Christmas tree coasters

US terms



Finished size

Each about 5 in (13 cm) wide and about 5¾ in (15 cm) tall with its trunk and star

Skill

Intermediate

Worked in rows and rounds, with 12 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn

Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

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

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: pine green, rows 1 to 4, 6 to 8 and 10 to 12 of the trees	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, rows 5, 9 and 13 of the trees	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: snow white, some of the pieces	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chestnut brown, the trunks	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: gold, the stars	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: berry red, the sewn details	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 55 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), 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. Yarns A, B, C, D and E: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn F: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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.

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.

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- 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 unless the line goes on with a skip.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and its picots; slip stitches are not counted.
- The right side of a tree is the side that faces you in Row 1 and in every odd-numbered row. The tree is worked from its tip down to its lowest scallops.
- Rows 5 and 9 are the scallops of the upper two tiers, worked in the front loops of Rows 4 and 8; the sl st that joins the yarn goes into a front loop too. In Rows 6 and 10 the wrong side faces you, so the loops the scallops left free are again the front loops: join and work in those, and push the scallops away from you, so that they hang in front of the tree on its right side.
- Row 6 leaves the first and the last st of Row 4 unworked, and Row 10 the first and the last st of Row 8. That makes the step in at the start of a new tier.
- A row of hdc is about 3/8 in (1 cm) tall at this gauge. A trunk has no right side: either side may face you. A star is worked with its right side facing.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(3 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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

Tree: make 4

Yarns in order of use: A, pine green; B, leaf green.

Make 2 with A for the tree and B for the scallops, and 2 with B for the tree and C for the scallops. The lines give the colors of the first 2; for the other 2 use B wherever they say A, and C wherever they say B.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook	(3 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st	(5 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(7 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(9 hdc)

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Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, working in front loops only, [sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st] twice	(10 dc)

Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 6**	Turn, join A with sl st in 2nd st of Row 4, working in front loops only, ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 5 sts of Row 4, 2 hdc in next st of Row 4	(9 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(11 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(13 hdc)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 9**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, working in front loops only, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st**] 3 times**	(15 dc)

Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 10**	Turn, join A with sl st in 2nd st of Row 8, working in front loops only, ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 9 sts of Row 8, 2 hdc in next st of Row 8	(13 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(15 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(17 hdc)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 13**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st**] 4 times**	(20 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Trunk: make 4

Yarn D, chestnut brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)

2 3 4 5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Star: make 4

Yarn E, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (sc, hdc) in ring, picot, (sc, hdc) in ring, picot, (sc, hdc) in ring, picot, (sc, hdc) in ring, picot, (sc, hdc) in ring, picot, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(5 sc, 5 hdc, 5 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: lay the trees right side up, every scallop pulled down flat, and pin out each tree 4 7/8 in (12.4 cm) wide along Row 12 and 4 3/8 in (11.1 cm) tall from its tip to the edge of the lowest scallops. Pin each star with its five points out. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry. The trunks need no pins.
- Weave in the ends but the sewing tails. The tip of a tree is its foundation chain; hold it at the top.
- Berries: with F, work a large French knot over each sl st between two scallops, on the right side of the two pine green trees: one knot in Row 5, two in Row 9 and three in Row 13, six on each tree.
- Trunk: turn a tree wrong side up. Lay a trunk on it, its Row 6 toward the tip, the top of Row 6 along the top of Row 11 of the tree, its middle on the middle line of the tree. The foundation chain of the trunk then lies 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the edge of the lowest scallops. With the tail of the trunk sew down its Row 6, then its two sides as far as the scallops, and the backs of the two middle scallops where they lie on the trunk. Catch only the back of the tree. Do the same for all four.
- Star: lay a star right side up on the right side of a tree, its magic ring over the foundation chain at the tip, one point straight up. With its tail sew it to the tree where it lies over the tree; the three upper points stand out beyond it. Do the same for all four.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 12 pieces; 724 stitches (147 in each tree, 24 in each trunk, 10 in each star).

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