CROCHET ADVENT CALENDAR: CHRISTMAS TREE WALL HANGING

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Off the Beaten Hook design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms. Personal use only; finished items may be sold with credit to the designer as the source states.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate. The source does not state a skill level, so none is claimed from it. Color changes, seaming the pocket panels, and the small appliques make this a project for a confident beginner or an intermediate maker.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (4) cotton yarn, for example Lily Sugar'n Cream Worsted Cotton. Cotton is recommended because it does not stretch under the weight of treats.

Main panel: Natural 550 yards; Brown 25 yards; Green 375 yards.

Pockets: Red 95 yards; Light Gray 55 yards; Charcoal Gray 75 yards.

Total worsted cotton: 1,175 yards.

- Light worsted (DK, 3) cotton yarn for the applique decorations, in yellow, navy, green, and red. The source gives no yardage for these small pieces, so no figure is stated here.
- Crochet hook: 4.5 mm for the main panel and pockets; 3.0 mm for the applique decorations.
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors
- Hanging dowel, optional, 2 as listed by the source.

GAUGE

16 stitches by 18 rows of single crochet in 4 inches by 4 inches, with the 4.5 mm hook. Check your gauge before you start, because the panel size depends on it. If your swatch is wider than 4 inches across 16 stitches, use a smaller hook.

FINISHED SIZE

Main panel: 22 inches wide by 32 inches tall.

Each pocket: 3 inches wide by 2.75 inches tall.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

st: stitch

hk: hook

sk: skip

sl st: slip stitch

mc: magic circle

sc: single crochet

hdc: half double crochet

dc: double crochet

tr: treble crochet

FLO: front loop only

BLO: back loop only

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

inc: increase

dec: decrease

PATTERN NOTES

- The main panel is worked in turning rows from the bottom up. The chain 1 at the end of each row does not count as a stitch.
- Odd numbered rows are the right side and even numbered rows are the wrong side.
- When you change colors, drop the yarn to the wrong side for the cleanest color changes on the front.
- Each pocket is 12 stitches wide by 13 rows tall. The pockets are made in wide panels and then seamed vertically every 12 stitches to separate the individual pockets, with the top left open.
- Leave a very long tail when you fasten off a pocket panel, about triple the length of the pocket, for sewing it onto the tree panel.
- The appliques are worked in continuous rounds unless a row is stated. Do not join after each round.

MAIN TREE PANEL

Use worsted weight yarn and the 4.5 mm hook. The stitch count is 94 stitches on every row, and the stitch is single crochet throughout.

Chain 95. Beginning in the second chain from the hook, work single crochet across, changing colors as needed to form the tree: natural for the background, brown for the trunk at the bottom center, and green for the tree in the center. Work in turning rows, chain 1 and turn at the end of each row, until the panel measures 32 inches tall.

Note on the tree colorwork: the source gives the tree shape as a row by row shaded color grid and a graph, and that grid is not reproduced here. Use the grid and graph on the source page for the exact number of stitches in each color on each row. The frame above, chain 95, 94 single crochet stitches per row, 32 inches tall, matches the source exactly.

POCKETS

Use worsted weight yarn and the 4.5 mm hook. Work in turning rows. Chain 1 and turn after every row except row 13.

Pocket A, make 1 in charcoal gray. Chain 13.

Row 1: Work single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in each stitch across. Chain 1, turn. [12 stitches]

Rows 2 to 13: Work single crochet across. Chain 1, turn, except after row 13. [12 stitches]

Pocket B, make 2, one in red and one in light gray. Chain 25.

Row 1: Work single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in each stitch across. Chain 1, turn. [24 stitches]

Rows 2 to 13: Work single crochet across. Chain 1, turn, except after row 13. [24 stitches]

Pocket C, make 2, one in red and one in charcoal gray. Chain 37.

Row 1: Work single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in each stitch across. Chain 1, turn. [36 stitches]

Rows 2 to 13: Work single crochet across. Chain 1, turn, except after row 13. [36 stitches]

Pocket D, make 2, one in charcoal gray and one in light gray. Chain 49.

