Christmas lights garland

US terms



Finished size

The cord about 48 in (122 cm) long without its end loops, each bulb about 1½ in (4 cm) wide and 3 in (7.5 cm) tall with its cap (4 by 8 cm)

Skill

Easy

Worked in rows and rounds, with 9 pieces and color changes.

Yarn

Light (3), 8 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

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

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: red, rounds 1 and 2	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: golden yellow, some of the pieces	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: green, some of the pieces	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: blue, some of the pieces	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: orange, some of the pieces	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: silver gray, rounds 3 to 5	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: dark green, the sewn details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: cream, some of the pieces	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 30 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

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.

Gauge

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

Gauge of the cord: 22 chains, with a loose slip stitch worked in each, to 4 in (10 cm), which is closer than the single crochet. To try it, ch 23, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each of the next 21 chs. If that is longer than 4 in (10 cm), use a smaller hook for the cord; if it is shorter, use a larger hook. The ten lengths of 22 ch are then 40 in (102 cm) and the 36 sc on the caps 8 in (20 cm): 48 in (122 cm) in all.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **st** stitch.

3 sc in next st: **all three in that one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.

The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first sc goes **where the slip stitch went**. **Working in the round**

(5 sc, 2 hdc, 8 dc): the round now has that many; a check, not a step.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Bulb: make 9

Make 2 in each of A, B, C and D and 1 in E. The lines say A; use the color named instead. The cap is in F for every bulb.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 6.	
☐ **Round 1**	3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, 6 dc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(5 sc, 2 hdc, 8 dc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 6 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(7 sc, 16 hdc)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 3**	Join F with sl st in 7th hdc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, leave the remaining 19 sts unworked	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5** 4 5	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Glint: hold a bulb with its right side up and its cap at the top. With a 10 in (25 cm) length of H, work a curved line of 3 equal backstitches on the left half of the bulb: the line begins 1/8 in (0.5 cm) above the level of the top end of the foundation chain, 3/8 in (1 cm) to the left of the middle of the bulb, bows out to ½ in (1.5 cm) from the middle halfway down, and ends ½ in (1.5 cm) below that level, 3/8 in (1 cm) from the middle. Do not go through to the other side: take the needle through the upper strands only, and hide both ends under the strands on this side. Turn the bulb over and, with another 10 in (25 cm) length of H, work the same line in the same way on the left half of the other side, so that each side shows its own glint only. Do the same on every bulb.
- Cord: lay the bulbs out in this order: A, B, C, D, E, B, C, D, A. With G, ch 12, sl st in the 12th ch from the hook for an end loop, ch 22. [Take the next bulb, right side facing you and cap up, and work 1 sc in each of the 4 sc of Row 5 of its cap, ch 22] 9 times. Ch 12 more, sl st in the 12th ch from the hook for the other end loop. The cord has ten lengths of 22 ch and 36 sc between its end loops.
- Turn and work back along the cord: ch 1, 1 loose sl st in each of the 220 ch and 36 sc, up to the first end loop, 1 sl st in that loop. Fasten off.
- Hang the garland in one long line by its end loops, or pin it to a wall in three rows of three bulbs, the cord running from left to right, then from right to left, then from left to right, and sagging between the bulbs. The bulbs hang down in every row, and the glint shows from both sides.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 9 pieces; 450 stitches.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarns A, B, C, D, E, F and G: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn H: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- 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.
- 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.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The foundation chain runs up the middle of the bulb: the 3 sc in one ch at the start of Round 1 are its point and the 6 dc in the last ch are its wide end.
- The cap is Rows 3 to 5, with the right side facing in Rows 3 and 5. Round 2 has 16 hdc in a row; the 7th of them is the fifth of the 12 that are worked two in each st, and the 4 sc of Row 3 stand in the four middle hdc of the wide end.
- 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.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.5 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along the cord between its end loops: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 41¼ in (105 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 61¾ in (157 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 78¾ in (200 cm).

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