Crochet Star

Materials: Any yarn with appropriately sized hook (for the stars pictured I used Scheepjes Catona 4ply (100% cotton) in Lemon (280) with a 3.50mm hook), stitch marker, scissors and yarn needle.

Abbreviations: ch: chain, dc: double crochet, htr: half treble, mm: millimetres, rep: repeat, RS: right side, ss: slip stitch, st(s): stitch(es), tch: turning chain, tr: treble.

Pattern Notes: UK crochet terminology is used. The turning chains count as a stitch. You can use a stitch marker to place into the turning chains making it easier to identify them when joining the rounds with a slip stitch.
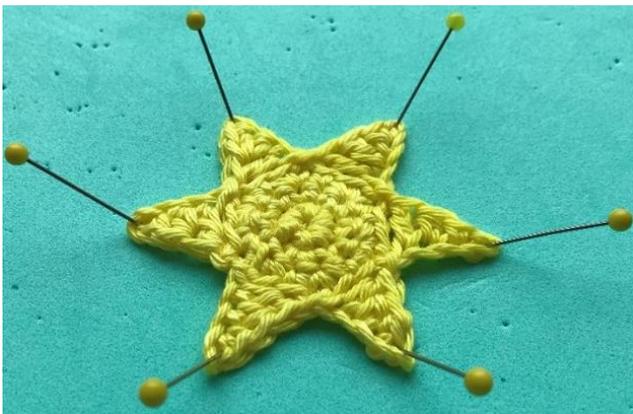
To Work:

Make 4ch, ss into 1st ch to form ring

Round 1 (RS) 1ch (counts as 1st st here and throughout), 5dc in centre of ring, ss to 1st ch to join, (6 sts), 1ch, **turn**

Round 2 1dc in same st as tch, 2dc in each of next 5 sts, ss to tch to join, (12sts), 1ch, turn

Round 3 1dc in same st as tch, 1dc in next st, *2dc in next st, 1dc in next st, rep from * 4 times, ss to tch, (18 sts), **do not turn**

To make star points: *5ch, 1dc in 3rd ch from hook, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, miss 2 sts, ss into next st along, rep from * 5 times (6 star points made)

To make hanging loop: 30ch, ss into 1st ch to close loop, fasten off and weave in ends. It is essential to wet block these stars and pin them out so that each point can be made sharper and neat.

One star made… hang them from a tree or in front of a window, if you don't make the hanging loop the stars can also be used to applique onto all kinds of things!

Enjoy…