Newborn Fringe Hammock

Things You Will Need:
- 6 oz. worsted weight yarn (hammock)
- K crochet hook
- Assorted fancy yarns, strings and trims.
- Scissors

Abbreviations:
- ch = chain
- st = stitch
- dc = double crochet
- dec = decrease

Gauge: 4 rows = 3"

Finished Size: Hammock 18" x 96", fringe drop 12"

What To Do:

Note: Beginning chs of each row count as first dc.

Beginning Tie:
Row 1: Ch 8. Dc in 5th chain from the hook and in next 3 chs. (5 dc)
Row 2-42: Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across.

Hammock Body:
Row 43: Ch 3, turn. Dc in first st, 2 dc in next, dc in the last two sts. (6 dc)
Row increase pattern begins.
Row 44: Ch 3, turn. Dc in first st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in the last two sts. (8 dc)
Row 45: Ch 3, turn. Dc in first two sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 st, dc in the last three sts. (10 dc)
Row 46: Ch 3, turn. Dc in first three sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 st, dc in the last four sts. (12 dc)
Rows 47-61: Continue the row increase pattern. Row 60 will end with 42 dc.
Row 62-68: Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across. (42 dc)
Row decrease pattern begins.
Row 69: Ch 3, turn. Dc in first 18 dc, dec twice, dc in the last 19 sts. (40 dc)
Row 70: Ch 3, turn. Dc in first 17 dc, dec twice, dc in last 18 sts. (38 dc)
Row 71: Ch 3, turn. Dc in first 16 dc, dec twice, dc in last 17 sts. (36 dc)
Rows 72-86: Continue the row decrease pattern. Row 86 will end with 6 dc.
Row 87: Ch 3, turn. Dc in first st, dec once, dc in the last 2 sts. (5 dc)

Ending Tie:
Row 88-128: Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across. (5 dc)
Fasten off.

Fringe:
Using an assortment of fancy yarns, strings and trims, cut seven 24" lengths. Stack the lengths. Pick up the stack in the center and allow the ends to hang even. Determine which side of the hammock will be the top. Insert the crochet hook into the end of Row 42 from the top to the bottom. Grab the center of the fringe stack and pull through the stitch approximately 3 inches. You now have a fringe loop on top of the hammock. Bring the ends of the fringe up and over the side of the hammock. Insert the ends through the loop. Pull the fringe ends to tighten the loop on the hammock. This is called a lark’s head knot. Continue to add fringe bundles in the ends of Rows 43-87. Repeat on the other edge of the hammock in the same way.