



CrochetRooms

Crochet Tree Skirt: Free Crochet Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- **One size:** approximately 42 in (107 cm) in diameter, measured across the finished skirt
- **Skill level:** Easy - double crochet, simple increases, and turning chains; the project is large but the stitches are simple
- **Time:** about two weeks of evening stitching

Materials

- **Worsted-weight (#4) yarn:** approximately 1,400 yards (1,280 m). A solid red, cream, or forest green looks timeless; variegated yarn paints its own stripes across the wedges
- **US H-8 (5.0 mm) crochet hook**
- Yarn needle, scissors, measuring tape
- 12 stitch markers (optional, to mark the increase points)

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain | **st(s)** = stitch(es) | **sl st** = slip stitch
- **sc** = single crochet (UK: double crochet) | **dc** = double crochet (UK: treble crochet)
- **inc** = increase (2 dc in the same st)

Gauge

12 double crochet stitches and 7 rows = 4 in (10 cm) with a US H-8 (5.0 mm) hook. As a check, after Row 4 (72 sts) the work should measure about 24 in (61 cm) around the curve. If yours is wider, try a smaller hook.

Pattern Notes

- This is an original CrochetRooms pattern. The skirt is worked flat in turned rows, growing outward from the center in twelve wedges.
- The turning ch-3 counts as the first dc of every row. Work the last dc of each row into the top of the previous row's turning chain.
- Each row adds exactly 12 stitches, one per wedge. Count your stitches at the end of every row: if the edge ripples you have too many increases, and if it cups you have too few.
- The unjoined row ends form a straight slit from the center to the outer edge. This is the back opening that fits around the tree trunk.

- Place a stitch marker in each increase stitch if you like; the increases stack in the same twelve columns every row.

The Skirt

Chain 39.

Row 1: Dc in the 4th ch from the hook and in each ch across. Turn. (36 dc)

This row is the inner edge that will sit near the tree trunk.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), *dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * 12 times. Turn. (48 dc)

Row 3: Ch 3, *dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * 12 times. Turn. (60 dc)

Row 4: Ch 3, *dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * 12 times. Turn. (72 dc)

Row 5: Ch 3, *dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * 12 times. Turn. (84 dc)

Row 6: Ch 3, *dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * 12 times. Turn. (96 dc)

Row 7: Ch 3, *dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * 12 times. Turn. (108 dc)

Row 8: Ch 3, *dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * 12 times. Turn. (120 dc)

Row 9: Ch 3, *dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * 12 times. Turn. (132 dc)

Row 10: Ch 3, *dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * 12 times. Turn. (144 dc)

Rows 11 to 31: Continue in the same pattern, working one more dc between increases on each row: Ch 3, *dc in next [row number] sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * 12 times. Turn.

Stitch counts: Row 11: 156, Row 12: 168, Row 13: 180, Row 14: 192, Row 15: 204, Row 16: 216, Row 17: 228, Row 18: 240, Row 19: 252, Row 20: 264, Row 21: 276, Row 22: 288, Row 23: 300, Row 24: 312, Row 25: 324, Row 26: 336, Row 27: 348, Row 28: 360, Row 29: 372, Row 30: 384, **Row 31: 396 dc.**

Do not fasten off. Turn to begin the edging.

Scalloped Edge

Edging row: Ch 1, sc in the first st, *skip 2 sts, 5 dc in the next st, skip 2 sts, sc in the next st; repeat from * across to the last 5 sts, skip 2 sts, 5 dc in the next st, skip 2 sts, sc in the top of the turning chain. (66 scallops)

Fasten off and weave in the end.

Slit Edging and Ties

The two long straight edges of the work form the back slit. Join yarn with a sl st in the inner corner of one slit edge (at the Row 1 end). Ch 1, work 1 sc in the end of each row up the slit edge to the outer corner (about 31 sc). Fasten off. Repeat along the second slit edge.

Ties (make 4): Join yarn with a sl st in any of the four slit corners (two inner, two outer). Chain 40, fasten off, and knot the tail end so the chain cannot unravel. Repeat at the remaining three corners.

Finishing

Weave in all remaining ends. If the skirt ripples or cups anywhere, recount the increase columns on the wavy rows and fix the stitch count before blocking. Lay the skirt flat, mist it lightly with water or steam it gently, and let it dry completely so the wedges relax and the scallops sit evenly. Slide the slit around the tree trunk, tie the four ties in bows, and fluff the edge.

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