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## Estrella del Mar Ornament

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## About the pattern

*Estrella del Mar* is a fun little ornament that's easy to memorise and quick to make!

Since moving to Spain's Costa del Sol, I've been embracing vibrant colours and soft textures in my holiday décor. I made these cute little stars in fun colours that will look adorable on my white Christmas tree, but they'll work just as well in more traditional colours or a sparkly yarn.

And they're not just for trees! Use them to add a little something extra to your gift wrapping, or hang a couple in the window. They're great little thank-you presents, and if you sell at craft fairs you can make up a whole bunch in an hour using small bits of yarn.

I hope you enjoy the Estrella del Mar Ornament!

## What you need

- Yarn: approximately 8 meters/9 yards of #4 (worsted weight) yarn
- Hook: 6.0mm (U.S. size J), or size to achieve desired gauge (see note on gauge)
- Small amount of yarn, ribbon, or wire to hang ornament

For this project, I used Lanás Urbanas "María" in various colours. This yarn is similar in weight and texture to Red Heart Classic and other easy-to-find #4 yarns (worsted weight in US, Aran weight in UK).

## What you should know

### Gauge:

2 rounds measured point to point = 20cm/4in

Note: While gauge always matters, in this project it's negotiable. If you don't mind your star being a little bigger or smaller, you don't need to be concerned about gauge. I used a 6.0mm hook because I like the texture of the stitches, but if you like your star to have a bit more stiffness you can use a smaller hook. With that in mind, feel free to substitute yarns and hooks as you like.

Pattern uses US terminology. For UK terminology, please see abbreviations.

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## How to make it

### Special stitch:

Picot – Ch 3, sl st into first st (3rd ch from hook)

### Instructions:

Ch 5; sl st into first ch to form loop.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in loop. [Ch 3, 3 dc] 4 times, ch 3. Sl st into top of starting ch 3.

Round 2: Sl st into next dc (the first dc after starting ch 3 in first round). \*In ch-3 space, work [1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc, picot, 1 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc]. Sl st into 2nd dc.\* Rep from \* to \* 4 times, ending with sl st into same st as first sl st. Fasten off.

### Finishing:

Block (instructions below) and weave in ends. Thread a piece of ribbon, wire, hook, yarn, or whatever you like through one of the picots to hang. Make some more!

To block: Wash in cool water and a gentle soap, or according to yarn label's instructions. Wrap in a towel and squeeze to dry; never wring. Gently shape with your hands, not overstretching. Allow to dry flat. You may use pins to enhance the shape, but you may find that's not necessary.

### Abbreviations:

ch chain (US & UK)

sl st slip stitch (US & UK)

sc single crochet (US) double crochet (UK)

hdc half double crochet (US) half treble crochet (UK)

dc double crochet (US) treble crochet (UK)

If you wish to make these to sell at craft fairs, you are welcome to do so. I'd appreciate it if you'd state on the tag that the design is by Lily Mars at lilypalooza knit & crochet and include my website address ([lilyknitcrochet.com](http://lilyknitcrochet.com)). Best wishes!

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