Christmas table centerpiece

US terms



Finished size
About 14½ in (37 cm) across, from the tip of a leaf to the tip of the leaf opposite

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 25 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: ivory, rounds 1 to 4 of the middle	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, round 5 of the middle	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: Christmas red, some of the petals	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: deep red, some of the petals	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dark green, the leaves	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 85 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins 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

18 stitches and 19 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 4 the middle measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.

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- 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 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.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Use cotton yarn, so that the centerpiece lies flat.
- In the middle the next ch-1 sp is the next one of the round before: pass over the stitches that come before it. In Rnds 3 and 4 every group of dc is worked into a ch-1 sp, and the new ch-1 sp between two groups lies over the stitches between two of those spaces. In Rnd 2 the next st is the next dc of Rnd 1. The last chain of a round lies between its last stitch and its first.
- In Rnd 5 a bobble puffs out on the side away from you: push each one through with a finger to the right side. The sc between two groups is worked in the ch-1 sp; in each group of 3 dc the first and the third dc have a bobble and the second has a sc.
- A petal and a leaf are worked round their chain. The end where the rounds begin and are joined is the base; the point with the ch-2 sp is the tip. In Rnd 1 the last sc goes in the same chain as the first. In Rnd 2 of a petal and of a leaf, (sc, ch 2, sc) goes into the middle one of the 3 sc at the tip. The right side is the side that faces you.

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), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 11 times: work what is inside 11 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 5 times, all in the same place (6 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 6 loops.

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Middle

Yarns in order of use: A, ivory; B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 11 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-4 to join (12 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (24 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (36 dc, 12 ch-1 sps) Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join (24 sc, 24 bobbles)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 45 in (114 cm) tail for sewing.

Petal: make 12

Make 6 in C and 6 in D. The lines say C; use D the same way.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 16.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 8 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 8 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join (9 sc, 6 hdc, 16 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, [2 tr in next st, tr in next st] twice, 2 tr in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next st, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, [2 tr in next st, tr in next st] twice, 2 tr in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join (8 sc, 6 hdc, 10 dc, 16 tr, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.

Leaf: make 12

Yarn E, dark green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 16.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 8 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 8 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join (9 sc, 6 hdc, 16 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next st, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join (8 sc, 6 hdc, 24 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 26 in (66 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Block: pin the middle out to a circle 4¼ in (10.8 cm) across, the petals 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) wide and 4 1/8 in (10.5 cm) long and the leaves 1¾ in (4.4 cm) wide and 4 1/8 in (10.5 cm) long, all right side up and the tips pointed. Spray them with water and let them dry. Weave in all the ends but the sewing tails.
- Lay the middle right side up and think of it as the face of a clock, 12 at the top. All distances are measured from its magic ring. Every petal and leaf is laid right side up with its tip pointing straight out, on the line that runs from the magic ring to the hour that is named.
- Petals: slide the six petals in D under the middle at 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 o'clock, the middle of each base 1½ in (3.8 cm) from the magic ring, so that the gold edge and the edge of Rnd 4 cover the base and the tip is about 5 5/8 in (14.3 cm) from the magic ring. Then slide the six petals in C between the middle and these, at 12, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 o'clock, with their bases at the same distance. Where two petals meet, the petal in C lies over the edge of the petal in D. Pin them.
- With the long tail of the middle, sew the middle to the petals all round with small stitches through the tops of the stitches of Rnd 4 and the chains between them, just inside the gold round and ¼ in (0.6 cm) from the base of every petal, so that no stitch shows; every stitch goes through all the petals that lie there. Then with its own tail, run along the back to the side, sew each petal in C to the two petals in D beside it, along both its edges where they meet, from the gold edge to 3¾ in (9.5 cm) from the magic ring. With their own tails sew the bases of the petals in D to the back of the middle.
- Leaves: turn the piece face down and lay the leaves on it wrong side up, one at every half hour, behind the gap between two petals, the middle of each base 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) from the magic ring and the tip about 7¼ in (18.4 cm) from it. With its tail, sew each leaf to the backs of the two petals along both its edges as far as it lies on them. Let no stitch show on the front.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 25 pieces.

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