Advent calendar garland

US terms



Finished size
Each pocket about 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) wide and 2¾ in (7 cm) tall to the top of its cuff; each of the four cords about 23¾ in (60 cm) long

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 36 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: Christmas red, rows 1 to 25 of the pockets	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pine green, the cords	**about 205 yd (187 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, rows 26 and 27 of the pockets	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: gold, the stars	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
rem	remaining
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and its picots; slip stitches are not counted.
- A pocket is one strip that is folded later: rows 1 to 14 are its back, rows 15 to 27 its front. The fold lies between rows 14 and 15, so the back is one row taller than the front. The right side faces you in the odd-numbered rows; lay the right side outward when you fold it.
- Leave the tail at the beginning of every pocket about 20 in (50 cm) long: it sews one side of the pocket.
- In a cord row 1 is the right side.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along one cord: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 20½ in (52 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 30½ in (77 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 39 in (99 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Pocket: make 24

Yarns in order of use: A, Christmas red; C, cream.

Make 6 in each of four ways: the pocket in A with its cuff in C, the pocket in B with its cuff in C, the pocket in C with its cuff in A, and the pocket in D with its cuff in B. The lines say A for the pocket and C for the cuff; use the colors named instead.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 25: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 26**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 12 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Cord: make 4

Yarn B, pine green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 108.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(107 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(107 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Star: make 8

Yarn D, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc) in next st, **[**sc in next st, (hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc) in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc, 10 hdc, 10 dc, 5 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Sew the number on the front of every pocket before you fold it. Lay the strip right side up, the cuff at the top. The middle line runs up the middle of the 7th of the 13 sts.
- Grid: every digit is sewn on a grid of 15 dots that you mark with pins. It has three columns, L (left), M (middle) and R (right), 3/8 in (1 cm) apart, and five levels, 1 (the top one) to 5 (the lowest), also 3/8 in (1 cm) apart, so that L1 is the dot at the top left and R5 the dot at the lower right. Level 5 lies ½ in (1.3 cm) above the line between rows 14 and 15. A number of one digit has its column M on the middle line. In a number of two digits the column R of the first digit lies ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left of the middle line and the column L of the second digit ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right of it.
- Digits: 0: in a curve from M1 through R2, R4, M5, L4 and L2 to M1. 1: straight from L2 to M1 and on to M5. 2: in a curve from L2 through M1 and R2 to R3, then straight on to L5 and R5. 3: in a curve from L2 through M1 and R2 to M3, then on in a curve from M3 through R4 and M5 to L4. 4: straight from M1 to L4 and on to R4, then straight from R2 to R5. 5: straight from R1 to L1 and on to L3, then on in a curve from L3 through M3, R4 and M5 to L5. 6: in a curve from R1 through M2, L3, L4, M5, R4 and M3 to L4. 7: straight from L1 to R1 and on to M5. 8: in a curve from M3 through R2, M1 and L2 to M3, then on in a curve from M3 through R4, M5 and L4 to M3. 9: in a curve from L5 through M4, R3, R2, M1, L2 and M3 to R2.
- Sewn chain stitch: thread the yarn needle with the color of the cuff. Bring it up from the back at the first dot, put it down again in the same place and bring it up 1/8 in (0.3 cm) farther along the line, with the loop of yarn under its point; draw the yarn through until the loop lies flat. Work every next stitch in the same way, putting the needle down inside the loop just made. Fasten the last loop of a line with one small stitch over its end; where a line turns at a dot, fasten the loop there and begin again in it.
- The colors of the pockets in order: 1 in A, 2 in B, 3 in C, 4 in D, 5 in A, 6 in B, 7 in C, 8 in D, 9 in A, 10 in B, 11 in C, 12 in D, 13 in A, 14 in B, 15 in C, 16 in D, 17 in A, 18 in B, 19 in C, 20 in D, 21 in A, 22 in B, 23 in C, 24 in D.
- Fold each strip along the line between rows 14 and 15, right side out. At both sides sew row 15 to row 14, row 16 to row 13 and so on, up to row 27 to row 2, with over stitches (the needle goes round both edges, one stitch to a row). Use the tail at the beginning on its own side: it starts at the top of the back, so sew with it from the top down, weave its end in, and use a length of the color of the pocket on the other side.
- Cords: lay a cord with the right side (row 1) toward you, its foundation chain at the bottom. Leave 7 sts free at the left end, then pin on six pockets, fronts toward you, with 3 sts of the cord free between two pockets, and 7 sts free at the right end. The 13 foundation chains at the top of the back of a pocket lie edge to edge with 13 foundation chains of the cord. Sew the two edges together with a length of B, one over stitch to a chain. The first cord has pockets 1 to 6 from left to right, the second 7 to 12, the third 13 to 18 and the fourth 19 to 24.
- Hanging loops: at each end of a cord join B with a slip stitch in the end of row 2, ch 8 (a loop of about 1½ in (3.8 cm) of chain), work a slip stitch in the same place and fasten off.
- Stars: lay a star, right side up, one point straight up, over each end of every cord, its magic ring ½ in (1.3 cm) in from the end and halfway up the cord, so that it covers the end of the cord. Sew it to the cord with its tail where it lies over it; the hanging loop stays behind it.
- Hang the four cords one below another by their loops, each cord about 5 1/8 in (13 cm) below the cord above it. Hang each cord with its two ends 23 in (58.5 cm) apart; its middle then sags to 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) below the level of its ends.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 36 pieces; 9,560 stitches (351 in each pocket, 214 in each cord, 35 in each star).

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