Row 1: Work single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in each stitch across. Chain 1, turn. [48 stitches]

Rows 2 to 13: Work single crochet across. Chain 1, turn, except after row 13. [48 stitches]

Pocket E, make 1 in red. Chain 61.

Row 1: Work single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in each stitch across. Chain 1, turn. [60 stitches]

Rows 2 to 13: Work single crochet across. Chain 1, turn, except after row 13. [60 stitches]

Snip each pocket panel, leaving a very long tail for sewing, then fasten off.

SEWING ON THE POCKETS

Sew the pocket panels onto the tree panel in rows, sewing the sides and the bottom of each pocket and leaving the top open. Seam vertically every 12 stitches to divide each wide panel into individual 12 stitch pockets. You should finish with 24 pockets in total: 1 from panel A, 4 from the two B panels, 6 from the two C panels, 8 from the two D panels, and 5 from panel E. Add numbers 1 to 24 to the pockets with felt numbers, embroidery, or small wooden tags. The source does not give a number attachment method, so choose the one you like best.

STAR TREE TOPPER, MAKE 1

Use yellow DK weight yarn and the 3.0 mm hook. Work in continuous rounds. Do not join after each round.

Round 1: Work 6 single crochet in a magic circle. [6 stitches]

Round 2: Work an increase in each stitch around. [12 stitches]

Round 3: Work 1 single crochet and then an increase, 6 times. [18 stitches]

Round 4: Work 2 single crochet and then an increase, 6 times. [24 stitches]

Round 5: Work 3 single crochet and then an increase, 6 times. [30 stitches]

Round 6: Work the following point repeat 5 times: 1 single crochet in the next stitch, 1 half double crochet and 1 double crochet in the next stitch, 1 treble crochet, chain 1, and 1 treble crochet in the next stitch, 1 double crochet and 1 half double crochet in the next stitch, 1 single crochet in the next stitch, and 1 slip stitch in the next stitch. Leave out the final slip stitch on the last point. [44 stitches]

Snip, leaving a long tail for sewing, and fasten off with an invisible join to the first single crochet. Sew the star to the top of the tree.

BOBBLE ORNAMENT, MAKE 2

Use DK weight yarn in your choice of colors and the 3.0 mm hook. Work in continuous rounds. Do not join after each round.

Round 1: Work 6 single crochet in a magic circle. [6 stitches]

Round 2: Work an increase in each stitch around. [12 stitches]

Round 3: Work 1 single crochet and then an increase, 6 times. [18 stitches]

Round 4: Work 2 single crochet and then an increase, 6 times. [24 stitches]

Round 5: Work 1 slip stitch in each stitch around. Fasten off and weave in the end. [24 stitches]

Bulb topper: in a contrasting color, rejoin the yarn through both loops of a stitch from round 4, behind the slip stitches, and chain 1.

Row 1: Work single crochet in the next 4 stitches, using the stitches from round 4, chain 1, turn. [4 stitches]

Row 2: Work single crochet in each stitch across. [4 stitches]

Fasten off and weave in the end. Embroider a decoration across the ornament in the contrasting color.

STOCKING, MAKE 2

Use DK weight yarn and the 3.0 mm hook. Start with the ribbed cuff, then switch to the stocking color for the sock.

Using the cuff color, chain 5.

Row 1: Work single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in the next 3 chains. [4 stitches]

Rows 2 to 5: Chain 1, turn, and work single crochet in the back loop only across. [4 stitches]

To make the second stocking point the opposite way, add one more single crochet row here before you continue.

Switch to the stocking color and chain 1.

Row 6, right side: Working along the bottom edge of the cuff, make 5 single crochet through the back loop for the first row of the sock. [5 stitches]

Rows 7 to 9: Chain 1, turn, and work single crochet across. [5 stitches]

Row 10, right side: Without chaining, turn your work, skip 2 stitches, and make 3 double crochet in the next stitch. Then, working along the post of the last double crochet you made, make 1 single crochet and 1 half double crochet, then 1 half double crochet in the same stitch where you made the 3 double crochet, 1 single crochet in the next stitch, and 1 slip stitch in the last stitch. [8 stitches]

Rows 11 to 12: Chain 1, turn, and work single crochet in the next 5 stitches. [5 stitches]

Row 13: Without chaining, turn your work, skip 2 stitches, make 6 double crochet in the next stitch, skip the next stitch, and work 1 slip stitch in the last stitch. [7 stitches]

Fasten off and weave in the ends. Embroider a decoration on the toe and heel in a contrasting color.

