

Things you'll need:

- * main color: about 100 grams of Cotton Aran
- * 2 contrasting colors (Cotton Aran)
- * 2 kinds of ribbon (about 40 cm each)
- * 2 metal rings, diameter 10 cm
- * 4,5 mm crochet hook, darning needle, scissors, needle&thread
- * battery operated little lights

For my Christmas Lantern I used:

- * Durable Double Four, color Ivory (326) - 1 x
- * Durable Glam, color Ivory (326) - 1 x
- * Durable Glam, color Cream (2172) - 1x

- * piece of ribbon with golden stars, about 40 cm
- * piece of ribbon with printed golden stars, about 40 cm

(plus of course the 2 metal rings - diameter 10 cm -, 4,5 mm crochet hook, darning needle, scissors, needle&thread, and the battery operated little lights)

It goes without saying that you can easily substitute all christmassy elements/yarn by any kind of color way/material, like I did with my pink version.

Pattern:

ROUND 1: using the main color and hook 4,5 mm, you crochet 81 single crochet stitches around one of the metal rings (or, if your metal ring is bigger, any number of single crochet stitches that you can divide by 3); close this round with a slip stitch in the 1st single crochet;

ROUND 2: chain 4 (= 1st double crochet + 1 chain), skip the following 2 single crochet; *1 double crochet + 1 chain, skip next 2 single crochet **; repeat from * to ** all around; close with a slip stitch in the 1st double crochet of this round (= 3rd chain of the 4 beginning chains; you now have 27 chain-1 spaces;

ROUND 3: slip stitch into the 1st/next chain-1 space; chain 4 (= 1st double crochet + 1 chain); * crochet in each chain-1 space: 1 double crochet + 1 chain **; repeat from * to ** all around; close with a slip stitch in the 1st double crochet of this round (= 3rd chain of the 4 beg-chains);

ROUNDS 4 - 11: repeat round 3;

ROUND 12: slip stitch into the 1st/next chain-1 space; chain 6 (= 1st double treble crochet + 1 chain - click [here](#) to see how you crochet a double treble stitch); * crochet in each chain-1 space: 1 double treble + 1 chain **; repeat from * to ** all around; close with a slip stitch in the 1st double treble made (= 5th chain of the 6 beg-chains);

ROUND 13: repeat round 3;

ROUND 14: in this round we are going to attach metal ring 2; crochet 1 single crochet AROUND the ring and IN every double crochet and IN every chain-1 space; close this round with a slip stitch in the 1st single crochet and fasten off.

Embellishing:

Now it's time to dress up your lantern!

* Attach one of the ribbons in/around the stitches of round 1; secure the ribbon on the inside of your lantern with tiny stitches using your regular needle&thread.

Repeat this with the other ribbon in round 13.

* Puff stitch rounds:

These are made IN ROUNDS 3 and 9: turn your lantern in a 45°-angle. With the glittery/contrasting yarn, you will crochet a puff stitch AROUND each double crochet made in round 3 AND 9.

A puff stitch (photo tutorial [here](#), YouTube tutorial [here](#)) is made as follows: (1 loop on your hook) in same stitch or space as indicated in the pattern (in this particular case: around each double crochet previously made), [yarn over hook, insert hook, pull up a loop (to height of - in this case - a double crochet)] - repeat the instructions as given between [and] 5 times (you'll have 11 loops on your hook); yarn over and draw through all 11 loops on your hook, chain 1 to lock the puff stitch: puff stitch made.

As soon as you've reached your 1st puff stitch again, you'll close the round with a slip stitch in the top of this 1st puff, and fasten off.

Repeat for round 9.

* IN ROUNDS 4 and 8: repeat the puff stitch rounds, using the second glittery/contrasting yarn, crocheting puff stitches around the double crochet made in rounds 4 and 8.

* IN ROUNDS 5 and 7, and AROUND ROUND 6: turn the lantern in such a way that it is facing you length-wise (the 2nd metal ring/bottom of the lantern is facing you). You now fold round 5 and round 7 together and crochet your puff stitches AROUND round 6, using the 1st glittery/contrasting yarn.

* The lantern still turned length-wise, and with the 2nd glittery/contrasting yarn, you attach this yarn with a slip stitch in the *bottom* of a double crochet made in round 13; you then slip stitch in the *top* of the corresponding double crochet made in round 11 - finish the loops on your hook as if you are crocheting a single crochet stitch; *chain 4 (they will fold themselves over the - now folded double trebles made in round 12 - and crochet a slip stitch in the bottom of the next double crochet made in round 13, slip stitch into the top of the corresponding double crochet made in round 11, and finish this stitch/these loops as a single crochet **; repeat from * to ** all around; fasten off.

Making the handles of your lantern:

Attach your main color/yarn in any stitch made in the 1st round (the round of single crochet stitches around the top metal ring): chain 40, fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Turn the metal ring in a 45°-angle and repeat.

With a darning needle you'll sew the yarn ends of both chains exactly on the opposite side of each chain to the metal ring - make sure they're secured tightly.

Cut about 30 cm long pieces of yarn from all yarns used; fold 2 pieces in 2 and attach the little loops under the v's of the single crochet stitches on the bottom of your lantern; secure them with a little knot.

When you've attached all tassels, give them a quick 'hair-cut' so they'll roughly all have the same length.

As a festive finishing touch, I added a battery operated little string of LED-lights.

Happy making!

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