Joy Christmas garland

US terms



Finished size

The cord is about 16½ in (42 cm) long without its end loops, each circle about 5 in (13 cm) across, and the trees hang about 6¼ in (16 cm) below the cord, measured from its lower edge to the foot of the trunk

Skill

Easy

Worked in rows and rounds, with 14 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 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: warm cream, rounds 1 to 4 of the circles	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: forest green, round 5 of the circles and the trees	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: Christmas red, round 6 of the circles, the letter j, the letter o, the arms of y, the stem of y and the cord	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: gold, the toppers	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: chestnut brown, the trunks	**about 2 yd (2 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

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

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the circle measures about 2¾ in (7 cm) across.

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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.
- 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.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- 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.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The letters J and O and the two pieces of the letter Y are each one round, worked along one side of the foundation chain, round its far end and back along the other side. The last chain worked is the one that holds the first hdc of the round. The outside of a bend has 2 hdc in a chain, the inside has hdc2tog, worked over the next 2 chains. The end worked first is the end where the round begins, and the far end the other.
- The tree is worked from its tip down, and its last row is its foot. Either side of a tree, a trunk and the cord may be the right side. The upper edge of the cord is the one with the tops of its stitches.
- 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 along the cord without its end loops: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 11 in (28 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 13 in (33 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 21 in (53 cm).

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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), **rem** remaining, **sp** space, **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 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all.

(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

hdc2tog (UK htr2tog): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

Circle: make 3

Yarns in order of use: A, warm cream; B, forest green; C, Christmas red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**2 dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 15 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(32 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 2 sts**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Letter j

Yarn C, Christmas red.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 16.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 5 chs, hdc2tog in next 8 chs, 5 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, **[**hdc in next ch, 2 hdc in next ch**] 4 times**, hdc in next 5 chs, 2 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Letter o

Yarn C, Christmas red.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 25.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**hdc in next ch, 2 hdc in next ch**] 4 times**, hdc in next 5 chs, **[**2 hdc in next ch, hdc in next ch**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, 2 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, [hdc in next ch, hdc2tog in next 4 chs] twice, hdc in next 3 chs, hdc2tog in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, hdc2tog in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing.	

Arms of y

Yarn C, Christmas red.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 13.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 4 chs, 2 hdc in each of next 2 chs, hdc in next 4 chs, 5 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 4 chs, hdc2tog in next 2 chs, hdc in next 4 chs, 2 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	(30 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Stem of y

Yarn C, Christmas red.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 7.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 4 chs, 5 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 4 chs, 2 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	(18 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Tree: make 2

Yarn B, forest green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(8 sc)

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☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Trunk: make 2

Yarn E, chestnut brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts	(2 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing.	

Topper: make 2

Yarn D, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord

Yarn C, Christmas red.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 59.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(58 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the circles, the letters and the trees to shape on a flat surface, right sides up, spray them with water and let them dry. The measures of the letters are taken between outer edges.
- Lay the three circles down, right sides up, each with the join of round 6, where its sewing tail hangs, at the top. The joins of the other rounds may lie anywhere.
- The letter J: the end worked first is at the top; it runs straight down and bends to the left, 2 3/8 in (6 cm) wide and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) tall. Lay it upright on the first circle, right side up, with the middle of its height and of its width on the magic ring. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- The letter O: an oval 2 3/8 in (6 cm) wide and 3¼ in (8.3 cm) tall, its two ends together half way up one side; sew the ends together. Lay it upright on the second circle, right side up, its middle on the magic ring, and sew it down all round its outer and its inner edge.
- The letter Y: bend the arms of Y to a V, 3 in (7.6 cm) wide and 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) tall, and lay them on the third circle, right side up, the foot of the V 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the magic ring and in the middle between left and right. The stem of Y, right side up, stands upright over the foot of the V, its top ½ in (1.3 cm) above the magic ring. Sew both down all round their edges with their tails.
- The trees: sew a trunk behind the middle of the foot of each tree with its tail, so that 3/8 in (1 cm) of it shows below the tree and the rest lies behind. Sew a topper, right side up, over the tip of each tree, its middle on the tip. With the yarn double, work six large French knots on each tree: one in C in the middle, ¾ in (1.9 cm) below the tip; two level with each other 1¼ in (3.2 cm) below the tip and ½ in (1.3 cm) apart, the left one in D and the right one in A; three level with one another 1¾ in (4.4 cm) below the tip, ½ in (1.3 cm) from one to the next, in A, C and D from left to right.
- Lay the cord down with its upper edge at the top and count its 58 stitches from left to right. Lay the circles over the cord, the letters upright, so that their highest stitches are level with the upper edge of the cord: the top of the J on stitch 8, of the O on stitch 29 and of the Y on stitch 51. Sew the top of each to the cord with its tail, over the stitch named and 2 stitches on each side of it.
- For each tree join C with sl st in the lower edge of the cord, below stitch 19 for the first and below stitch 40 for the second, ch 15, or as many as measure 3½ in (8.9 cm), and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. Sew the end of the chain with this tail to the middle of the back of the topper, so that the tree hangs straight down.
- End loops: join C with sl st in the last stitch at one end of the cord, ch 11, sl st in the same place and fasten off. Do the same at the other end.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 14 pieces.

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