Christmas tree ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 4¼ in (11 cm) wide and about 5¼ in (13 cm) tall, without the hanging loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 3 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

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: fir green, the tree	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: brown, the trunk	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the star	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: red, the baubles and the hanging loop	**about 3 yd (3 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)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

sc2tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

sc3tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next row.

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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.

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.
- 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, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The two sides of the tree and of the trunk look much alike: either side may be the front.
- 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.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6¾ in (17 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Tree

Yarn A, fir green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 14 chs	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 11 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

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☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 5 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 3 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 1 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Trunk

Yarn B, brown.

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

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Star

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 5 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	**(5 sc, 5 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Sew the trunk behind the middle of the wide edge of the tree, with ¼ in (0.6 cm) of the trunk hidden. Sew the star, right side up, on the front with its ring 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the tip of the tree, one point of the star straight up.
- With D and the yarn double, work six large French knots for baubles: three 5/8 in (1.6 cm) above the wide edge, one on the middle line of the tree and one 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to each side of it; two 1½ in (3.8 cm) above the wide edge, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to each side of the middle line; and one on the middle line, 2 3/8 in (6 cm) above the wide edge.
- For the hanging loop, join D with a slip stitch in the tip of the top point of the star, ch 12, work a slip stitch in the same place and fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces; 10 ends to weave in.

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