

# Table Angel



At 3¾" high, this angel can be used as a table decoration or to adorn the top of your Christmas tree. It can be adapted to be a hanging ornament by looping some fine thread through the centre-top of the head and knotting the ends to make a hanger. Several decorating your Christmas tree will make it look even more special!

## Materials Needed

Crochet Cotton (size 10) 40 yards  
Metallic braided gift cord 2½ inches  
Metal crochet hook 1.75 mm  
Small, blunt tapestry needle, Fibrefill stuffing  
Stiffening materials: Commercial fabric stiffener or slightly diluted PVA craft glue, plastic foam or cardboard cone, plastic freezer bag, UHU glue, stainless steel pins and an artist's small, stiff-bristled brush.

## Special Abbreviations

BEG SHELL (beginning shell) - (3 ch, 1tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in sp indicated

SHELL - (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in sp indicated

## HEAD

Rnd 1 (Right side): With thread and beginning at top work 9 dc in magic loop. **Do not join**. Place "end of round" marker and move up after each round. (9 dc)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each dc around. (18 dc)

Rnd 3: (Dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc) around. (27 dc)

Rnds 4-9: Dc in each dc around.

Rnd 10: (Dec, dc in next dc) around. (18 dc)

Rnd 11: Dc in each dc around.

Rnd 12: (Dec 4 times, dc in next dc) twice. (10 dc)

Rnd 13: Dc in each dc around, **do not finish off**.

## **BODY** – (*wings are made as part of round 3.*)

Rnd 1: Slst in next dc, ch 4 (*counts as first tr plus ch 1, now and next 3 rnds*), (tr in next dc, ch 1) around, join with slip st to first tr. (10 ch-1 sps)

Rnd 2: Slst in first ch-1 sp, ch 4, tr in same sp, ch 1, (tr, ch 1) twice in next ch-1 sp and in each ch-1 sp around, Join with slip st to first tr. (20 ch-1 sps) (**Stuff head lightly**)

Rnd 3: Slst in first ch-1 sp, ch 4, tr in next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, tr in next ch-1 sp) 2 times, \*\*\* ch 4, slst into next ch-1 sp, slst into next tr, slst into next ch-1 sp,

(*Start of wing*) Row 1: With right side facing, Beg Shell in same sp as slst, work Shell in each of next 4 ch-1 sps. (5 ch-2 sps)

Row 2: Turn, slst in first 2 tr and in next ch-2 sp, Beg Shell in same sp, \* ch 2, work Shell in next ch-2 sp, repeat from \* across, turn.

Row 3: (Ch 4, dc in next ch-2 sp) 9 times, ending with ch 4, slst in last tr, finish off. (End of wing)

Working behind wing, rejoin thread with slst into 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 ch before wing, ch 2, tr in next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, tr in next ch-1 sp) 3 times,

repeat from \*\*\* once,

working behind wing, rejoin thread with slst into 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 ch before wing, ch 2, slst into 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4ch at start of round. (10 ch-sps)

Rnd 4: Slst in first ch-1 sp, ch 5, tr in same sp, (tr, ch 2, tr) in next sp and in each sp around; join with slst to third of beginning ch-5.

Rnd 5: beg shell in first ch-2 sp, work shell in next 2-ch sp and in each 2-ch sp around; join with slst to first tr.

Rnds 6 – 9: slst in next tr and in first 2-ch sp, beg shell in same space, ch 2, (work shell in next shell 2-ch sp, ch 2) around; join with slst to first tr.

Rnd 10: slst in next tr and in first ch-2 sp, ch 4, (tr, ch 1) 6 times in same sp, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, ((tr, ch 1) 7 times in next shell, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1) around; join with slst to first tr, finish off and darn in loose ends on the reverse side of the fabric with the tapestry needle.

## **HALO**

UHU glue ends of metallic braided cord to form a ring. Allow to dry before attaching to head.

## **FINSHING**

1. Place the cone inside the freezer bag, and roll up and tighten the bag opening to make it tight around the cone. Hold in place with a strip of sticky tape.
2. **Keeping the angel head dry**, use the small brush to work the stiffening solution or diluted PVA glue into the dress, body and wings, applying to both sides of the fabric.
3. Place dress over the cone, pull down evenly all round to stretch the fabric, and pin lower edges at regular Intervals if needed.
4. Draw out the wings to form a cone shape.

5. Leave overnight to dry.

6. Using the photo as a guide for placement, locate the halo position and attach it with UHU glue at the back of the head.

To make an assortment of angels, use a coloured thread for the last row of the wings and the skirt, and you may wish to make a long-tailed bow from some narrow ribbon and attach to front of neck.

***To make a cardboard cone***, cut a 3½” radius disc from a breakfast cereal box. Mark a diameter line, and cut along the line from edge to centre. Carefully roll the card around itself to form a cone shape, where each cut edge lines up with the diameter line, giving a double thickness to the cone. It may be helpful to make tiny snips at the point to ease the curving. Unroll the cone, apply UHU glue to where the inside surfaces will touch the outside, and re-roll the cone so the edges meet the diameter line again. Hold in place for a few minutes while the glue sets. When the cone is dry, cut a card disc slightly smaller than the base of the cone, and glue in place just inside the bottom edge of the cone. Allow to dry completely before using.



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