

Candy Cane Bunting

Materials

- * 1 ball each of DK (8-ply/light worsted) yarn in white (D), red (E) and green (F); 100g/295m/323yd
- * 4mm crochet hook (UK7/US7)
- * Sewing needle and red thread
- * 7 bendy straws
- * Tin of spray starch (optional)

Candy cane base (make seven)

Using yarn D and 4mm hook, make 29 ch.

Row 1: dc in the second ch from the hook, dc in each st to end, turn (28 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch (does not count as a st), dc in each st to the end, turn.

Rows 3–5: as row 2.

Fasten off.

Red candy cane swirl (make seven)

Using yarn E and 4mm hook, make 40 ch.

Row 1: dc in the second ch from the hook, dc in each ch to the end (39 sts).

Fasten off.

Bow (make thirteen)

Using yarn F and 4mm hook, make 27 ch.

Row 1: dc in the second ch from the hook, dc in each ch to the end (26 sts).

Fasten off.

Bunting string

Using yarn E and 4mm hook, make 161 ch.

Row 1: dc in the second ch from the hook, dc in each ch to the end, turn (160 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch (does not count as a st), dc in each st to the end.

Fasten off.

Making up

Fold the candy cane base lengthways to create a tube and sew together leaving one of the ends open.

Insert a bendy straw into the tube, cutting it to size if required. Bend the tube to create a hook shape.

Wrap the yarn E swirl around the candy cane from the bottom to the top and sew in place using sewing thread.

Fold the yarn F length into a bow, wrapping yarn around the middle to make the correct shape. Spray the bows with spray starch if desired, pin flat and leave to dry.

Sew or glue one bow onto the front of the candy cane.

Place the candy canes evenly along the bunting string and sew into place.

Place the remaining yarn F bows in between the candy canes and sew or glue into place.

Project by Lynne Rowe from her book *Fairytale Blankets to Crochet*

