Tree of life circle

US terms



Finished size
About 9¾ in (25 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 20 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: oatmeal, rounds 1 to 10 of the disc	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: moss green, rounds 11 and 12 of the disc	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: walnut brown, the sewn details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: forest green, some of the leaves	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, some of the leaves	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: spring green, some of the leaves	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

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. Yarns A, B, D, E and F: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

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

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the disc measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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 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.
- 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; slip stitches are not counted.
- Every leaf is worked once round its chain: along one side, 3 sc in the last chain, and back along the other side.
- 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.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6½ in (17 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 12¼ in (31 cm).

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Disc

Yarns in order of use: A, oatmeal; B, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in 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)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(64 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(72 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(80 hdc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 11**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(88 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(96 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Leaf: make 19

Make 7 in D, 6 in E and 6 in F. The lines say D; use the other colors the same way.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 4.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc, 2 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the disc right side up and think of it as the face of a clock, 12 o'clock at the top.
- Roots, trunk and branches: with C, make seven chains: one of 24 ch for the middle, two of 24 ch to lie beside it, two of 23 ch to lie beside those and two of 21 ch for the outermost. Work them so that 7 ch measure 2 in (5.1 cm): a chain of 24 is then 6 7/8 in (17.5 cm) long, a chain of 23 is 6 5/8 in (17 cm) long and a chain of 21 is 6 in (15 cm) long. Fasten each off and leave a tail of 10 in (25 cm) at both its ends. Every chain is a root at its lower end, a part of the trunk in its middle and a branch at its upper end.
- Trunk: lay the chains on the disc straight up and down, side by side and touching, the middle one on the line from 6 to 12 o'clock. The middle chain runs straight all its length. The two beside it lie against it from 1¼ in (3.2 cm) below the middle of the disc to ½ in (1.3 cm) above it; the next two lie against those from 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) below the middle of the disc up to the level of the middle; the outermost two lie against those from 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to ½ in (1.3 cm) below the middle of the disc.
- Roots: below those places let the chains bend smoothly outward, the outermost the most. Their lower ends lie on the line where the oatmeal meets the moss green, the middle one at 6 o'clock and the others 1¼ in (3.2 cm) apart along that line, three on each side.
- Branches: above those places let the chains bend smoothly outward, the outermost the most. Their upper ends lie 2¾ in (7 cm) from the middle of the disc: the middle one at 12 o'clock, the next two at 11 and 1 o'clock, the next two at 10 and 2 o'clock, the outermost two at 9 and 3 o'clock. Pin the chains, see that left and right are alike, and sew each down along its middle with its tails.
- Ring: with C, ch 88 and fasten off, leaving a tail of 60 in (152 cm). At the same tension the chain is 25 1/8 in (64 cm) long. Lay it round on the line where the oatmeal meets the moss green, over the lower ends of the roots, beginning and ending at 6 o'clock, so that its two ends meet. Sew it down along its middle with its tail.
- Leaves: lay every leaf right side up, inside the brown ring, the end with the 3 sc in one chain pointing in, toward the middle of the disc. For the outer ring lay thirteen leaves with their middles 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) from the middle of the disc: the seven in D at 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2 and 3 o'clock, where the inner end of each covers the end of its branch, and the six in E at the half hours between them. For the inner ring lay the six leaves in F with their middles 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) from the middle of the disc, at half past 9, half past 10, half past 11, half past 12, half past 1 and half past 2, between the branches and over any part of a branch that they meet. Sew each down all round its edge with its tail.
- Twigs: with C and the yarn double, work eight straight stitches. Each begins at the edge of a leaf, at the middle of its inner end, and ends on a branch, at the middle of the width of its chain. From the six leaves in E: from half past 12 to the branch at 1 o'clock, from half past 1 to the branch at 2 o'clock, from half past 2 to the branch at 3 o'clock, and in the same way on the left from half past 11 to 11, from half past 10 to 10 and from half past 9 to 9 o'clock; each of these six ends 2¼ in (5.7 cm) from the middle of the disc. From the two lowest leaves in F: from half past 2 to the branch at 3 o'clock and from half past 9 to the branch at 9 o'clock; each of these two ends 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from the middle of the disc.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 20 pieces; 757 stitches (624 in the disc, 7 in each leaf).

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