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Aunt Lydia's Crochet Thread™

CROCHET SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10: 8 yards each 01 White and 12 Black

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
1.5mm [US-7 Steel Hook]

Yarn needle, beading needle, matching beading thread, black seed beads, sequins of various sizes & shapes in any desired colors, small amount of fiber fill stuffing, jump rings, earring wires, rosary pliers.

Gauge: Rounds 1-4 = ⅞" (2 cm). Gauge is not critical, fabric needs to be firm.

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, Art. 154 available in white & ecru 400 yd; solid color 250 yd; shaded color 300 yd balls

SHOP KIT

Day of the Dead Earrings

Whether you're observing the Day of the Dead or Halloween, the skulls on these earrings add just the right touch. The findings for constructing the earrings are as close as your local craft store.

Earrings measure 1¾" (4.5 cm) tall and 1⁷⁄₁₆" (3.5 cm) wide.

Special Stitches
sc2tog = [Draw up a loop in next st] 2 times, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Notes
Skulls are crocheted in joined rounds from the center out. Two skulls are made for each earring. Faces are embellished then skulls are lightly stuffed and sewn together.

EARRINGS
Skull (Make 2 in each color)
Round 1: Starting with first color, make an adjustable slip knot, ch 2, work 7 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc; pull beginning yarn tail to close center – 7 sc.
Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc – 14 sc.
Round 3: Ch 1, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 7 times; join with slip st in first sc – 21 sc.
Round 4: Ch 1, [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 7 times; join with slip st in first sc – 28 sc.
Round 5: Ch 1, [sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 2 times, sc in next 4 sts, (sc, ch 1, dc) in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, (dc, ch 1, sc) in next st, sc next 2 sts, 2 sc next st, [sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 2 times; join with slip st in first sc – 30 sc, 6 dc and 2 ch-1 spaces.
Round 6: Ch 1, [sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 2 times, sc next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in ch-1, (sc, hdc, dc) in next st, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, hdc, sc) next st, sc next ch-1, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc next 2 sts, 2 sc next st, [sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 2 times; join with slip st in first sc – 35 sc, 2 sc2tog, 2 hdc and 6 dc.
Round 7: Ch 1, [sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 2 times, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc next 2 sts, 3 sc next st, sc in next 4 sts,

3 sc in next st, sc next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc next 3 sts, 2 sc next st, [sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 2 times; join with slip st in first sc – 50 sc and 2 sc2tog.
Fasten off.

FINISHING
Embellish Skulls
Using photo as a guide, embroider mouths and noses on skulls with second color. To make eyes, sew sequins in place with one seed bead in center of each sequin with beading thread and needle to make eyes.
Using second color, sew 2 skulls Wrong Sides together with whipstitch around edges. Lightly stuff and sew jump ring firmly in place at top of skull. Use pliers to connect earring wires to jump ring.

ABBREVIATIONS: sc = single crochet; **ch** = chain; **slip st** = slip stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **dc** = double crochet.