Crochet Christmas Tree

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This crochet Christmas tree is flat: a triangle worked from the bottom up in turned rows, a short trunk worked straight off the starting chain, and a tiny star sewn on top. It is quick, uses very little yarn, and works as a garland piece, a gift tag, a card decoration or a flat ornament.

The tree is about 3.5 in / 8.9 cm wide and 3.1 in / 7.8 cm tall before the trunk and star. Looking for a stuffed, standing tree instead? See our amigurumi Christmas tree.



The flat tree with its trunk and mini star.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (sc, sc2tog, sc3tog, turning rows)
- **Finished size:** about 3.5 in / 8.9 cm wide, 3.7 in / 9.4 cm tall with the trunk, plus the star
- **Yarn:** DK cotton, about 14 yd / 13 m
- **Hook:** 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2)
- **Time:** about 30 minutes

Materials

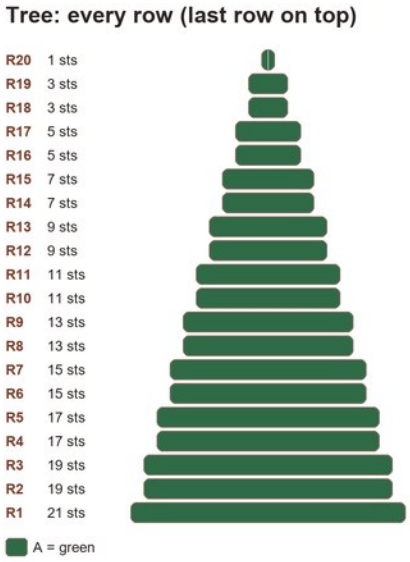
- DK cotton in green (A), about 12 yd / 11 m
- Brown (B) for the trunk and mustard (C) for the star, small amounts
- Scraps of red and cream for French knot ornaments (optional)
- 2.5 mm hook and a tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** chain · **sc** single crochet · **dec** sc2tog · **sc3tog** 3 stitches together into 1
- **ch 1 turn** : chain 1 and turn; the chain does not count as a stitch
- **point 3** (star): ch 4; starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, sc, hdc, dc back along the chain

How the shape works

The tree starts with 21 stitches. Every even row loses one stitch at each end (21, 19, 17 … 3), and every odd row keeps the count, so the sides step in evenly. The last row works the final 3 stitches together into 1 for the tip.



Every other row two stitches shorter: a clean triangle.

The pattern

Tree

Color: start with A (green).

Chain 22 to start.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** Sc around. (21)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 17 sc, dec. (19)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** Ch 1 turn, sc around. (19)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 15 sc, dec. (17)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** Ch 1 turn, sc around. (17)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 13 sc, dec. (15)
- [ ] **Rnd 7:** Ch 1 turn, sc around. (15)
- [ ] **Rnd 8:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 11 sc, dec. (13)
- [ ] **Rnd 9:** Ch 1 turn, sc around. (13)
- [ ] **Rnd 10:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 9 sc, dec. (11)
- [ ] **Rnd 11:** Ch 1 turn, sc around. (11)
- [ ] **Rnd 12:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 7 sc, dec. (9)
- [ ] **Rnd 13:** Ch 1 turn, sc around. (9)
- [ ] **Rnd 14:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 5 sc, dec. (7)
- [ ] **Rnd 15:** Ch 1 turn, sc around. (7)
- [ ] **Rnd 16:** Ch 1 turn, dec, 3 sc, dec. (5)
- [ ] **Rnd 17:** Ch 1 turn, sc around. (5)
- [ ] **Rnd 18:** Ch 1 turn, dec, sc, dec. (3)
- [ ] **Rnd 19:** Ch 1 turn, sc around. (3)
- [ ] **Rnd 20:** Ch 1 turn, sc3tog. (1)

Finish: Work R1 into a chain of 22 (2nd ch from the hook); FO at the tip.

Trunk

Color: start with B (brown).

Turn the tree upside down and work into the other side of the starting chain.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** Sc in next 5 sts. (5)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Ch 1 turn, 5 sc. (5)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** Ch 1 turn, 5 sc. (5)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** Ch 1 turn, 5 sc. (5)

Finish: Join B in the 9th stitch of the tree's starting chain (the 8 sts on each side stay free) and work R1 into the 5 center loops; FO.

Mini Star

Color: start with C (mustard).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 5 sc in MR. (5)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sl st in next st, point 3) ×5. (5)

Finish: Point 3 = ch 4; starting in the 2nd ch from the hook: sc, hdc, dc back along the chain; sew to the tip of the tree.

Finishing

1. Weave in all ends on the back.
2. Sew the star to the tip of the tree.
3. Add 6 to 10 French knots in red and cream for ornaments, or backstitch a diagonal garland across the tree.

4. For an ornament, sew a 20-chain loop behind the star. For a garland, slip stitch each tree to a long chain through the tip.

Tips

- **Straighter sides:** always decrease in the first two and last two stitches of the row, never one stitch in.
- **Snowy tree:** work the last 4 rows in cream.
- **Stiff gift tag:** glue the finished tree on a piece of card and write on the back.

FAQ

How do I make a bigger tree?

Start with an odd number of stitches that is 2 more for every extra pair of rows, for example 25 stitches (chain 26) for two more decrease steps. The pattern of “decrease row, plain row” stays the same.

My tree leans to one side.

One side lost a stitch more than the other. Count each row; the counts are always odd numbers.

More ornaments in the same yarn: the crochet star, the snowflake and the full Christmas amigurumi collection.