SILVER LININGS

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SILVER LININGS HANGER

A decorative rainbow hanging, , to brighten up any room and a symbol of hope, to look for the silver lining in every situation.   Worked flat and backed with card to stiffen.

Skill Level

Easy/Intermediate

Basic stitches used to create the motifs, the clouds are a little more tricky.

Materials

YARN

Stylecraft Naturals

Various colours: 50g, 250m (273 yards) 60% Bamboo/40% Cotton

Anchor Artiste Metallic

Silver (301): 25g, 100m (109 yards) 80% Viscose, 20% Metallic Polyester

You'll only need small amounts of each

Yarn Substitutions

Small amounts of cotton yarn, preferably in DK weight.

HOOK/NEEDLE

3.5mm (E US)

NOTIONS

Yarn needle
Stiffening:
Cardboard for backing and a glue gun would be useful
PVA (white) glue can also work

Gauge

N/A

Size

Approx

Pattern Notes

You can include as many elements of the pattern as you like, use just the sun and rainbow, or add more or less clouds, whichever suits you. I ended up only using the 'Stratus' cloud in my hanging, but I included both designs in the pattern so you can choose either!

Abbreviations

beg - beginning

dec - decrease

inc - increase

pm - place marker

mm - move marker

rm - remove marker

RS - right side

sp - space

st(s) - stitch(es)

tog - together

WS - wrong side

yo - wrap yarn over the hook

Stitch Terms

This pattern is written in UK crochet terms.
US terms translation given on page 6.

Term	UK Stitch	US Term	US Stitch
ch	chain		
sl st	slip stitch		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
htr	half treble	hdc	half double crochet
tr	treble crochet	dc	double crochet
tr2tog	work 2 treble crochets together	dc2tog	work 2 double crochets together
dtr	double treble crochet	tr	treble crochet

Special Stitches

N/a

Rainbow

Worked in rows **with RS facing only**. Break yarn at the end of each row, do NOT turn the work, instead join new colour at the start of the previous row.

With First colour and 3.5mm hook, 9ch:

Row 1: 1tr in 3rd chain from hook *[counts as inc]*, (2tr in next ch) twice, 1tr, (2tr in next ch) 3 times. 13 sts
Row 2: 3ch *[counts as 1tr]*, 1tr, (2tr in next st), 4 times, 1tr (2tr in next st) 4 times, 2tr. 21 sts
Row 3: 3ch *[counts as 1tr]*, (1tr, 2tr in next st) 4 times, 3tr, (1tr, 2tr in next st) 4 times, 1tr. 29 sts
Row 4: 3ch *[counts as 1tr]*, (3tr, 2tr in next st) 6 times, 4tr. 35 sts
Row 5: 3ch *[counts as 1tr]*, (4tr, 2tr in next st) 3 times, 3tr, (2tr in next st, 4tr) 3 times, 1tr. 41 sts
Row 6: 3ch *[counts as 1tr]*, (4tr, 2tr in next st) 3 times, 9tr, (2tr in next st, 4tr) 3 times, 1tr. 47 sts

Sunshine

Worked in the round. (See tutorial links on page 3 for help with Magic Loop)

With a nice sunny yellow, make a magic loop, then:

Round 1: 3ch *[counts as 1tr]*, 11tr into loop, sl st to top of beg ch, pull yarn end to close centre gap. 12 sts
Round 2: 3ch *[counts as 1tr]*, 1tr in same st, 2tr in next and all remaining sts, sl st to top of beg ch. 24 sts
Round 3: *6ch, then work into ch as follows: {sl st in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in next ch, 1htr in next ch, (1tr in next ch) twice}, skip 2 sts, sl st into next st,* repeat from * to * a further 7 times ending with the last sl st into the starting st. 8 'points'

Clouds

Worked in the round.

STRATUS

With a white yarn, chain 15, then:

Round 1: 1tr in 3rd ch from hook *[counts as inc]*, 11tr, 7tr into last ch, then work along back loops of chain as follows: 11tr, 5tr into chain loop at base of beg st. 36 sts
Round 2: *skip 2 sts, 7tr into next st, skip 2 sts, sl st into next st, skip 3 sts, 9dtr into next st, skip 3 sts, sl st into next st, skip 1 st, (5tr, 5dtr) into next st, skip 1 st, sl st into next st, repeat from * once more, ending with a sl st into beg st.

CUMULUS

With a white yarn, chain 17, then:

Round 1: skip 3ch *[counts as 1tr]*, tr2tog in 4th and 5th chain from hook, 9tr, tr2tog over next 2 ch, (1tr, 5dtr, 3tr) in last ch, then work along back loops of chain as follows: 13tr, (3tr, 5dtr) in base of beg 3 ch, sl st to top of beg 3ch. 42 sts
Round 2: sl st into next 8 sts, turn work, skip 1 st, (5tr into next st), skip 1 st, sl st into next st, 3ch, skip 2 sts, sl sp into next sl st, turn work, (1tr, 2dtr) in tr, 2dtr in next tr, 3dtr in next tr, 2dtr in next tr, (1dtr, 1tr) in last tr, skip 2 st *[from Round 1]*, sl st into next st *[into tr2tog]*.

