Poinsettia wreath

US terms



Finished size
About 11¾ in (30 cm) across, measured on the circle through the tips of the outer leaves, without its hanging loop

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 28 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 6 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: Christmas red, the poinsettias	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, some of the pieces	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, some of the pieces	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: moss green, the ring	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dark green, the leaves	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: gold, the sewn details	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 100 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. 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.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

After Rnd 1 the ring measures about 6 in (15 cm) across from outer edge to outer edge; its opening is about 5 in (13 cm) across. After Rnd 2 of a poinsettia, with its loops of chain laid outward, the flower measures about 1 in (2.5 cm) across.

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.

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Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring (for the poinsettias): wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- 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 yarn, then join the yarn again with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch of the line is worked in that same place.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- In a round of petals or points the last slip stitch falls in the stitch the first petal or point began in.
- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Ring: the 84 dc of Rnd 1 are worked over the chain, not into its loops. Take care that the chain is not twisted when it is joined.
- Poinsettia, Rnd 2: worked in the front loops of Rnd 1. It uses the first stitch of Rnd 1 and every second stitch after it, and makes six loops of ch 3.
- Rnds 3 and 5 of a poinsettia begin with the loop of chain that follows the first sc, and every sl st between two petals goes into the sc between their two loops. The last sl st of the round goes into the first sc; the round is not joined again. The ch 2 in the middle of a petal is its tip.
- Rnd 4 of a poinsettia is worked behind the front petals, in the back loops of Rnd 1 (the sl st that joins the yarn too), in the six stitches that Rnd 2 skipped: the 2nd sc of Rnd 1 is the first of them. The stitches it skips are those that hold the sc of Rnd 2. So the six petals of Rnd 5 lie behind the gaps between the front petals.
- The right side of a leaf is the side that faces you while you work its round. Its base is the end where the round begins and is joined; the ch-2 sp is its tip.
- 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.

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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), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **dtr** double treble crochet (UK triple treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 5 sts**: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the gap under three chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 11 times: work what is inside 11 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

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

Ring

Yarn D, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 84, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 83 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(84 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(96 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(108 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(120 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Poinsettia: make 9

Make 3 in each of A, B and C. The lines say A; use the color named instead.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 12 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Working in front loops only, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, tr, ch 2, tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-3 sp, sl st in next sc**] 6 times** (12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 12 tr, 6 ch-2 sps) Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in 2nd sc of Rnd 1, working in back loops only, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 5, sk next sc of Rnd 1, **[**sc in next sc of Rnd 1, ch 5, sk next sc of Rnd 1**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dtr, ch 2, dtr, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-5 sp, sl st in next sc**] 6 times** (12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 24 tr, 12 dtr, 6 ch-2 sps)	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Leaf: make 18

Yarn E, dark green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 9.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join (6 sc, 4 hdc, 6 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends but the sewing tails. Block: pin out the ring flat and round, 8 5/8 in (21.9 cm) across, with a round opening 5 in (12.7 cm) across. Pin out the six back petals of each poinsettia, right side up, the tips pointed and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) from the magic ring, then draw out the front petals, their tips 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) from the ring. Pin out the leaves, right side up, 7/8 in (2.2 cm) wide and 2 in (5.1 cm) long, the tips pointed. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Centers: with F used double, work six large French knots on each poinsettia, each wrapped three times: one over the magic ring and five evenly round it, ¼ in (0.6 cm) from its middle.
- Lay the ring right side up and think of it as the face of a clock with the top at 12. Mark nine places on it with pins, 40 degrees apart: the first at the top, then one after the other round the ring, every pin 3 7/8 in (9.8 cm) from the center of the opening and 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) from the pin before it, measured straight from pin to pin.
- Leaves: one outer and one inner leaf lie halfway between every two pins, on the line that runs straight out from the center, right side up. The outer leaf has the middle of its base 3 7/8 in (9.8 cm) from the center of the opening and its tip straight out; the inner leaf has the middle of its base 3½ in (8.9 cm) from the center and its tip straight in, toward the center. So the bases of the two lie 3/8 in (1 cm) apart. With its tail, sew each leaf to the ring from the back, along both its edges as far as they lie on the ring; when the poinsettias are in place, also to the backs of the petals that lie on it, with two stitches.
- Poinsettias: one belongs at every pin, right side up, its magic ring 3 7/8 in (9.8 cm) from the center of the opening, two tips of its back petals on the line that runs straight out from the center, one pointing out and one pointing in. Begin at the top and go round counterclockwise (to the left from the top); the colors are then A, B, C, A, B, C, A, B, C. Sew each one on before you lay the next, whose edge lies over the edge of the one just sewn. On the first poinsettia, at the top, leave the petals on its right-hand side unsewn: the ninth and last one lies over the eighth and is slipped under that side of the first. Then sew these petals down.
- To sew on a poinsettia, use its tail, which hangs at the first sc of Rnd 4. Sew from the back of the ring, through the back strands of the stitches only: once round, over the sc of Rnd 4, 3/8 in (1 cm) from the magic ring, where all of the flower lies on the ring; then with two stitches through each back petal where it lies on the ring or on another flower. The tips of the petals stay free.
- Hanging loop: join D with a slip stitch at the top of the outer edge of the ring, on the back, ch 20 (about 3 5/8 in (9.2 cm) of chain, a loop 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) tall), work a slip stitch in the same place and fasten off. Fasten the loop with two stitches to the back of the top petal, ½ in (1.3 cm) below its tip.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 28 pieces; 1,992 stitches (408 in the ring, 144 in each poinsettia, 16 in each leaf).

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