

RAINBOW OF HOPE

Using pink yarn, ch 6.

Row 1: 2 htr in second ch from hook, 2 htr in every ch to end. (10 htr)

Change to purple on last st and turn.

Row 2: ch 1 (does not count as a st here and throughout), * 2 htr in next st, 1 htr in next st, rep from * to end. (15 htr)

Change to blue and turn.

Row 3: ch 1, * 2 htr in next st, 1 htr in next 2 sts, rep from * to end. (20 htr)

Change to green and turn.

Row 4: ch 1, * 2 htr in next st, 1 htr in next 3 sts, rep from * to end. (25 htr)

Change to yellow and turn.

Row 5: ch 1, * 2 htr in next st, 1 htr in next 4 sts, rep from * to end. (30 htr)

Change to orange and turn.

Row 6: ch 1, * 2 htr in next st, 1 htr in next 5 sts, rep from * to end. (35 htr)

Change to red and turn.

Row 7: ch 1, * 2 htr in next st, 1 htr in next 6 sts, rep from * to end. (40 htr)

Fasten off.

Materials

7 rainbow colours of any yarn (just make sure they are the same thickness)

A hook (two sizes smaller than that recommended for your yarn)

A tapestry needle, for weaving in ends

Scissors

A ruler (this is optional, as you can add fringing to your crochet piece by using a ruler)

UK terminology - using half treble (htr).
US - half double crochet (hdc)

Hanging loop

With the red and right side facing, join yarn to 17th st from the beginning of work, make 20 ch, miss next 6 sts, work slip stitch in next st. Fasten off and weave in ends.

To make the fringe

Cut 5 strands of one colour of yarn, for an easy start with work with the red yarn and work inwards, fold in half of the rainbow, with one side of rainbow facing you. Feed the loop between two stitches at the edge which will be easier to do this if you are using bigger hook. Push the ends through the loop, and pull to secure, then you should have nice knot at the front of your work. Repeat with the other colours on both ends of rainbow.



To trim the fringe

Fold the rainbow in half, starting with the red side, cut diagonally towards the pink side, with pink being the shortest length. You may wish to steam your rainbow with an iron to finish it off nicely.

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