

Festoon Christmas Tree Decoration

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Add a burst of color to your holiday décor with these fun crochet Christmas tree ornaments that are perfect for scrap yarn.

The raised petal flower in the centre adds a bright, cheerful pop of color and texture, while the simple folding technique transforms a crochet square into a colorful tree.

This is a quick and easy project - great for adventurous beginners or a relaxing make for more experienced crocheters. Use them as tree ornaments, string them together into a garland, or give them as handmade gifts. With endless color options, these little trees are sure to become a holiday favorite year after year!

Materials

- Any DK weight/light worsted weight yarn
- I used small amounts of Hobbii Friends Cotton 8/6 – 100% cotton, 115yds / 105m / 50g
- 4mm crochet hook
- Yarn needle and some pins
- Small beads

You can use any DK weight yarn to achieve a similar effect.

Measurements

8in [20cm] high from top of hanging loop to bottom of trunk
4in [10cm] wide

Gauge

Each square is approx. 5 x 5in [13 x 13cm]

Abbreviations

US crochet terms

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| • ch | chain | • sp | space |
| • sl st | slip stitch | • beg | beginning |
| • sc | single crochet | • rep | repeat |
| • dc | double crochet | • RS | right side |
| • st | stitch | • WS | wrong side |

Pattern Notes

- Ch 3 at beginning of a round counts as 1 dc
- Ch 1 at beginning of a round does not count as a stitch
- Pattern written in US crochet terms
- Stitch counts are in *italics* at the end of a round
- Repeat instructions from * to ; the amount of times stated

Special Stitches

3dc-cl (3 double crochet cluster): Yarn over, insert hook in next st or sp, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), (yarn over, insert hook in same st or sp, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops) 2 more times, yarn over and draw yarn through all 4 loops on hook

Square Instructions

Round 1: Using 1st color, ch 2, work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join with a sl st in 1st sc - 8 sc

Round 2: Ch 1, work 2 sc in each st around, join with a sl st to 1st sc - 16 sc

Round 3: * Ch 2, skip next st, sl st into next st; rep from * around, working last sl st in the base of beg ch 2. Fasten off yarn - 8 x ch-2 sp

Round 4: Using next color, join in any ch-2 sp, (ch 3, 3dc-cl, ch 3, sl st) in same ch-2 sp, * sl st into next ch-2 sp, (ch 3, 3dc-cl, ch 3, sl st) in same ch-2 sp; rep from * around. Fasten off yarn - 8 petals

Tip: With RS of flower facing you, you will now work behind Round 4. Hold the petals forward so you can see your work.

Round 5: Using next color, and working across the back of the petals, sl st into a st between 2 petals (**tip:** insert your hook into 2 loops for stability), * ch 2, sl st into a st between the next 2 petals, ch 3, sl st into a st between the next 2 petals; rep from * 3 more times, ending with a sl st into the 1st ch-2 sp - 4 x ch-3 sp, 4 x ch-2 sp



Rounds 1-3



Round 4



Round 5

Turning the Flower into a Square

Tip: Keep the RS of the flower facing you and hold the petals forward as you work into the ch-2 and ch-3 spaces of Round 5.

Round 6: Ch 3, 2 dc in same ch-2 sp, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp (corner made), * 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp; rep from * **2 more times**, join with a sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off yarn

Tip: On the sides of the square, you will now work the 3 dc stitches in the spaces between 3 dc groups from the previous round

Round 7: Join next color in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-sp, (3 dc in next sp) **2 times**, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (3 dc in next sp) **2 times**; rep from * **2 more times**, join with a sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, sl st into the next 2 dc and the next ch-2 sp.

Round 8: Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-sp, (3 dc in next sp) **3 times**, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (3 dc in next sp) **3 times**; rep from * **2 more times**, join with a sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, sl st into the next 2 dc and the next ch-2 sp.

Round 9: Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-sp, (3 dc in next sp) **4 times**, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (3 dc in next sp) **4 times**; rep from * **2 more times**, join with a sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, or fasten off yarn with invisible join.



How to Fold Your Crochet Square into a Tree

1. Place your square with the wrong side (WS) facing you.
2. Fold the sides in. Take the left and right corners and fold them inward so that they meet in the center. Pin in place if needed.
3. Fold the bottom up. Bring the bottom corner up towards the centre, creating a neat triangle shape.
4. Secure the folds. Use a couple of pins to hold everything in position.
5. Sew the seams using matching yarn. Carefully stitch along the folds to secure the shape and form the triangular tree.



Tree Trunk

Using any color, and with front of tree facing out, find the 4 center stitches at the bottom of the tree. Insert your hook into the first of the 4 stitches (you may have to wriggle your hook to find a space, but it will work out fine), yarn over and pull up a loop.

Row 1: Ch 1 (does not count as a st), 1 sc in same st, 1 sc in each of the next 3 sts, turn – 4 sc

Row 2: Ch 1, 1 sc in each st across, turn - 4 sc

Row 3: Ch 1, 1 sc in each st across – 4 sc. Fasten off yarn and weave in all threads.



Hanging Loop

With any yarn, ch 23. Fasten off yarn leaving a tail to attach.

Fold over hanging loop and sew each end securely to top of the tree. Weave in all threads. Add a bead for an extra festive touch!

I used beads with a larger centre hole that I purchased in a craft store.





I hope you will enjoy making this Crochet Christmas Tree Ornament! They are quick to make and full of festive charm. Ideal for beginners and a great stash-busting project!

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