DECORATIVE JARS - EASTER

Preface

There is nothing quite like working on an idea for something homemade and then giving that little something as a present to someone you love. You can use the instructions here to crochet the same project or you can use it as a source of inspiration for your own ideas. A self-crocheted article is absolutely unique and therefore very special.
Have fun crocheting!

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You will need:

- A large jar with a screw-top lid 12.7 cm (incl. lid), 9.5 cm Ø
- Crochet hook no. 12
- Glue gun or multi-purpose glue
- Washable stuffing
- Cotton crocheting yarn 50 g Larra Scheepjes

<u>Larra colour numbers</u>:
Wood colour:
Brown 7419 + 4712
Eggs:
A total of 6 colours of your choice

Feathers:
Scheepjes yarn
Sicilia colour no 14

If you choose to work with a thicker hook, crochet one or two round less leaving out round 9 and/or 10. The crochet work for the lid should come up a little smaller so that it fits better. Crochet the three rounds (without increases or decreases) for the side edges.
In the last round, decrease equally approx. 6 dc.

Abbreviations:

<u>ch</u>	= chain	<u>htr</u>	= half treble crochet
<u>sl st</u>	= slip stitch(es)	<u>R</u>	= row
<u>dc</u>	= double crochet	<u>rnd</u>	= round
<u>dc inc</u>	= doubled double crochet = increase 1 dc (2 dc in one insertion point)	<u>rep</u>	= repeat
		<u>CC</u>	= contrast colour
<u>dc2tog</u>	= double crochet together (see general tips)	<u>flp</u>	= front loop
		[ ]	= total number of stitches
<u>tr</u>	= treble crochet		

Techniques

You can read about basic crochet techniques on my website and download workshops with photos as PDFs.
The PDFs can be found here: <u>www.haakpret.nl</u>
Click here to <u>download</u>. Select the photo
<u>basic techniques</u> to open the PDF in a new window. You can also download the PDF.

General tips

<u>When decreasing double crochet stitches (= dc2tog):</u>
Always insert the hook in the front loop of the previous round so the decrease is not so noticeable.

Fastening off:
At the end of the last round do not cut the yarn too short and draw it through the last stitch. Use and fasten off the yarn later to connect the parts.

There are three ways to close a round:
- Close a round with a sl st and begin the next rnd with 1 ch.
- Turn the work over at the end of a round and crochet back in the other direction.
- Mark the beginning of the round in a contrasting colour and continue crocheting in spirals.
Note: The closing method affects the total number of rounds. That's why it's always important to follow the instructions.

Important: If a sl st is crocheted in a rnd, this is counted just like other stitches. Exception: If a rnd is closed with a sl st, then this sl st is not counted as a stitch.
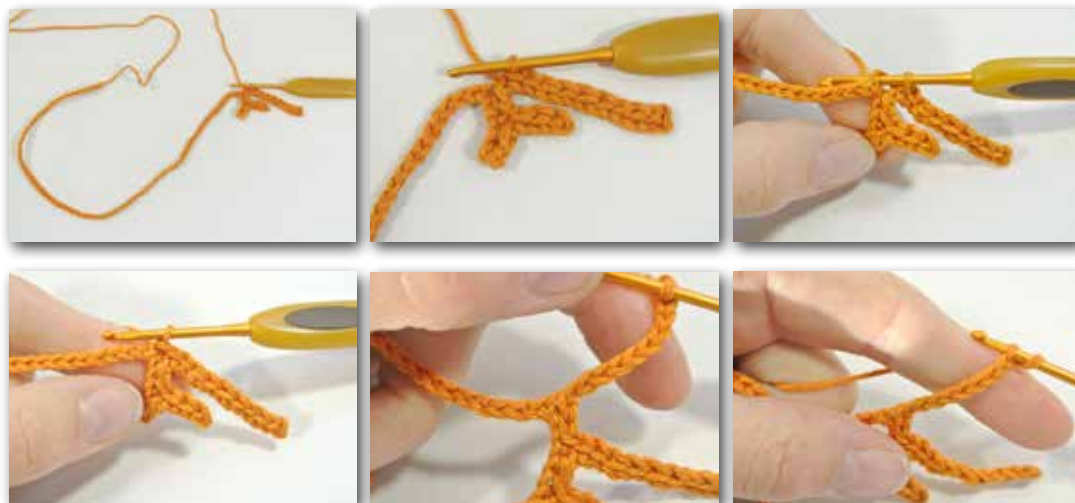

Lid cover: In nude: Close rnd with 1 sl st

1: 6 dc into ring,
2: 1 ch – 6x 1 dc inc [12 st]
3: 1 ch – 6x (1 dc – 1 dc inc) [18 st]
4: 1 ch – 6x (2 dc – 1 dc inc) [24 st]
5: 1 ch – 6x (3 dc – 1 dc inc) [30 st]
6: 1 ch – 6x (4 dc – 1 dc inc) [36 st]

7: 1 ch – 6x (5 dc – 1 dc inc) [42 st]
8: 1 ch – 6x (6 dc – 1 dc inc) [48 st]
9: 1 ch – 6x (7 dc – 1 dc inc) [54 st]
10: 1 ch – 6x (8 dc – 1 dc inc) [60 st]
11 + 12 + 13 + 14: 1 ch – 60 dc
15: 1 ch – 6x (8 dc – dc2tog) [54 st]
Fasten off.

