

## *Crocheted Christmas Tree Garland*



### **Skill level:**

Parents with basic crochet skills can make the trees which are reasonably quick to make once you get the hang of them. This is a good opportunity to introduce your child to crochet by teaching them to hook a simple chain for the garland and is also an excellent way to develop their fine motor skills. Then you and the kids can have lots of fun decorating the trees however you like.

### **Materials:**

Any DK yarn in various colours (I've used green, brown, white and red)  
4mm crochet hook  
Tapestry or wool needle  
Scissors  
Scrap yarn, felt, sequins, buttons etc for decorating your trees  
Fabric glue (if you are using sequins or felt to decorate)

### **Key:**

beg – beginning  
ch – chain  
sc- single crochet (UK dc)  
hdc – half double crochet (UK htr)  
rnd(s) – round(s)  
sl st – slip stitch  
sp(s) – space(s)  
st(s) – stitch(es)

### **Instructions (this pattern uses **US** crochet terms)**

#### **Main body of tree in green yarn**

Ch 4 & join to make a ring

**Rnd1:** Ch2 (counts as hdc in this & following rnds), work the following sts into the ring - 3 hdc, ch1, 4hdc, ch1, 3hdc, ch1; join with sl st in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch of beg ch2 – **triangle with 2 long sides of 4hdc, a short side of 3hdc, ch1 sps for the corners**

**Rnd2:** Ch2, hdc in next 3 sts, in ch1 spc, 2hdc, ch1, 2hdc, hdc in next 3 sts; in ch1 spc, 2hdc, ch1, 2hdc, hdc in next 2 sts; in last in ch1 spc, 2hdc, ch1, 1hdc; join with sl st in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch of beg ch2 – **triangle with 2 long sides of 7hdc, a short side of 6hdc, ch1 sps for the corners.**

**Rnd3:** Ch2, hdc in next 5 sts; in ch1 spc -2hdc, ch1, 2hdc; hdc in next 6 sts; in ch1 spc, 2hdc, ch1, 2hdc; hdc in next 5 sts; in last in ch1 spc, 2hdc, ch1, 2hdc; join with sl st in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch of beg ch2 – **triangle with 2 long sides of 10hdc, a short side of 9hdc, ch1 sps for the corners.**

**Rnd4:** Ch2, hdc in next 7 sts; in ch1 spc, 5hdc, place a marker in 3<sup>rd</sup> hdc to mark corner; hdc in next 9 sts; in ch1 spc, 5hdc, place a marker as for prev corner; hdc in next 8 sts; in ch1 spc, 5hdc, place a marker as for 1st corner; hdc in next sts; join with sl st in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch of beg ch2 – **triangle with 2 long sides of 13hdc, a short side of 10hdc, 1hdc at each corner.**



### **Tree trunk in brown yarn**

Turn your tree upside down with the shortest side at the top.

**Row 1:** Join yarn with a sl st in 5<sup>th</sup> st from the right corner, sc in same sp; sc in next 3 sts; ch1 and turn work.

**Row2:** sc in next 4 sts; ch1 and turn work.

**Row3:** sc in next 4 sts; fasten off.

### **Border and hanging loop in white yarn**

Make a sc border all around the tree, making a ch7 loop at the top of the tree. Weave in all ends. You can press the trees with a warm iron and damp cloth to make them perfectly flat.

**Make 6 trees... or more if you're planning a longer garland.**

### **Decorate your trees**

Using fabric glue, adorn the trees with sequins, felt shapes, buttons or use scrap yarn/embroidery thread to sew on designs and elements. You can really get creative with this! I've used cheap craft buttons.

### **Garland chain in red yarn**

Your child can try making the chain – you might want to start it off for them. Make a chain approx. 2 metres long is good for 6 trees.

### **Finishing off**

Making sure any glue has dried, thread all your trees onto the chain and hang as desired.



### **About the author:**

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