Finishing

Weave in all ends if you haven't already.

Rainbow

You can also cut some extra lengths of each of the colours of yarn and add tassels to hang down from your rainbow.

Sunshine

Use a contrasting colour yarn to stitch some eyes and smiling mouth to create a little happy sun face. I've included a photo below, although you'll probably do a better job than me!

Clouds

To add the silver lining to your clouds, take some of the metallic silver thread and work a series of slip stitches along the bottom edge and slightly up the right hand side. Work the stitches quite loosely to prevent the edges of the cloud curling up. See photo below as a guide.
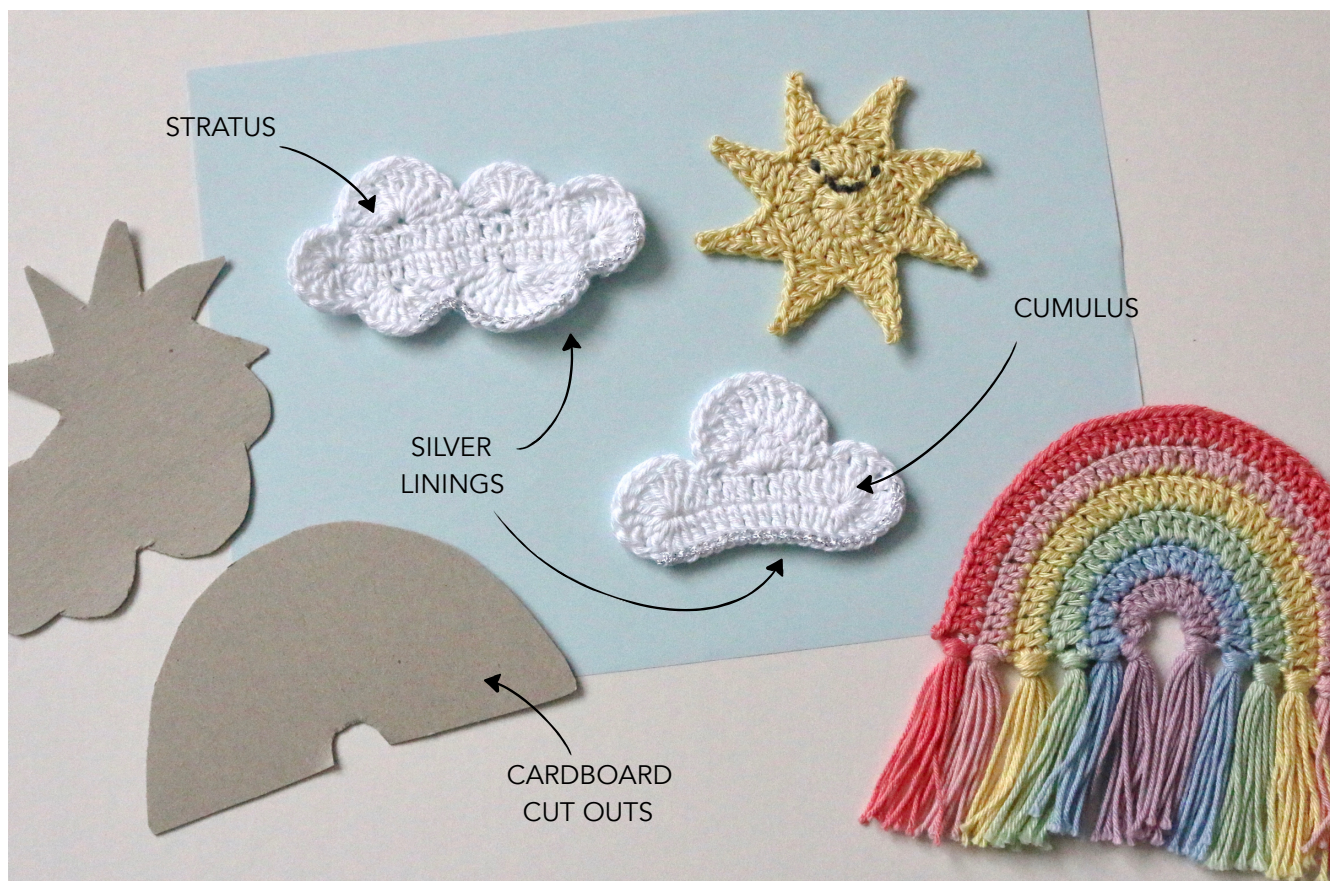
Backing Motifs

If you wish to hang up the different elements you'll need to stiffen them in some way so that they hold their shape. To make them strong enough to hang from each other, I used cardboard to make a cut out of each shape and used a glue gun to stick the crochet to the cardboard.

If you are hanging each element separately you may be able to just paint PVA (white) glue to on the back of each decoration and leave to harden. This will make the motifs slightly more rigid and should keep their own shape, reasonably well, although the rainbow may struggle to support itself if you do add tassels.

Hanging

You can hang the motifs up in whichever way you like, either by using crochet chains to link the motifs, or just lengths of yarn to thread through and tie them together. You could even use florist wire to link them.

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CARDBOARD CUT OUTS

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Finishing

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