Knit Your Own Christmas Tree

Christmas feeling came to me unbelievably early this year. I am playing with various yarns to make small Christmas trees to hang on the actual Christmas tree, put under nice hot mug of tee or hot wine, or send as season greeting card to someone dear.

It is simple enough knitting project for beginners. Basic skill requirement is to be able to knit, purl, knit two together and cast on. Garter stitch (knit all rows) is used throughout the work.

You will need:

- About 13m DK or worsted weight yarn (but you can use any yarn as it will affect only the size of motif).
- 3.5mm needles. I used double pointed bamboo needles, but again, use whatever you like
- Tapestry needle to weave in ends
- Crochet hook (optional to make crocheted tie)

Finished Christmas tree measurements:
About 10cm/4" wide and tall in DK weight yarn

Abbreviations:
K = knit
P = purl
RS = right side
WS = wrong side
k2tog = knit two together
CO = cast-on

Note 1: Be sure you are facing right side of work when start working Row 1. It really doesn't matter which method you are using to cast-on as long as you have working yarn at the beginning of the right side of work to start Row 1. The cast-on bumps (like as for purl stitches) should face wrong side and neat chain should be at right side. If you don't have working yarn on right and chain on right side of your work after cast-on, knit one extra row before starting to follow instructions (as I had to do with Long Tail Cast-On method used).

Note 2: Make sure you knit neat edge. Slip the first stitch (selvedge stitch) without knitting as if to knit and then leave working yarn between 1st and 2nd stitch of the row. Do so in all rows except where mentioned otherwise in pattern.

Note 3: Knit all k2tog stitches loosely.

CO 21 sts

Row 1 (RS): K21
Row 2: (WS): K19, k2tog
Row 3: K18, k2tog
Row 4: K17, k2tog
Row 5: K16, k2tog
Row 6: K15, k2tog
Row 7: K14, k2tog
Row 8: K13, k2tog
Row 9: K12, k2tog
Row 10: K11, k2tog
Row 11: K10, k2tog
Row 12: K9, k2tog
Row 13 (RS): K8, k2tog, CO 5 sts. Use E-Loop Cast-On method.
Row 14: K1 (selvedge st), P4, K7, k2tog, CO5 sts. Use E-Loop Cast-On.
Row 15: K16 (incl. selvedge st), k2tog
Row 16: K15, k2tog
Row 17: K14, k2tog
Row 18: K13, k2tog
Row 19: K12, k2tog
Row 20: K11, k2tog
Row 21: K10, k2tog
Row 22: K9, k2tog
Row 23: K8, k2tog
Row 24: K7, k2tog
Row 25: K6, k2tog, CO3. Use E-Loop Cast-On.
Row 26: K1 (selvedge st), P2, K5, k2tog, CO3. Use E-Loop Cast-On.
Row 27: K10 (incl. selvedge st), k2tog
Row 28: K9, k2tog
Row 29: K8, k2tog
Row 30: K7, k2tog
Row 31: K6, k2tog
Row 32: K5, k2tog
Row 33, K4, k2tog
Row 34: K3, k2tog
Row 35: K2, k2tog
Row 36: K1, k2tog
Row 37: k2tog

Pull yarn through the last stitch in the length of tie to hang it and fix knot around it.
You can also do crochet chain tie.

Weave in the ends and lightly block. Now your Christmas tree is ready for decorations -
let your imagination go wild :)

Chart key

I	knit on RS, purl on WS
-	purl on RS, knit on WS
⟋⟍	knit 2 together
+	edge stitch, slip
o	e-loop cast on
▨	no stitch

Row numbers (left side, bottom to top): 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36

Row numbers (right side, bottom to top): 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37

Column numbers (bottom): 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1