Crochet Christmas Tree Ornament

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Medium to Light wt cotton (I used a 'stash' ball – so not exactly sure what it is or what the size would be – the size you might use for dishcloths)

Size D crochet hook (but you know...use what you want to get the size and effect you want!)

US terminology

Here we go – my first attempt at writing down a pattern:

Round 1:

In magic ring: dc2tog (for first one – ch 2 for your first dc and combine with another double), *ch3, dc2tog*, repeat * to * 4 more times. Ch 1 then hdc in top of first dc2tog (counts as last ch 3 space). 6 dc2tog / 6 chain 3 spaces.

Round 2:

Ch 1, sc in current space (space created by ch 1 and hdc). *Ch 3, sk next st then v-stich (dc, ch 1, dc) in next chain 3 space, ch 3, sc in next ch 3 space* repeat * to * 2 more times. Ch 3, join with a sl st to sc at beg of round. 3 v-stiches, 3 sc, 6 ch 3 spaces.

Round 3:

Ch 2 (counsts as first hdc), hdc in same st (sc of round 2). 4 hdc in next ch 3 space, (hdc, dc, tr, 3-ch picot, tr, 2 dc, 3-ch picot) in space of next v-stich. (2 dc, hdc, 3-ch picot) in next ch 3 space, (2 dc, 2 hdc, 3-ch picot) in next ch 3 space, (2 dc, tr, ch 20, sl st in top of tr, tr, 2 dc, 3-ch picot) in space of next v-stitch. (2 hdc, 2 dc, 3-ch picot) in next 3-ch space. (hdc, 2 dc, 3-ch picot) in next 3-ch space, (2 dc, tr, 3-chain picot, tr, dc, hdc) in next v-stich. 4 hdc in next ch 3 space. Finish round with sl st to top of first hdc of round 2.

Trunk (optional)

SI st 3 stiches, ch 2, turn, hdc in same stitch then hdc in next 4 stiches. (you can make the trunk longer by adding another row of sc)

Tuck in ends (be sure your magic ring is nice and secure). Block. Adding beads for ornaments might be fun. (3)

I think this would be fun to offer as a free pattern on my website (I don't have a crochet website – I'm a calligrapher who likes to crochet!!) so, feel free to use the pattern, but please don't sell the pattern...and I would appreciate credit if posting or sharing.

Note: I'm sure I took elements from other patterns I've tried or seen over the years, but to the best of my knowledge the entire pattern is NOT a direct copy of anything I've seen. Any similarities are coincidence or just prior knowledge coming into practice. If someone finds this exact pattern anywhere, please let me know and I will bow to expert creator and humbly apologize for unwittingly taking credit and then give credit where credit is due.