



CrochetRooms

Crochet Christmas Garland: Free Crochet Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- **One size:** approximately 6 ft (1.8 m) long, with 34 popcorns and 11 wooden-bead cranberries
- **Skill level:** Beginner - chain, double crochet, and one special stitch (the popcorn), all worked into a single strand with no sewing
- **Time:** one evening, about 2 to 3 hours

Materials

- **Worsted-weight (#4) acrylic or cotton yarn** in cream or off-white - about 75 yds (69 m)
- **11 red wooden beads** with large holes (pony beads are perfect) - the cranberries
- **US H-8 (5.0 mm) crochet hook**
- Yarn needle, scissors

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain | **st(s)** = stitch(es) | **sc** = single crochet (UK: double crochet)
- **dc** = double crochet (UK: treble crochet) | **sl st** = slip stitch
- **popcorn** = popcorn stitch (see Special Stitch below)

Special Stitch: Popcorn

Work 5 dc in the same stitch or chain. Drop the loop from your hook, insert the hook from front to back through the top of the first dc you made, pick up the dropped loop, and pull it through. Chain 1 to close the popcorn. Pinch and fluff the popcorn with your fingers so it pops out from the strand.

Gauge

Gauge is not critical for this project, but keep your chains even so the swags hang evenly. As a check, one 13-chain repeat (one popcorn plus its chain) measures about 2 in (5 cm).

Pattern Notes

- This is an original CrochetRooms pattern. The whole garland is one single piece of crochet: the popcorns are worked directly into one long foundation chain.
- Work the popcorns into the back bumps of the foundation chain (the small ridge on the underside of each chain). This makes the strand stronger and helps it hold its shape when it hangs.

- Do not stretch the foundation chain as you work; let it lie relaxed so the finished garland drapes naturally.

The Garland

With cream, chain 432.

Row 1: Popcorn in the 3rd ch from the hook, *ch 12, popcorn in the next ch; repeat from * across to the last chain. (34 popcorns)

Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail at each end of the strand.

Hanging Loops

At each end of the strand, fold the 10 in tail back on itself and tie it into a small loop with a secure knot, then weave in the short end that remains. These loops are for hanging the garland from hooks, pins, or branch tips.

Adding the Cranberries

Slide one red wooden bead onto the ch-12 strand between every third popcorn: after popcorn 3, after popcorn 6, after popcorn 9, and so on, for 11 beads total. Center each bead on its strand. The popcorns on either side hold every bead in place, so nothing slides and nothing needs tying.

Making It Longer or Shorter

The pattern is built on a 13-chain repeat, so you can make any length. For a longer garland, start with a foundation chain of $(13 \times \text{number of repeats}) + 3$. Each extra repeat adds one popcorn and about 2 in (5 cm) of length.

- **Example:** Ch 523 gives 40 repeats and 41 popcorns, about 7.25 ft (2.2 m), for a fuller tree
- Add one bead for every 3 popcorns you add, keeping the every-third-popcorn rhythm

Care

Coil the garland loosely in a box or bag for storage; it will not tangle. Spot clean with a damp cloth if needed, and lay flat to dry.