Christmas Tree

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Some remnants in green and brown inspired me to this...

Materials: ca. 7g/ 18m Filatura di Crosa „Sportwool" in green
about 2m diVé „Zenith" in brown
(Basically you can use any yarn. The thicker the yarn, the bigger the tree will be.)

2 knitting needles US#2/ 2,75 mm
1 crochet hook US#2 1/2 /3,0 mm
(Again here: the needles/hook have to fit the yarn. The trees will be stuffed, so choose your needles a little smaller then normally. You want the knitting dense, so the stuffing will not show through.)
tapestry needle
stuffing
As decoration: Small beads and sequins, golden or silver machine embroidery thread, sewing thread in the color of the tree and a find hand sewing needle or beading needle.
(My beads came from very different sources. As sewing yarn I used Alterfil S120, because it is fine yet stable. Embroidery yarn was also Alterfil, Metallic J.)

Gauge: fitting the yarn, dense stitches

Size: 11 – 12 cm

Tree: CO 25 stitches in green
R*ow* 1 (back row): k25
R 2: k25
R 3: k1, ssk, ssk, k15, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (= 21 st)
R 4: k1, ssk, k15, k2tog, k1 (= 19 st)
R 5: k1, ssk, k13, k2tog, k1 (= 17 st)
R 6: k1, ssk, k11, k2tog, k1 (= 15 st)
R 7: p1, p2tog, p9, ssp tbl, p1 (= 13 st)
R 8: k1, ssk, k7, k2tog, k1 (= 11 st)
R 9: p1, p2tog, p5, ssp tbl, p1 (= 9 st)

R 10: k9, co 6 (= 15 st)
R 11: k15, co 6 (=21 st)
R 12: k21
R 13: k21
R 14: k1, ssk, ssk, k11, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (= 17 st)
R 15: p1, p2tog, p11, ssp tbl, p1 (= 15 st)
R 16: k1, ssk, k9, k2tog, k1 (= 13 st)
R 17: p1, p2tog, p7, ssp tbl, p1 (= 11 st)
R 18: k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1 (= 9 st)
R 19: p1, p2tog, p3, ssp tbl, p1 (= 7 st)
R 20: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1 (= 5 st)

R 21: k5, co 6 (= 11 st)
R 22: k11, co 6 M (= 17 st)
R 23: k17
R 24: k17
R 25: k1, ssk, ssk, k7, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (= 13 st)
R 26: k1, ssk, 7k, k2tog, k1 (= 11 st)
R 27: p1, p2tog, p5, *slip slip purl through back loop*, p1 (= 9 st)
R 28: k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1 (= 7 st)
R 29: p1, p2tog, p1, ssptbl, p1 (= 5 st)
R 30: k1, sl2-k1-p2sso, k1 (= 3 M)
R 31: p3
R 32 : sl2-k1-p2sso

Cut thread and pull through. (If you leave a longer thread you can use it later to sew the separate pieces togehter.)

Knit 2 tree pieces.

Weave in the the starting thread.

Sew/ graft (kitchener stitch) the tree pieces together along the sides. Start at the top and go doen the sides. Then sew the bottom from the sides to the middle and leave an opening. Stuff the tree. Take small portions of your stuffing and shape the tree to your liking. Then sew the rest closed

Trunk: Start with the brown yarn, the crochet hook and a sliding loop. 5Sc, close to the round. In the next round double every stitch (= 10 sc)

Continue crocheting sc in rounds,inserting needle only in the back loop.
Crochet 4 rounds in sc.

Cut the yarn (leave a long thread) and pull through.

Stuff the trunk a bit and sew it with the brown yarn end to the tree.

Then take your (seed)beads, sequins of whatever you like and decorate your little tree after your liking.

If you want some „base glamour" in the tree you can use a strand of golden or silver machine embroidery thread and knit it together with your green yarn.