Smiling Christmas tree

US terms



Finished size
About 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Eight pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: pine green, the tree	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: brown, the trunk	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the star and four of the balls	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: red, three of the balls	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, four of the balls	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: black, the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: rose, the cheeks	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches 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.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
BLO	back loop only

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked in a spiral. To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Before you start

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Tree: the center line runs between stitches 30 and 31 of round 29 (60 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Trunk: the center line runs between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4 (24 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- Eyes: for a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead of plastic ones: satin stitch dots of the same size in F (black).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 10¼ in (26 cm) tall; eyes 14 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 13¼ in (33.5 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.
- Every size is approximate and follows from your gauge and how firmly you stuff.

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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 round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and sc2tog is double crochet 2 stitches together.

Trunk

Yarn B, brown.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Tree

Yarn A, pine green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

☐ 20 ☐ 21

☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 3 times**	**(57 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Bury it inside when the edge is sewn on. Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Do this before you stuff the piece or sew it on. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Star point: make 5

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**

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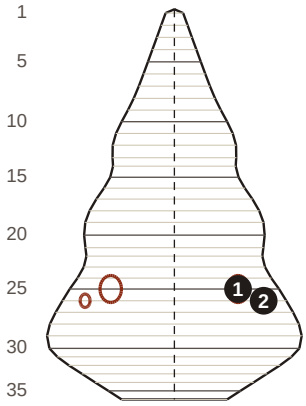
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Star center

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Tree: 1 eyes, 2 cheeks

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. In every step: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on. Set the open edge of the tree (24 sts) on the open edge of the trunk (24 sts), center lines in line. With the tail of the trunk, sew the two edges together all the way round, topping up the stuffing before the last stitches.

2. With its tail, gather the open edge of the star center closed (10 sts). Sew the star center to the very top of the tree, round 1 to the front, the gathered side to the back, its lowest stitches on the tip of the tree.

3. Fold the 4½-stitch flat edge of each star point in half, end to end, so that it is four layers thick, and take a stitch through the two ends to hold them together. Set the five star points round the star center, each thick edge lying along its rim, half way between the front and the back of the rim: one point straight up, two out to the sides, two down and out, one on each side of the tip of the tree. The folds all lie the same way round: whichever point you turn to the top, its fold is at the left end of its edge as you look at the front. Together they go once round; where they meet, let one lap a little over the next. Sew each through all its layers with its own tail.

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Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the tree on round 25, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with G (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the tree on round 26, one to each side, 7½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with F (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the tree on round 26, one to each side of the center line.
- Balls: with D (red), scatter 3 satin stitch dots about ¼ in (6 mm) across over the front of the tree, away from the face.
- Balls: with C (gold), scatter 4 satin stitch dots about ¼ in (6 mm) across over the front of the tree, away from the face.
- Balls: with E (cream), scatter 4 satin stitch dots about ¼ in (6 mm) across over the front of the tree, away from the face.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 8 pieces; 1,526 stitches (156 in the trunk, 1,189 in the tree, 31 in each star point, 26 in the star center); 16 ends to weave in.

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