Christmas star garland

US terms



Finished size
About 32 in (81 cm) long with the cord laid straight, and 3 in (8 cm) deep

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 8 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: gold, the gold stars	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the red stars	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ivory, the ivory stars	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, the cord	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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)
sk	skip
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 the gold star measures about 1 in (2.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- In a round of petals or points the last slip stitch falls in the stitch the first petal or point began in.
- A petal or point is worked back along its own chain: begin in the chain named and work one stitch or group in each chain until none is left.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are counted in the cord alone, and chains that are not named there are not counted.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 21¼ in (54 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 25 in (64 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 40¾ in (104 cm).

Instructions

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

Gold star: make 3

Yarn A, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, 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 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, sk next st, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	**(5 sc, 5 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Red star: make 2

Yarn B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, sk next st, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	**(5 sc, 5 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Ivory star: make 2

Yarn C, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, 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 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, sk next st, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	**(5 sc, 5 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord

Yarn D, green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 113.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 111 chs	**(112 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- The cord has 112 stitches. Count 14 stitches from one end and sew the back of the middle of a gold star to the cord there, with stitches round the ring that do not show on the front and one point of the star straight up from the cord.
- Sew on the other stars in the same way, their points up on the same side of the cord, in the order red, ivory, gold, red, ivory, gold, the middle of each 14 stitches from the middle of the one before; 14 stitches are left free after the middle of the last one.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces; 287 stitches (25 in each gold star, 25 in each red star, 25 in each ivory star, 112 in the cord); 16 ends to weave in.

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