Poinsettia Christmas tree skirt

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 36 in (91.5 cm) wide and about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) at the opening in the middle

Skill
Easy
Double crochet rows with increases, and flowers with petals in single crochet

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: pine, main color	**about 700 yd (640 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cherry, contrast	**about 450 yd (411 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the flower center	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 590 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and pins.

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	Opening in the middle, across	Each flower, across	Yarn, an estimate
Small (this file)	**36 in (91.5 cm)**	**5¼ in (13.5 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**about 1,170 yd (1,070 m)**
Large	42¾ in (108.5 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	about 1,470 yd (1,344 m)

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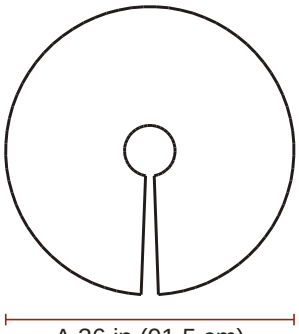
Schematic



Skirt, spread out
A the whole width

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 22; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 10 rows of double crochet on 20 sts, about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 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): about 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- Two sizes; the flowers are the same.
- 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 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. The rounds of the flowers are not turned; their right side always faces you.
- 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 36 in (91.5 cm).

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Instructions

Small. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 4 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 12 times: work what is inside 12 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(61 sc): 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.

puff (puff stitch): Yarn over, insert the hook in the stitch or space named, yarn over and pull up a tall loop; do this 3 times in the same place (7 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 7 loops.

Skirt

Yarn A, pine.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 62. Colors: rows 1 to 25 yarn A; row 26 yarn B; row 27 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(61 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts	(85 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 4 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts	(97 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, dc in next st	(109 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 4 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts	(121 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 6 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts	(133 dc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, dc in next st	(145 dc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 5 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts	(157 dc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 9 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 12 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts	(169 dc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, dc in next st	(181 dc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 7 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 14 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts	(193 dc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 11 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 15 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts	(205 dc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 16 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, dc in next st	(217 dc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 17 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts	(229 dc)

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☐ **Row 16**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 13 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 18 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts	(241 dc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 19 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, dc in next st	(253 dc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 10 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 20 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts	(265 dc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 15 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 21 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts	(277 dc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 22 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, dc in next st	(289 dc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 11 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 23 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 13 sts	(301 dc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 18 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 24 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts	(313 dc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 25 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, dc in next st	(325 dc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 13 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 26 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 14 sts	(337 dc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 20 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 27 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts	(349 dc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(349 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 58 times**	(59 sc, 290 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Slit edging

Yarn A, pine.

☐ **Foundation**	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 27. Ch 1; working up that edge to the opening in the middle, 2 sc in the end of every row that begins with a dc (24 rows) and sc in the end of every row that begins with a sc (3 rows), 51 sc in all; round the opening, along the free side of the foundation chain, 2 sc in the first ch, sc in each of the next 59 chs, 2 sc in the last ch; down the right-hand edge of the slit to its outer corner, again 51 sc, the same number in the end of each row as before (165 sc). This is row 1.
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 59 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 9 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 59 sts (155 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Flower base: make 6

Yarn B, cherry.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 9 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; 2 sc in each of next 9 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Large petal: make 6, on each flower, 36 in all

Yarn B, cherry.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of a flower base facing, join yarn B in a st of rnd 2: for the first petal in any st, for each petal after it in the next free st to the left. The petal is worked in rows on that st and the next 2 sts; the 6 petals use up the 18 sts of the rnd. The first sc of row 1 goes into the st of the join.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 8** 4 5 6 7 8	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Each petal is about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide at its widest and 4 in (10 cm) long. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Flower top: make 6

Yarn B, cherry.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 12 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Small petal: make 6, on each flower, 36 in all

Yarn B, cherry.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of a flower top facing, join yarn B in a st of rnd 1: for the first petal in any st, for each petal after it in the next free st to the left. The petal is worked in rows on that st and the next st; the 6 petals use up the 12 sts of the rnd. The first sc of row 1 goes into the st of the join.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 6** 3 4 5 6	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st	(2 sc)

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Each petal is about 1¼ in (3 cm) wide at its widest and 2½ in (6.5 cm) long. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), and weave it in along the petal: the small petals are not sewn down.	

Flower center: make 6

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; (puff, ch 1, puff, ch 1, puff, ch 1, puff, ch 1, puff, ch 1, puff, ch 1, puff, ch 1) in ring; join with sl st in first puff	(7 puffs, 7 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Tie: make 6

Yarn B, cherry.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 35.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(34 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each tie is about 9 in (23 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Flowers: lay a flower top on each flower base, right sides up and middle on middle, so that each small petal lies over the place where two large petals meet. With a new length of yarn B, about 15 in (40 cm), sew the round of the top to the base, all round, at the feet of the small petals. Sew a flower center, right side up, on the middle of the top, along its edge, with the end of yarn C that was left on it.

2. Row 16 of the skirt has 241 dc. With the right side up, count the sts of that row from its beginning and mark sts 21, 61, 101, 141, 181 and 221. Pin a flower over each mark, its middle on the marked st and the tip of one large petal pointing straight at the outer edge of the skirt. With the end that was left at its tip, sew each large petal to the skirt: first its tip, then along its middle line to its foot. With a new length of yarn B, about 20 in (50 cm), sew the flower to the skirt all round its base. The small petals stay free.

3. Ties: sew three ties to each edge of the slit, on row 2 of the slit edging. Sew each tie on by the end that has the long yarn end, and with that yarn end; the rest of the tie hangs free. Counted along row 2 from the opening in the middle toward the outer edge (st 1 is the first of the 51 sts of that edge; the 2 sts at the corner of the opening are not counted), a tie goes to st 3, to st 25 and to st 47 of each edge, so that the ties of the two edges lie across from each other. Close the skirt round the tree with three bows.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the skirt. Wash or dampen it as the yarn label says, lay it out round and flat, and let it dry before the flowers are put on.
- Weave in all the other ends.

In all: 25 pieces.

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