

Christmas Crochet Tree Skirt

When it's time to round up Yuletide decor in your home, hook a lively tree skirt your way—with colorful crochet!

Materials

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This crochet tree skirt doesn't take long to complete, since the stitches for the granny-square motif are so simple.

- Bulky-weight yarn—12 ounces each of red and white and 8 ounces of green*
- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or size needed to obtain correct gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

* Bulky-weight yarn is available from Mary Maxim Exclusive Needlework and Crafts, 2001 Holland Ave., P.O. Box 5019, Port Huron MI 48061-5019; 1-800/962-9504. Ask for Titan yarn in Scarlet #037, Bright Green #009 and White #01.



Instructions

GAUGE: Each side of motif is about 9 inches long.

DIRECTIONS:

FIRST MOTIF:

1. **Round 1:** With red yarn, ch 6; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring; ch 3 for first dc, work 3 dcs in ring, [ch 3, work 4 dcs in ring] two times, ch 3, join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch-3: 3 ch-3 sps and 12 dcs. Fasten off.
2. **Round 2:** Attach green yarn with a sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3, work (2 dcs, ch 3, 3 dcs) in same ch-sp for first corner; * work 3 dcs in center of next 4-dc group, work (3 dcs, ch 3, 3 dcs) in next ch-3 sp for next corner; repeat from * once, work 3 dcs in center of next 4-dc group, join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.
3. **Round 3:** Join white yarn with a sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 3, work (2 dcs, ch 3, 3 dcs) in same sp; * [sk 3 dcs, work 3 dcs between next 3-dc groups] twice, work (3 dcs, ch 3, 3 dcs) in next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from * once, [sk 3 dcs, work 3 dcs in between next 3-dc groups] twice, join with sl st to third ch of beginning ch-3.
4. **Round 4:** Sl st to next corner sp, ch 3, work (2 dcs, ch 3, 3 dcs) in same sp; * [sk 3 dcs, work 3 dcs in between next 3-dc groups] three times, work (3 dcs, ch 3, 3 dcs) in next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from * once, sk 3 dcs, work [3 dcs in between next 3-dc groups] three times, join with sl st to third ch of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

5. **Round 5:** Join red yarn with a sl st in any corner sp, ch 3, work (2 dcs, ch 3, 3 dcs) in same sp; * [sk 3 dcs, work 3 dcs between next 3-dc groups] four times, work (3 dcs, ch 3, 3 dcs) in next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from * once, [sk 3 dcs, work 3 dcs between next 3-dc groups] four times, join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.
6. **Round 6:** Join green yarn with a sl st in any corner sp, (sc, ch 1, sc) in same sp; * [ch 4, sc between next 3 dc-groups] five times, ch 4, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from *, [ch 4, sc between next 3-dc groups] five times, ch 4, join with sl st in beginning st. Fasten off.

MOTIFS 2-6: Work Rounds 1-5, joining sides of motifs in Round 6 as follows:

Joining Round 6: Join green yarn with a sc in any corner ch-3 sp, (ch 1, sc) in same sp, ch 2, with wrong sides facing, align top of new motif with top of last one made, sc in last ch-4 sp of first motif; * ch 2, sc between next two 3-dc groups of second motif, ch 2, sc in next ch-4 sp of first motif; repeat from * four more times, ch 2, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next corner-sp of new motif. Complete as for first motif from * in Round 6. Make four more motifs, joining them to previous motifs as worked in the same way.

BORDER: All rows are worked along outer (longest) edge with right side facing. Join each new row in first st of previous row.

1. **Row 1:** Join white yarn with a sc in first corner ch-1 sp, ch 2; * [work 3 dcs in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, sc in next sc, ch 2] five times, work 3 dcs in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, sc corner ch-sps of motifs together, ch 2; repeat from * across, ending last repeat with sc in last corner ch-sp. Fasten off.
2. **Row 2:** Join white yarn with a sc in first sc; * ch 2, dc in each of next 3 dcs, ch 2, sc in next sc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.
3. **Rows 3-4:** Join white yarn with a sc in first sc; * ch 3, dc in each of next 3 dcs, ch 3, sc in next sc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.
4. **Row 5:** Join red yarn with a sc in first sc; * ch 3, dc in each of next 3 dcs, ch 3, sc in next sc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.
5. **Row 6:** Join green yarn with a sc in first sc; * ch 3, sc in each of next 3 dcs, ch 3, sc in next sc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.
6. **Row 7:** Join red yarn with a sc in first sc; * ch 3, dc in each of next 3 dcs, ch 3, sc in next sc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.
7. **Row 8:** Repeat Row 6.
8. **Row 9:** Join red yarn with a sc in first sc; * ch 3, dc in next sc, work 3 dcs in next sc, dc in next sc, ch 3, sc in next sc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.
9. **Row 10:** Join green yarn with a sc in first sc; * ch 3, sc in each of next 2 dcs, work 3 dcs in next dc, sc in each of next 2 dcs, ch 3, sc in next sc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.
10. **Row 11:** Join red yarn with a sc in first sc; * ch 4, dc in each of next 2 dcs, ch 1, sk 1 sc, work 3 dcs in next sc, ch 1, sk 1 sc, dc in each of next 2 dcs, ch 4, sc in next sc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.

CENTER TRIM AND TIES: With green yarn, ch 20, sc evenly across inner circle across top of each motif, ch 20. Fasten off.

FINISHED SIZE: Tree skirt measures about 36 inches across.

ABBREVIATIONS

- ch(s) chain(s)

- dc(s) double crochet(s)
- sc(s) single crochet(s)
- sk skip
- sl st slip stitch
- sp(s) space(s)
- st(s) stitch(es)
- * or [] Instructions following asterisk or between brackets are repeated a given number of times or as directed.
- () Instructions in parentheses are all worked in one stitch or space as indicated.

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