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Yarn: Rowan Norwegian Wool in 100% Norwegian Wool, 125 m per 50-gram balls in two colours. We used Cloud Dancer #014 and Ribbon Red #018.

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Needles: One set of 5 double pointed needles 3.5 mm from the Prym 1530 collection. We recommend the 15 cm length, although the 20 cm length will also work. You will also need a crochet hook in 3 mm from the Prym 1530 series to make the hanging loop.

Stuffing: Use 100% wool batting for stuffing because they make the balls firmer and suppler and they keep their shape. Although this material is more expensive, you will need less filling per ball. Choose natural white or beige colours. Figure on about 20 gr / .70 oz per ball

HOW TO READ THE CHART

The chart only shows the stitches for ¼ of the ball. The chart stitches are repeated on each of the 4 double- pointed needles, which means you repeat the chart 4 times on each row.

Cast on 12 stitches on one double pointed needle. Divide these 12 stitches over 4 double pointed needles = 3 stitches per needle.

Read the chart from bottom to top, from right to left.

The first row of 3 stitches on the chart represents the 3 cast-on stitches and is not knitted again.

Increase on every other row according to the chart until you have a total of 64 stitches = 16 stitches per needle.

Knit 13 rows with 64 stitches without any increasing and then start decreasing by knitting two stitches together on every other row.

The top 3 stitches are not worked either.

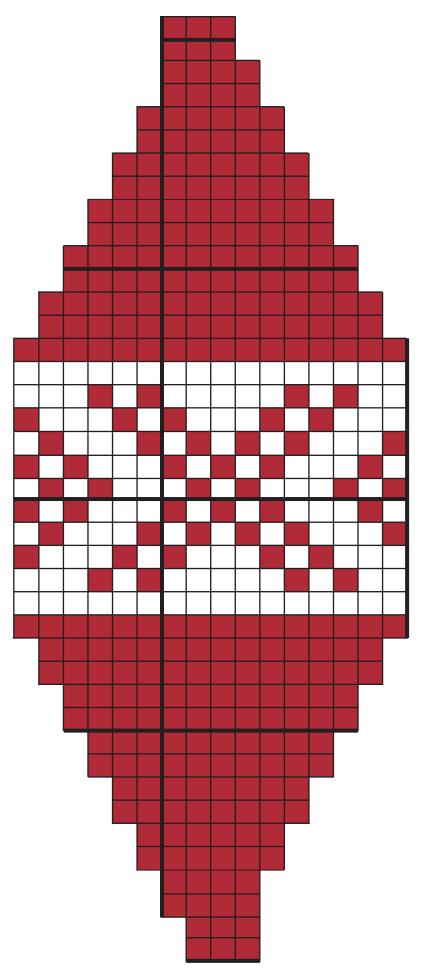
On the last round, cut the yarn and pull the tail through the remaining 12 stitches, pull tight and weave in tail on WS.

Crochet a hanging loop by doing 40 chain stitches.

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