Small gift box by essiebirdies

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Materials:
You can use any kind of yarn and suitable hook for the pattern.
I used Schachenmayr Catania cotton in 4 different colors and hook size 2,5 mm.

- needle and scissors
- button
- piece of cardboard

Size: using the yarn and hook I used the diameter of the box is: 5,5 cm.

Abbreviations (US):
Sc – single crochet
Sl st – slipstitch
St – stitch
Sts - stitches

Ch – chain
R - row
Dc – double crochet
Inc - increase

Special stitch: Long single crochet:
Insert hook between 2dc from round 2, yo, draw up a loop to the same height as the working row, yo and draw through both loops on hook.

Change color every round

Pattern:
R1: ch4, close the ring with sl st. Ch3 (counts as 1dc, 11 dc in ring, sl st to top of beg ch3 to join. Fasten off (12dc)

R2: next color: join in any st from R1. Ch3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in same st. 2 dc in each st around, sl st to the top of beg.ch3, fasten off (24dc)

R3: next color; join in space between any of the 2dc sets from R2. Ch3, (counts as 1dc) 1dc in same space, ch1, skip next 2 sts *2dc in next space, ch1, skip next 2 sts repeat from * around, sl st to top op beg ch3. Fasten off. (24dc, 12 ch-1)

R4: next color; join in top of first dc from any 2dc set in R3, ch1, 1sc in same st, 1sc in next st, 1 long sc; inserting hook between 2dc from R2 *1sc in next 2 sts, 1 long sc; repeat from * around, sl st in first sc to join. Fasten off (24sc, 12 long sc)

R5-6: next color; join in any st. ch1, 1sc in each st around. Sl st to first sc to join. Fasten off. Weave in the threads.

This is the bottom off your gift box.
Repeat all steps for the top of the box, omitting R6. After finishing R5; ch7 and sl st in first st. ((check the amount of sts for your button) this is the loop for the button).

Sew button to the bottom part.
Cut 2 cardboard pieces (rounds) and glue to the two parts of the box.
Crochet 2 round pieces and glue or sew on the inside of the two box pieces (photo).

Round piece:
R1: 6 sc in magic ring
R2: inc 6 x (12sc)
R3: sc, inc (18sc)
R4: 2sc, inc (24sc)
R5: 3sc, inc (30sc)
R6: 4sc, inc (36sc) fasten off and sew the ends.

Sew or glue the crochet parts to the bottom and top of the box.
Sew the bottom and top together with a few sts using thin yarn (photo).

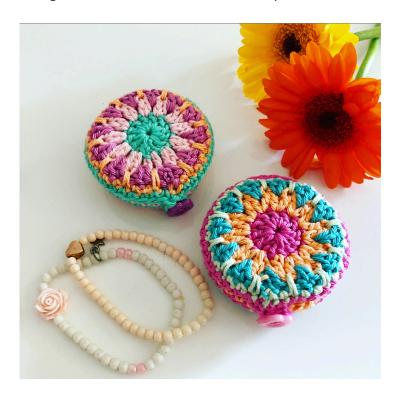Take care dear crocheters from all over the world and enjoy crocheting!

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