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You can use this simple pattern to make either a wall hanging or smaller versions for coasters or tree decorations.

Materials:

- 4.5 mm Afghan crochet hook
- 3 oz ball white sport weight
- Small amount red, yellow and green sport weight
- 1 thin tree branch, approx 8" in length
- Christmas type decorations you can sew or glue on (ie. Bells, buttons)
- Craft glue
- Sewing thread and needle
- Felt or self sticking interfacing

Notes:

- Before beginning to work, make 1 green bobbin, 1 red bobbin, and 1 yellow bobbin of approximately 40 wraps
- You will work the front with three bobbins (don't panic – you'll work one at a time) and the white (which is still attached to the ball).
- A row is considered complete when you have put all of the stitches on the hook, and then worked them back to remove them.
- Never turn your work – you always work on the right side
- When working the stitches off of the needle, start your new colour when drawing through the last two loops of the first colour.



Instructions:

With white, chain 24

1. Working from right to left, insert the hook in second ch from your hook and draw up a loop. Wrap your yarn over and pull through, leaving a loop on the hook (you will now have two loops on the hook) continue across to the end of the row. You will have 24 loops on the hook when you are finished.
2. Work the return row from left to right. Put your yarn over and draw through the first loop on the hook. *Yarn over and draw through the next two. Repeat from * all the way across until you have one stitch remaining. One row is now considered completed
3. Insert your hook from right to left behind the next vertical loop (it looks like a stick). Wrap your yarn over your hook and draw through the vertical loop. Leave this loop on your hook. Continue in this way to end - make sure you do not skip the last vertical loop on left-handed side of work - you should have 24 stitches on the hook. Count!
4. Repeat rows 2 and 3 until you have 5 rows completed (remember - a row is considered working to the left putting the stitches on and working back to the right taking them off).
5. Following chart, changing colours as indicated
6. Complete last row by single crocheting in between stitches that make up posts. Pull yarn through last loop to cast off.

Finishing:

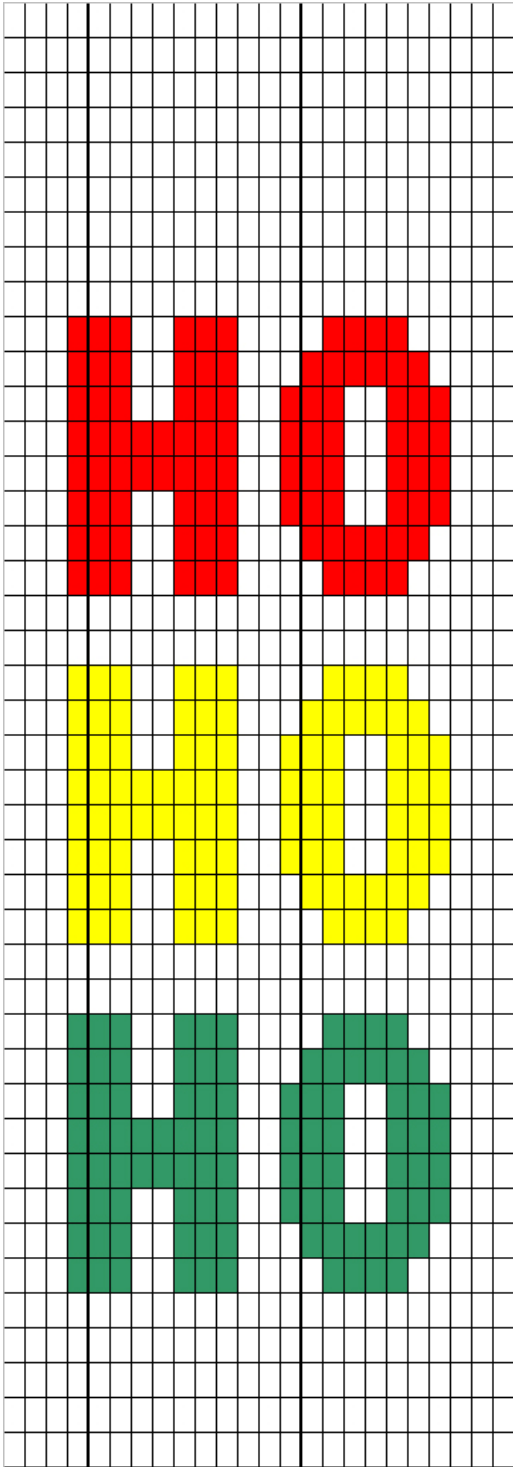
Smaller Version:

If you are doing the smaller version, Single crochet or crab stitch around each square in contrasting colour.

Wall Hanging:

1. Single crochet or crab stitch around each square in either white or contrasting colour.
2. Fold top over branch (this is why you have more rows at the top than the bottom) and sew into place
3. Sew on any extra decorations you want to add
4. Attach interfacing or felt either by sewing or gluing on.
5. Attach red, green and white yarn to branch and chain 50 stitches, attaching to other end of branch.

The Big Ho



The Mini Ho

