Mini Chinese Lantern

This pattern uses a stitch I'm calling a 5xc (five-times-crochet). It's like a double or triple crochet, but taller. If this has a proper name, please let me know!

To make the stitch, yo 5 times, then insert hook into appropriate stitch. yo and draw up a loop. Yo and draw through 2 loops. Repeat yo and drawing through 2 loops until you have only 1 loop left on your hook.

ch 15. Join in a ring with sl
* ch1. sc in each st around. Join with sl. * repeat 5 more times
ch 7
5xc in each stitch around. Join in top of ch 7
* ch1. sc in each st around. Join with sl. * repeat 5 more times
ch 20. sk 7. Join with sl.
Sew in yarn ends.

NOTES:

An alternative to joining with a sl stitch at the end of each round is to keep working in a spiral, then join with a sl stitch after 6 rows.

Don't worry about exact numbers of stitches. If you prefer it smaller, taller, wider, etc., just go with it!

Ps. I hate pink. The only reason this is pink is that I'd been making hearts, and this just happened to be what I had in my bag when I found myself at a Chinese New Year party at a playgroup and thought "I could crochet one of those lanterns!"

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