

Earring Holder "Mother Nature"

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This is not so much a pattern, as more an idea, but I thought it was worth sharing. The pattern's name, mother nature, stems from the holder's natural look using warm colours and natural wood.

I have a large number of long, dangly silver earrings and used to keep them in a box where they'd always get mixed up and tangled. So I thought I'd come up with something to mount them on. Since I am not so much the frilly type I chose a rather large needle and some colourful sock yarn. For mounting I used a nice-looking twig from the nearby park.

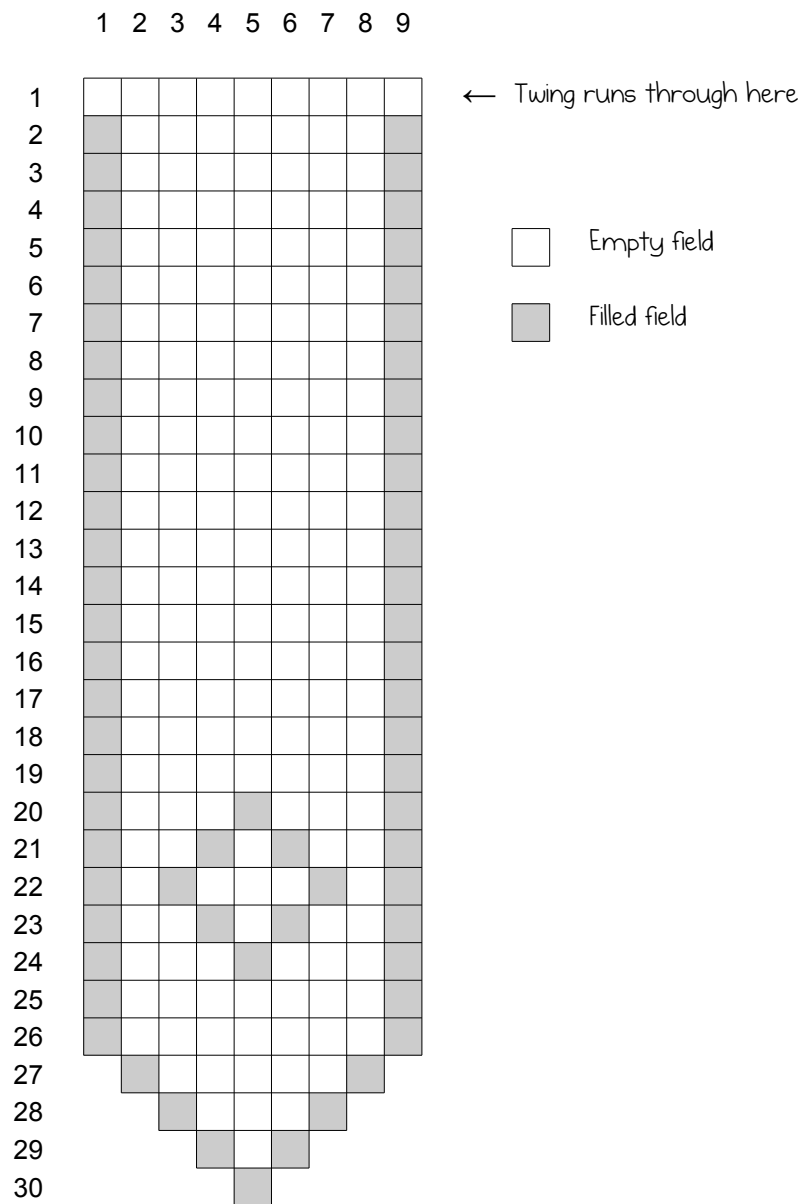
The actual holder is very simple filet crochet, the only exception being that I don't use standard double crochet for the "columns" but something called "*Patentstaebchen*". I've found that these come out a bit straighter than standard double crochets. If you want to give it a try, here's how to do a "*Patentstaebchen*"★

- Yarn over -> you now have two loops on the needle
- Insert hook into chain
- Yarn over and pull yarn through -> you now have three loops on the needle
- Grab yarn with needle and pull the yarn only through the first loop (This is the difference from usual double crochet!) -> you still have three loops on the needle
- Grab yarn with needle and pull the yarn through two loops -> you now have two loops on the needle
- Grab yarn with needle and pull the yarn through two loops -> you now have one loop on the needle

The pattern is flexible, I chose to do 30 rows times 9 columns, since that seemed large enough to accommodate all my earrings and have some very basic design elements. The outer blocks are filled in order to give the whole thing a bit more stability. Remember to leave the top blocks empty so you can thread the twig through them.

★ If anyone knows the English name for these I'd be happy to hear about them!

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