

Crochet Christmas Tree Skirt Pattern: Step-by-Step Tutorial

This pattern creates a beautiful crocheted Christmas tree skirt with a ruffled border and festive details. It uses simple stitches, making it perfect for beginners who want to create something stunning for the holidays. Let's get started!

Materials

1. **Main Yarn:** Hobby Lobby's "I Love This Yarn" in off-white with gold metallic accents (color: Ivory). Approximately 750 yards.
 2. **Accent Yarn:** Circulo's Encanto yarn in gold (approximately 140 yards).
 3. **Hook:** Size I/5.5 mm crochet hook.
 4. **Optional:** Buttons or ties for fastening.
 5. **Scissors and yarn needle** for cutting and weaving in ends.
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Stitch Key (US Terms)

- **ch:** Chain
 - **sc:** Single Crochet
 - **dc:** Double Crochet
 - **tr:** Triple Crochet
 - **sl st:** Slip Stitch
 - **pico:** Single crochet, chain 3, single crochet in the same stitch.
 - **cluster:** Yarn over, insert hook into the stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and pull through the first 2 loops. Repeat three times, then yarn over and pull through all loops on the hook.
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Gauge

- Gauge is not critical for this project. Adjust the size of the skirt by adding or reducing rows.
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Pattern Instructions

Foundation Row

1. Chain 41.
 2. Start with the second chain from the hook. Work 1 single crochet in each chain across. At the end of this row, you will have 40 stitches.
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Row 1: Increasing with Double Crochets

1. Chain 1, turn. Work 2 double crochets into the first stitch.
2. Work 1 double crochet into the next stitch.

3. Repeat: [Work 2 double crochets into the next stitch, work 1 double crochet into the following stitch]. Continue this pattern across the row.
 4. End the row with 1 double crochet. You will now have 60 stitches.
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Row 2: More Increases

1. Chain 1, turn. Work 2 double crochets into the first stitch.
 2. Work 1 double crochet into each of the next 2 stitches.
 3. Repeat: [Work 2 double crochets into the next stitch, work 1 double crochet into each of the next 2 stitches]. Continue this pattern across.
 4. End the row with 2 double crochets in the last stitch. You will now have 81 stitches.
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Rows 3–8: Triple Crochet and V-Stitch Rows

1. Chain 4, turn. Skip the next stitch. Work 3 triple crochets into the following stitch.
 2. Skip 1 stitch, then work 3 triple crochets into the next stitch.
 3. Repeat: [Skip 1 stitch, work 3 triple crochets in the next]. Continue across the row.
 4. End with 1 triple crochet in the final stitch.
 5. For Rows 4 through 8, continue this pattern, working triple crochets into the center stitch of each group of 3 triple crochets from the row below. Maintain the wave-like pattern.
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Adjusting the Size

- To make the tree skirt larger, repeat the triple crochet V-stitch rows until your desired diameter is 8 inches less than your target size (to leave space for the border).
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Adding the Border

Row 1: Ruffled Shells

1. Chain 4, turn. In the center space of each V-stitch, work 7 triple crochets.
 2. Chain 2, skip to the space between V-stitches, and work 1 triple crochet. Chain 1, then work another triple crochet in the same space.
 3. Repeat: [Work 7 triple crochets in the center of the next V-stitch, chain 2, work 1 triple crochet, chain 1, work 1 triple crochet in the space between V-stitches]. Continue this around.
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Row 2: Preparing for Picot Edges

1. Chain 4, turn. Work 1 triple crochet into each stitch of the shell row. After each triple crochet, chain 1.
 2. Do not chain 1 after the last triple crochet in the shell. Move directly to the next space and repeat.
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Row 3: Adding Picot Edges

1. Chain 1, turn. In each chain-1 space of the shells, work a single crochet and a picot (single crochet, chain 3, slip stitch into the single crochet).
 2. Work 2 single crochets into the top of each triple crochet.
 3. Continue this pattern around for a decorative border.
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Finishing Touches

- Add ties or buttons to the slit if desired.
 - Weave in all ends securely.
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Tips for Success

- **Increases:** To make the skirt larger, continue adding rows of triple crochet V-stitches.
- **Decreases:** To make the skirt smaller, stop adding rows sooner or reduce the number of triples in the V-stitch rows.
- **Color Variations:** Use gold yarn for the border or add stripes for a unique look.

This tree skirt is perfect for any Christmas tree and adds a handmade touch to your holiday décor. Have fun and happy crocheting! Let me know how yours turns out!