Granny Christmas tree

US terms



Finished size
About 5¾ in (15 cm) wide and about 7¾ in (20 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with stitches worked into chain spaces, and color changes

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.

You will need

Yarn A: spring green, rounds 1 and 2 of the tree	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, round 3 of the tree	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: fir green, rounds 4 and 5 of the tree	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chestnut brown, the trunk	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: gold, the star	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: berry red, the sewn details	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

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.

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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)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

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

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 2 the tree measures about 2¾ in (7 cm) along its lower edge. 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.
- 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 that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- 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.
- 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, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- In every round the ch-4 sp is the top corner of the tree and the two ch-3 sps are its lower corners; the groups of 3 hdc lie along its lower edge.
- The slip stitches at the start of rounds 2 and 5 only carry the yarn to the top corner; they are not stitches of the round. The last 4 sc of round 5 are worked in the ch-2 and the 3 hdc that began round 4.
- Either side of the trunk 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.

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- 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 5¼ in (13 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 6 in (15 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 10 in (25 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 and hdc is half treble.

Tree

Yarns in order of use: A, spring green; B, leaf green; C, fir green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2 (counts as hdc), 3 hdc in ring, ch 4, 4 hdc in ring, ch 3, 3 hdc in ring, ch 3, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(11 hdc, 1 ch-4 sp, 2 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next 3 sts, sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (3 hdc, ch 4, 4 hdc) in same sp, ch 1, (4 hdc, ch 3, 3 hdc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, (3 hdc, ch 3, 4 hdc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(22 hdc, 1 ch-4 sp, 3 ch-1 sps, 2 ch-3 sps)**
Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first ch-4 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (3 hdc, ch 4, 4 hdc) in same sp, ch 1, 4 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (4 hdc, ch 3, 3 hdc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, 3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (3 hdc, ch 3, 4 hdc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, 4 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(33 hdc, 1 ch-4 sp, 6 ch-1 sps, 2 ch-3 sps)**
Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in first ch-4 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (3 hdc, ch 4, 4 hdc) in same sp, ch 1, 4 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 4 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (4 hdc, ch 3, 3 hdc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, 3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (3 hdc, ch 3, 4 hdc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, 4 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 4 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(44 hdc, 1 ch-4 sp, 9 ch-1 sps, 2 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next 3 sts, sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, 7 sc in same sp, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 5 sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, sc in next 3 sts, 5 sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join **(70 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

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Trunk

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 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Star

Yarn E, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, 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 1, sc in same st, (hdc, picot, hdc) in next st, **[**sc in next st, (hdc, picot, hdc) in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc, 10 hdc, 5 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the tree right side up with the side that has the groups of 3 hdc, its lower edge, toward you. Hold the trunk upright, its rows lying level one above the other, its foundation edge at the bottom and its last row at the top. Lay the top of the trunk behind the middle of the lower edge of the tree, so that ¼ in (0.6 cm) of the trunk is hidden behind the tree and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) of it shows below, and sew it to the tree with its tail.
- Lay the star, right side up, over the top corner of the tree, one point straight up, its magic ring on the middle line of the tree and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the tip. Sew it down with its tail wherever it lies on the tree.
- Swags: with E, make three chains: one of 8 ch, one of 13 ch and one of 17 ch. Work them so that 7 ch measure 2 in (5.1 cm): the chain of 8 is then 2¼ in (5.7 cm) long, the chain of 13 is 3¾ in (9.5 cm) long and the chain of 17 is 4 7/8 in (12.5 cm) long. Fasten each off and leave a tail of 8 in (20 cm) at both its ends. Lay each across the front from one slanting side of the tree to the other, its two ends on the outer edge of Rnd 5 and its middle lower than its ends. The ends of the chain of 8 lie 3 7/8 in (9.8 cm) above the lower edge of the tree and its middle hangs 3/8 in (1 cm) lower than its ends; the ends of the chain of 13 lie 2 3/8 in (6 cm) above the lower edge and its middle hangs ½ in (1.3 cm) lower than its ends; the ends of the chain of 17 lie 1¼ in (3.2 cm) above the lower edge and its middle hangs 5/8 in (1.6 cm) lower than its ends. Take the tails round the edge to the back of the tree, so that both ends of every chain are pulled against the edge, and sew every chain down along its middle with its own tails.
- With F and the yarn double, work nine large French knots on the swags: on the chain of 8, one in the 3rd ch from each end; on the chain of 13, one in the 4th ch from each end and one in the middle ch; on the chain of 17, one in the 3rd and one in the 7th ch from each end.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces; 225 stitches (180 in the tree, 20 in the trunk, 25 in the star).

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