Stuffed-Star Photo Ornament

Variation...to make stuffed star ornament without photo, just make 2 back pieces; join and stuff.

Materials:
- Small amount of worsted weight yarn (acrylic or cotton)
- Crochet hook size D
- 2” lucite ring
- Wallet-size photo
- Glue
- Fiber fill

Gauge: Rounds 1-2 of the back piece = about 2”

Finished size: About 4 1/2” from point to point

Preparation
Center 2” ring over the photo so that it looks the way you want it when framed. Trace around the outside of the 2” ring onto the centered photo, then cut the photo along the traced circle. Laminate photo, if desired.

Back
Ch 5; join with a sl st to the first ch to form a ring.
Round 1: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 14 more dc in the ring; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (15 dc)

Round 2: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the same st as joining, work 2 dc in each remaining dc around; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (30 dc)

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, hdc in the next st, dc in the next st, 3 trc in the next st, dc in the next st, hdc in the next st, (sc in the next st, hdc in the next st, dc in the next st, 3 trc in the next st, dc in the next st, hdc in the next st) 4 times; join with a sl st in the first sc. (40 sts)

Round 4: (Sc in the next hdc, hdc in the next dc, dc in the next trc, 5 trc in the next trc, dc in the next trc, hdc in the next dc, sc in the next hdc, skip the next sc) 5 times; join with a sl st in the first sc. (55 sts) Fasten off.

Front

Round 1: Work 30 sc around the 2” ring; join with a sl st to the first sc. (30 sc)

Round 2: Work the same as round 3 of piece A. (40 sts)

Round 3: Work the same as round 4 of piece A. (55 sts) Fasten off. Weave in ends.

**Finishing**

Glue the photo to the back of the crochet-covered ring of the front piece, making sure the top of the photo aligns with one of the points of the star, so the photo will be straight when hung. Allow glue to dry. With wrong sides together, match the points of the stars of the front and back pieces. Join yarn with a sl st through any matching stitch of both pieces; (ch 1, sl st in the next st) three-quarters of the way around, working (ch 1, sl st) twice in the center trc of the each point of the star. Stuff with fiberfill, pushing the fiberfill into the corners of the star. Continue crocheting closed. Fasten off. Join yarn with a sl st in the ch-1 sp at the top point of the star; ch 10, sl st in the same ch-1 sp for hanging loop. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Happy Crocheting!