

## Palm Tree smoothie hat (crochet)

*You will need:*

DK weight acrylic yarn – brown, green, yellow and blue

Wooden beads or bells (optional)

4mm hook

Embroidery needle

Stitch marker



### UK crochet terms are used throughout:

Dc = double crochet (US = sc)

Htr = half-treble crochet (US = Hdc)

Tr = treble crochet (US = dc)

Dec = decrease

Inc = increase (make 2 DC in one stitch)

Sl st = slip stitch

St = stitch

\* \* = section to be repeated on row

( x ) = number of total stitches in row

**This pattern is worked in a continuous spiral – do not finish each round by slip stitching into first st. Mark the ends of your rows with a stitch marker, and move this up as you complete each row.**



### The palm tree:

This pattern starts at the 'top' of the tree.

Using the **brown yarn**, start with making 3 DC into magic ring. Alternatively, chain 4, sl st into first ch to make a ring, and make 3 DC into ring.

Row 1: \*increase in every st\*, (6)

Rows 2 – 15: Dc in every st around (6). This will create the tree trunk – and might be a bit fiddly to do!

Row 16: \* increase in every st\* (12)

Rows 17 - 19: DC in every st (12) and change to **yellow yarn** at end of row 19.

With yellow yarn:

Row 20: \*DC in next st, increase\* (18)

Row 21: \*DC in next 2 sts, increase\* (24)

Row 22: DC in next 3 sts, increase\* (30)

Rows 23 – 28: DC in every st around (30). Change to **blue yarn** at end of row 28.

Row 29: \*3 tr in first st, sl st in second st, skip third st\* repeat around. This creates a 'scalloped' edge. Slip last st into first st of round, and cast off. Sew in ends.

### **Palm leaves:**

Using **green yarn**, start with making 5 DC into magic ring. Alternatively, chain 5, sl st into first ch to make a ring, and make 5 DC into ring. This is the beginning ring.

If you have used the magic ring technique, sl st into the first dc.

\*Chain 11. In 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook, dc. Do the following stitches respectively into the next 9 sts:

DC → Htr → Htr → Tr → Tr → Tr → Htr → Htr → DC

After the final DC, sl st into the original DC (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> DC of 5 that formed beginning ring). Sl st into the next DC of the beginning ring, and repeat from \* onwards for each leaf.

Once you have done this for the 5 leaves, cast off and sew in ends. Sew the 'beginning ring' part of the leaves to the top of the palm tree.

If you would like longer palm leaves – simply add more chains to each leaf, and increase the number of trebles you do in the 'middle' of the leaf.

### **Optional – coconuts for the tree:**

You can sew little wooden beads or bells as coconuts to the top of the palm tree, or crochet little ones through the following pattern:

Using the 4mm hook and **brown yarn** (either same as palm tree trunk or lighter brown), start with making 3 DC into magic ring. Alternatively, chain 4, sl st into first ch to make a ring, and make 3 DC into ring

Row 1: \*increase in each DC\* (6)

Row 2: \*Dc in every st\* (6)

Row 3: \*decrease around\* (3)

Cast off, and sew closing shut. Insert a small amount of stuffing (if possible!). Sew underneath the leaves, where you sewed the leaves to the top of the palm tree.

Repeat this for however many coconuts you want! If these look too big on a 4mm hook, try doing them with a 3mm or 3.5mm hook instead.

**The palm tree should stand up by itself, but may curve over under the weight of the leaves/coconuts! If you want to make it sturdier, you could try sewing a pipe cleaner into it.**