



CrochetRooms

Crochet Wreath: Free Crochet Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- **One size:** approximately 15 in (38 cm) across, finished and decorated; fits a standard 12-inch foam wreath form
- **Skill level:** Advanced beginner - half double crochet rows, basic shaping in the round, and simple sewing to assemble
- **Time:** one weekend (the cover takes a little over two hours of relaxed crocheting)

Materials

- **12-inch foam wreath form** - green or white; green blends best under dark yarn
- **Worsted-weight (#4) 100% acrylic yarn:** forest green, approximately 300 yds (275 m); Christmas red, approximately 80 yds (75 m); gold, approximately 30 yds (27 m). One large skein of green is plenty. Acrylic holds its color and shape best, especially if the wreath hangs outdoors
- **US H-8 (5.0 mm) crochet hook**
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, tape measure
- A small pinch of polyester fiberfill or yarn scraps, for the berries
- Optional: rust-proof sewing pins, for arranging the decorations before you sew them down

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain | **st(s)** = stitch(es) | **sc** = single crochet (UK: double crochet)
- **hdc** = half double crochet | **dc** = double crochet | **tr** = treble crochet
- **sl st** = slip stitch | **inc** = increase (2 sc in same st) | **dec** = decrease (sc2tog)
- **MR** = magic ring | **RS** = right side

Gauge

Gauge is not critical for this project, but the cover strip should measure about 5.5 to 6 in (14 to 15 cm) wide after 8 rows. If yours is narrower, go up a hook size; if it is wider, go down a hook size. The length is fitted to your own wreath form, so add or remove rows until it wraps snugly.

Pattern Notes

This is an original CrochetRooms pattern. The cover is worked flat in rows and sewn around the foam form; the decorations are made separately and sewn on.

- The turning ch-2 at the start of a half double crochet row counts as the first hdc of that row.

- All stitch counts are given in parentheses at the end of each row or round.
- Foam forms vary slightly between brands, so fit the cover strip by wrapping it around your form rather than counting rows.

Wreath Cover

With forest green, chain 23.

Row 1 (RS): Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. (21 hdc, counting the turning ch as the first hdc)

Rows 2 onward: Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), turn, hdc in each st across. (21 hdc)

Keep working rows until the strip measures about 36 in (91 cm) long, or long enough to wrap all the way around your foam form with a little overlap. This is usually around 100 to 110 rows. Fasten off, leaving a tail about 60 in (150 cm) long for sewing.

Wrap the strip around the foam form with the right side facing out. Using the long tail and a yarn needle, whipstitch the two long edges together along the back of the form, stretching the fabric gently so it sits smooth. Then sew the foundation-chain edge to the last row. Twist the cover so the seam sits at the back of the wreath. Weave in the end.

Leaves (make 24: 16 dark green, 8 light green)

Each leaf is worked in one row around a foundation chain. Leave an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing.

Chain 13. **Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch, tr in next 2 ch, dc in next 3 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch; work 3 sc into the same last ch to turn the corner. Now working along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch, tr in next 2 ch, dc in next 3 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch; sl st to the first sc to join. (27 sts)

Fasten off. Each finished leaf measures about 4 to 4.5 in (10 to 11 cm) long.

Berries (make 9)

With red yarn, start with a magic ring.

Round 1: 6 sc in MR. (6 sc)

Round 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sc)

Rounds 3-4: Sc in each st around. (12 sc)

Round 5: Dec around. (6 sc)

Stuff the berry lightly with a pinch of fiberfill. Fasten off, thread the tail through the front loops of the remaining stitches, pull to close, and weave in the end. Each berry is about 1 in (2.5 cm) across.

Gold Chain Garland (make 1)

With gold yarn, chain 130. Fasten off and weave in the ends. The chain measures roughly 40 in (100 cm); it will be draped in a loose spiral around the finished wreath and tacked down with a few small stitches.

Bow

Loops (make 2)

With red yarn, chain 21.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. (20 sc)

Rows 2-10: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (20 sc)

Fasten off. Fold each rectangle by bringing the two short ends to the center back so they overlap slightly, and sew the overlap to hold a loop shape.

Tails (make 2)

With red yarn, chain 26.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. (25 sc)

Rows 2-3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (25 sc)

Fasten off. Cut a small V-shaped notch out of the end of each tail.

Center Band

With red yarn, chain 9.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. (8 sc)

Rows 2-5: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (8 sc)

Do not fasten off. Stack the two loops with the seams facing the back, pinch the centers together, wrap the band around the pinched middle, and use the working yarn to sew the band ends together at the back. Sew the two tails behind the loops, angled outward. Weave in all ends.

Hanging Loop (make 1)

With forest green, chain 45, then sl st into the first chain to form a ring. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. This ring will be sewn to the back top of the wreath.

Assembly

1. Cover the foam form as described above, with the seam twisted to the back.
2. Arrange the 16 dark green leaves in an overlapping ring around the front of the wreath, points facing outward. Pin them in place first, then sew each leaf down by its base.
3. Tuck the 8 light green leaves into a second layer between the dark leaves, slightly toward the inside of the ring, and sew them down.
4. Sew the berries on in 3 clusters of 3, spaced evenly around the wreath (for example at the 10, 2, and 6 o'clock positions).
5. Drape the gold chain in a loose spiral over the leaves and tack it down with a few small stitches where it crosses a leaf.
6. Sew the bow to the bottom center of the wreath (the 6 o'clock position), with the tails angled downward.
7. Sew the hanging loop to the back top of the wreath.

Finishing

Weave in any remaining ends. Hang the wreath at eye level and step back to check the balance of the decorations; shift a leaf or berry cluster if one side looks bare. Store flat in a box with tissue paper between seasons, and your crochet wreath will greet guests for many Christmases to come.

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