

Crochet Christmas Tree Pattern

This pattern will guide you to create a festive crochet Christmas tree, complete with sparkle and a trunk, perfect for beginners! Let's dive into the steps together.

Materials

- **Yarn:**
 - Himalaya Himagurumi Cotton Yarn for the base of the tree.
 - Sparkly yarn for decoration (optional).
 - Red yarn for accents (optional).
 - Brown yarn for the tree trunk.
 - **Crochet Hook:** 2.5 mm.
 - **Tapestry Needle:** For sewing and weaving in ends.
 - **Scissors:** To cut the yarn.
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Basic Techniques You'll Use

1. **Magic Ring:** A method to start crochet projects in the round. You create an adjustable loop, work stitches into it, and pull the loop tight to close the center hole.
 2. **Chain Stitch (ch):** A basic stitch used to create a foundation or spaces. Simply yarn over, pull through the loop on the hook.
 3. **Double Crochet (dc):** Yarn over, insert your hook into the stitch, yarn over again, pull up a loop (three loops on your hook), yarn over, pull through two loops, yarn over again, pull through the last two loops.
 4. **Slip Stitch (sl st):** Used to join rounds or close gaps. Insert your hook into a stitch, yarn over, and pull through both loops on the hook.
 5. **Triple Crochet (tr):** Yarn over twice, insert your hook into the stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (four loops on the hook), yarn over, pull through the first two loops, yarn over, pull through the next two loops, yarn over again, and pull through the last two loops.
 6. **Sewing and Seaming:** Use a tapestry needle to sew pieces together. This secures the tree's shape.
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Pattern Instructions

Making the Square Motif (Color A):

Round 1: The Magic Ring

- Okay, let's start with something a little magical called a "magic ring." This will give us a nice, tight center for our square.
 - Drape the yarn over your index finger, leaving a tail of about 4-6 inches hanging down.
 - Insert your hook under the yarn on your finger, catch the yarn from the skein with your hook, and pull it through the loop on your finger. You should now have one loop on your hook.
 - Catch the yarn from the skein again and pull it through the loop on your hook. This creates a chain stitch and secures the magic ring.

- Now, working into the ring (the space inside the yarn loop), we'll do our first round of stitches.
- **Ch 3** (this counts as your first double crochet).
- **2 dc** in the magic ring.
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- **Sl st** in the 3rd chain of the beginning ch-3. You'll have four groups of three double crochets, each separated by a chain-2 space.
- **Gently pull the yarn tail to tighten the magic ring.** You did it! That's Round 1! You should have 12 dcs and 4 ch-2s at the end of this round.

Tip: Adjust the ring snugly, but not so tight that the stitches warp.

Round 2 (Color A):

- **Ch 3 (counts as a dc).**
 - **Dc in the next 2 sts (this means work 1 dc in each of the next two double crochets from the previous round).**
 - **In the next ch-2 sp, work (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc). This is how we make our corners.**
 - **Dc in the next 3 sts.**
 - **In the next ch-2 sp, work (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc).**
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 - **Dc in the next 3 sts.**
 - **In the next ch-2 sp, work (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc).**
 - **Sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3. You should have 28 stitches at the end of this round.**
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Round 3 (Color B):

- Attach your sparkly yarn (Color B) by making a slip knot and putting it on your hook.
- Work a slip stitch in any stitch.
- **Ch 3** (counts as a dc).
- **Dc in each st around** until you reach the next corner.

- In each **ch-2 sp**, work **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)**. This will form our corners.
 - Repeat around, working **dc in each st** and **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)** in each corner ch-2 sp.
 - **Sl st** in the top of the beginning ch-3. You should have 44 stitches at the end of this round. Fasten off Color B by cutting the yarn, leaving a 4-6 inch tail, and pull it all the way through the loop on your hook.
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Round 4 (Color A):

- Reattach Color A with a slip stitch in any stitch.
 - **Ch 3** (counts as a dc).
 - **Dc in each st around** until you reach the next corner.
 - In each **ch-2 sp**, work **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)**.
 - Repeat around, working **dc in each st** and **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)** in each corner ch-2 sp.
 - **Sl st** in the top of the beginning ch-3. You should have 60 stitches at the end of this round.
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Round 5 (Color C):

- Attach Color C with a slip stitch in any stitch.
 - **Ch 3** (counts as a dc).
 - **Dc in each st around** until you reach the next corner.
 - In each **ch-2 sp**, work **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)**.
 - Repeat around, working **dc in each st** and **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)** in each corner ch-2 sp.
 - **Sl st** in the top of the beginning ch-3. You should have 76 stitches at the end of this round. Fasten off and weave in ends.
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Finishing the Motif:

- Fasten off Color A. Weave in all your loose ends. Use your yarn needle thread the yarn tail through the eye and then weave the tail under and through some of the stitches on the back of your work. Trim any excess. This gives your work a nice clean finish.

Shaping the Tree:

- **Lay your square motif flat with the "wrong" side facing up. The "wrong" side in our case is the side where you ended off the last round and have woven in your ends.**
- **Fold the square in half diagonally, bringing one corner over to the opposite corner forming a triangle.**

Sewing the First Side:

- Thread your yarn needle with Color D (seaming yarn).
- Starting at one corner, skip the first two dc sts.
- Insert the needle into the two loops at the top of the third dc st.

- Go to the opposite corner, skip the first two dc sts, and insert the needle into the two loops at the top of the third dc st.
- Pull the yarn through. This creates your first stitch joining the two corners.
- Now, working along the edges of the triangle, match up the sts from one side to the sts on the other side. Insert the needle through the loops at the top of each matching dc from each side, sew until you reach the last two stitches on both sides.
- Insert the needle into the two loops at the top of the final stitch before the skipped sts and pull through. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Turning Right-Side Out and Adding Pointy Tips:

- Turn your work right-side out. It should start looking like a tree!
- Remember those two stitches we skipped at each corner? Now's their time to shine!
- Thread your needle with Color D. Insert the needle into the two skipped stitches at each corner of your triangle from the outside and gently pull them outwards. This gives a little pointy detail to the top and bottom of the tree.

Seaming the Second Side:

- Attach Color D with a slip stitch in the topmost point of the triangle.
 - Now, we'll seam the remaining open edges together, working from the top point
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Round 6: Add the Tree Trunk

1. Attach brown yarn to the base of the triangle (choose a chain-2 space).
 2. Chain 3, then work 7 triple crochets into the same space.
 3. Chain 1, cut the yarn, and weave in all ends to hide them.
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Gauge and Tips

- Keep your stitches even and tension consistent. The magic ring should close tightly, but not too snug.
- For a larger tree, add more rounds to the square motif before shaping it into a triangle.
- Experiment with color combinations to create a personalized look.