Chunky Christmas tree skirt

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 39¼ in (99.5 cm) wide and about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) at the opening in the middle

Skill
Easy
Half double crochet rows with increases, pom-poms and buttons

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
8 mm (US L-11)

Gauge
10 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: snow, main color	**about 750 yd (686 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: forest, contrast	**about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 960 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

Hook: 8 mm (US L-11), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 3 flat buttons, 1¼ in (3 cm), a card 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

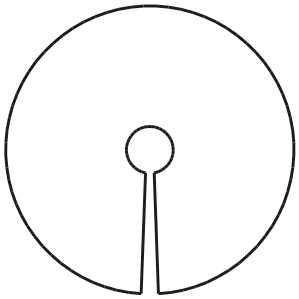
To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Across, without the pom-poms	Opening in the middle, across	Across, with the pom-poms	Yarn, an estimate
Small (this file)	**39¼ in (99.5 cm)**	**5¾ in (14.5 cm)**	**42¼ in (107.5 cm)**	**about 1,250 yd (1,143 m)**
Large	48¾ in (124 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	51¾ in (131.5 cm)	about 1,825 yd (1,669 m)

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Schematic



Skirt, spread out
A the whole width

Gauge

10 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 16; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 13 rows of half double crochet on 15 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Single crochet (UK: double crochet) of the tabs and the edging: about 11.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- Measure the trunk or the stand of the tree: the opening in the middle closes round it, and the slit can be left open a little at the top.
- Row 1 is a right side row. The skirt is worked from the middle outward, back and forth: the beginnings and the ends of the rows make the slit.
- The turning chain (ch 1) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- The decreases in the edging along the opening draw it in, so that the edging lies flat and does not ripple. The opening is measured with its edging, with the two edges of the slit side by side.
- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge within 6 rows and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- Across, without the pom-poms 39¼ in (99.5 cm).

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Instructions

Small. US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the gap under three chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 12 times: work what is inside 12 times in all.
(48 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together (UK double crochet 2 together)): Insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the following stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Skirt

Yarn A, snow.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 49. Colors: rows 1 to 15 yarn A; rows 16 to 18 yarn B; rows 19 to 21 yarn A; rows 22 to 24 yarn B; rows 25 to 27 yarn A; rows 28 to 35 yarn B.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 11 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts	(72 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(72 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(84 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(84 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(96 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 11 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts	(108 hdc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(108 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(120 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(120 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(132 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 11 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts	(144 hdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(144 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(156 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(156 hdc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(168 hdc)

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☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 7 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts**] 11 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts	(180 hdc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(180 hdc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(192 hdc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(192 hdc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(204 hdc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts**] 11 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts	(216 hdc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(216 hdc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 17 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(228 hdc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(228 hdc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(240 hdc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 19 sts**] 11 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts	(252 hdc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(252 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(264 hdc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(264 hdc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 21 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(276 hdc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 11 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts**] 11 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts	(288 hdc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(288 hdc)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 23 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(300 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Tab: make 3

Yarn B, forest.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, sc in next st	(2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st	(5 sc)

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☐ **Rows 11 to 12** 11 12	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Each tab is about 2 in (5 cm) wide and 4¼ in (11 cm) long. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Slit edging: With the right side of the skirt facing and the slit toward you, join yarn A at the outer corner of the left-hand edge of the slit, in the end of row 35. Ch 1; working up that edge to the opening in the middle, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the row after them] 7 times (42 sc); round the opening, along the free side of the foundation chain, 2 sc in the first ch, [sc in each of the next 6 chs, sc2tog over the next 2 chs] 5 times, sc in each of the next 6 chs, 2 sc in the last ch (45 sc); down the right-hand edge of the slit to its outer corner, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the 4 rows after it] 7 times (42 sc; 129 sc in all). This is the only row of the edging. Fasten off.

2. Tabs: lay the skirt right side up with the slit toward you. Each tab lies across the slit, right side up, with the end that has the buttonhole toward the right-hand edge. Cut a new length of yarn B, about 20 in (50 cm), for each tab. With it sew the foundation edge of a tab, and the ends of rows 1 and 2 at each side of it, on top of the left-hand edge of the slit, so that the foundation edge lies about 1½ in (4 cm) in from the edge of the slit. Counted along the edging from the opening in the middle toward the outer edge (st 1 is the first of the 42 sc of that edge), the middle of a tab lies at st 3, at st 19 and at st 35: the tabs are the same distance apart. The rest of the tab stays free, and the long ends of the tabs are woven in.

3. Buttons: bring the two edges of the slit close together and sew a button to the right-hand edge under each buttonhole, about 1½ in (4 cm) in from the edge.

4. Pom-poms: make 25. For each one wind yarn A 60 times round a card 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide, slip the loops off the card, tie them tightly round the middle with a strand about 12 in (30 cm) long, cut the loops, and trim the ball to about 3 in (7.5 cm) across. Do not cut the two ends of the strand. Row 35 has 300 sts. Count from its beginning and sew a pom-pom with those ends to the top of st 6, and then to every 12th st after it (18, 30 and so on, to st 294).

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat, right side up, to dry.

In all: 4 pieces; 6,303 stitches (6,132 in the skirt, 57 in each tab).

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