

Lace Christmas Ball Ornament
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3" ornament (red works well) (I will bring some to the meeting in January)
Thin yarn (white for red balls)
Ravel cord
Lace carriage
Tapestry needle or double eyed needle
Diana uses a Brother965 I, I used my KH930e

Tension 6
60 needles

Without a cast on rag:

Cast on every other needle on 2nd position (up to #30 on left, and to #29 on right)
Start with waste yarn.
Knit 1 row, and hang comb.
Knit several rows end with carriage on the right.

Knit 1 row with ravel cord,
carriage is now on the left
Put weights (clothes pin types) on both end of the ravel cord
Change to main color yarn

Knit one row to the right, then 2 rows
Bring up in-between needles forward including the 30th on the right to the knitting position
***Knit 2 rows.**

[With cast on rag (Directions on how to make one below):

Hang cast-on rag on all 60 needles, put weights on.
Knit one row with the **ravel cord**,right to left, (carriage will be on the left)
Put weights (clothes pin types) on both end of the ravel cord

With main color yarn , do a two needle cast on (or the cast on you prefer)

Remove the carriage from the left and put to the right and re-thread main color
Knit one row to the right, then
***Knit 2 rows.]**

Carriage on right.

Set your lace pattern to #104. (I am sure there must be an equivalent punch card if you do not have an electronic machine) This makes large enough holes so the red of the ball shows through.

Set row counter to 000, lace carriage passes do not count)

1. Start with lace carriage: Left to Right, Right to Left, Left to Right, Right to Left (make sure carriage goes all the way so that it engages the correct needles.
2. Knit 2 rows
3. Lace carriage: repeat: Left to Right, Right to Left, Left to Right, Right to Left (Beep indicates end of pattern)

Repeat 1 and 2 until you reach row 20 on the row counter.

Do one more Lace carriage: Left to Right, Right to Left, Left to Right, Right to Left
Then push empty needles back.

Knit 2 rows with main carriage, and cut yarn, leaving a tail long enough to sew side of ball .

With tail and tapestry needle pick up the stitches on needles. (Moving stitches to hold position may make it easier, as well as taking weights off.)

Take the comb off, and pull the ravel cord out.

Gather the top edge around the top of the Christmas ball, and secure by weaving around the top stitches again.

Gather the bottom and draw tight.

Mattress stitch along the side of the ball, and secure and hide end on top.

Add a hanger of your choice ☺

