over the beading round on) Sew around the perimeter of each star to join each star to the wreath body piece.

**Step 3:** To attach the ruffle, use blue yarn and size H hook. With yarn on hook and right sides together (with the wrong side of the wreath body piece facing you) insert hook in the first ch 1 sp of the beading round (where the ends of the wreath body piece are joined) then insert the hook base of the first dc of the ruffle (where the ruffle is joined); yo and pull through both pieces, yo and pull through both loops on hook to complete sc, \*ch 1, insert hook in the next ch 1 sp of the beading round, then skip the next 5 dc on the ruffle piece and insert hook in the base of the next dc on the ruffle piece, yo and pull through both pieces, yo and pull through both loops on hook to complete sc.\* Repeat from \* to \* around (58 times.) Join with a sl st to first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

**Step 4:** With wrong sides of both wreath body pieces together, and with the right side of the piece with the bow facing you, sl st through both pieces with blue yarn in the bases of the dcs around the inside of the "donut" (through row of both pieces); join with a sl st to the first sl st. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

**Step 5:** Insert joined crocheted piece in the center of the wreath form; wrap the wreath body pieces around the wreath form; pin in place. Starting under the bow (from the back side) weave the cord in and out of the beading row of both of the wreath body pieces to close piece around wreath form. Tie the ends of the cord together in a bow in the back of the wreath. Sew a crocheted loop to the back to hang, if desired.