Branches:

Crochet 2 foundation chains for the branches. One short foundation chain in light brown and one long one in dark brown. The length depends of the circumference of the lid. On the jars in the photo: 1 chain of 80 ch (1x lid circumference) and 1 chain of 160 ch (= 2x lid circumference).

Turn over at the end of the foundation chains and work 1 sl st in every ch. Crochet the 1st sl st in 2nd ch from hook. Add little branches as you work. The number of branches can vary but make sure the distance between them is between 2 and 4 ch. The final length of the foundation chain may not be changed.

Twigs can also be added to the branches.
Here are instructions for three different types of branches:

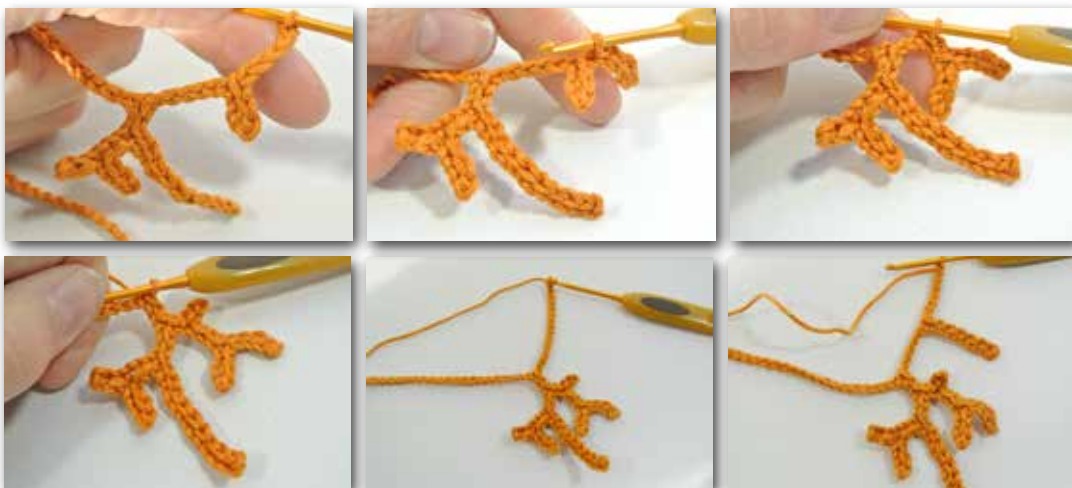Short branch: 4 ch – 3 dc crocheting 1st sl st in 2nd ch from hook

Medium-sized branch: 7 ch – 3 dc crocheting 1st sl st in 2nd ch from hook – 3 ch – 2 sl st crocheting 1st sl st in 2nd ch from hook – 3 sl st in 7 ch foundation chain

Long branch: 10 ch – 5 sl st crocheting 1st sl st in 2nd ch from hook – 4 ch – 3 sl st crocheting 1st sl st in 2nd ch from hook – 4 sl st in 10 ch foundation chain

You can also crochet longer branches, e.g. by working 18 ch for the foundation chain.
Once a branch is finished, always end with 1 sl st at the base foundation ch.
Crochet the end of the branch as follows: Work 1 ch and 1 sl st in same ch.

Connecting the chains: Double the long foundation chain and place the short one between the two halves. Using an embroidery needle and a long length of thread, sew the ends of the foundation chains to the lid cover at the 11th/12th rnds. Wrap the chains around each othter and then sew on all the way round at the 11th/12th rnd. Stick the lid cover to the top of the lid starting at the front. Then stick down the top and finally the side edges and the back.

Crochet 40 ch using hook 6 and Sicilia. Turn over.
Crochet 1 sl st in every ch and insert the feathers (see the opposite page for instructions on the branches) keeping the length of the branches to 6 ch. Stick the feathered part to the lid cover.

Eggs: 6x in colours of your choice Close all rnds with 1 sl st

1: 6 dc into ring
2: 1 ch – 6x 1 dc inc [12 st]
3: 1 ch – 6x (1 dc – 1 dc inc) [18 st]
4: 1 ch – 2x (1 dc inc – 8 dc) [20 st]
5: 1 ch – 20 dc

6: 1 ch – 2x (dc2tog – 8 dc) [18 st]
7: 1 ch – 2x (7 dc – dc2tog) [16 st]
8: 1 ch – 2 dc – dc2tog – 6 dc – dc2tog – 4 dc [14 st]
9: 2x (3 dc – dc2tog) – 2 dc – dc2tog [11 st]
10: 1 dc – dc2tog – 2x (2 dc – dc2tog) [8 st]
Fasten off. Stuff. Draw the yarn through the flp of the last 8 st and pull tightly.

Print the label twice and cut out as a circle. Cut out a semi-circle at the top edge for a hole. At the semi-circle punch a hole with a hole punch. Stick the labels together back to back. Attach the label with a piece of yarn.
Crochet more eggs if you want and attach them with a chain of small branches by crocheting 160 ch (you will need 60 ch for the circumference).

Have fun
being creative!

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