HOLLY LEAVES AND BERRIES

Use alternate red and green DK weight yarn and the 3.0 mm hook.

Holly leaves, make 4. Chain 8.

Round 1: Work single crochet in the second chain from the hook, single crochet in the next chain, half double crochet, double crochet, half double crochet, single crochet, then single crochet, chain 1, and single crochet in the final chain. Working on the other side of the chain, work 2 single crochet, half double crochet, double crochet, half double crochet, 2 single crochet, and slip stitch to the first chain space.

Round 2: Chain 1, then work 2 slip stitches and a mini picot 3 times, slip stitch in the last stitch, slip stitch in the chain space, mini picot, and slip stitch in the same chain space. Working on the other side, work 2 slip stitches and a mini picot 3 times, slip stitch in the last stitch, slip stitch to the next chain, and fasten off.

Holly berries, make 6. Chain 2, then make 4 half double crochet into the second chain from the hook. Snip, leaving a long tail. Using a tapestry needle and the yarn tail, bring the needle under the first half double crochet from back to front and pull to form a small berry. Tie off both yarn tails together to secure the berry.

To assemble, take two holly leaves and overlap them slightly at the base. Decide where the first berry should sit, bring your hook from back to front through the leaves, pull the berry yarn tails to the back, and tie them off to secure. Repeat with the other berries, then snip the yarn tails.

CANDY CANES, MAKE 2

Use alternate red DK weight yarn and the 3.0 mm hook. Make one bending to the right and one bending to the left. Embroider the stripes after each cane is made.

Candy cane bending to the right: Chain 18.

Row 1: Work half double crochet in the second chain from the hook, make 2 double crochet in each of the next 6 chains, make 1 double crochet in each of the next 9 chains, and in the last chain work 1 half double crochet and 1 slip stitch.

Fasten off. Using a contrasting color, embroider stripes over every other double crochet stitch along the cane. Weave in the ends.

Candy cane bending to the left: Chain 18.

Row 1: Work double crochet in the third chain from the hook, make 1 double crochet in each of the next 8 chains, make 2 double crochet in each of the next 6 chains, and in the last chain work 1 half double crochet and 1 slip stitch.

Fasten off. Using a contrasting color, embroider stripes over every other double crochet stitch along the cane. Weave in the ends.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, MAKE 14

Use DK weight yarn and the 3.0 mm hook. Choose 4 colors and make 3 lights in two of the colors and 4 lights in the other two colors. Work one round into a magic circle.

Round 1: Into the magic circle, work 1 double crochet, 1 half double crochet, 3 single crochet, chain 2, 3 single crochet, 1 half double crochet, and 1 double crochet. Close the magic circle tightly. Slip stitch to the first double crochet but keep your hook in the loop. [10 stitches plus 2 chains]

Snip your yarn tail. With your hook still in place through the final loop, tie the two yarn ends together tightly 2 or 3 times. Snip the yarn tails close to the knot and remove your hook. You are left with a tiny Christmas light and a loop to hang it on the cord.

Add the cord after the lights are placed on the calendar, using black yarn.

FINISHING AND ASSEMBLY

- Sew the star to the top of the tree and arrange the bobble ornaments, stockings, holly, candy canes, and lights on the tree and pockets.
- Hang the lights on a black yarn cord across the calendar.
- Mount the panel on a hanging dowel so it hangs straight. The source lists a hanging dowel as optional and gives no casing row count, so no casing figure is stated here.
- Weave in every yarn end neatly on the back of the work.
- Block lightly if you wish, laying the calendar flat until dry, to help it hang straight.
- Fill the pockets with small, light surprises: a mini chocolate bar, a wrapped sweet, a folded note, or a tiny toy fits a pocket 3 inches wide by 2.75 inches tall.

Source credit: adapted from Off the Beaten Hook, Crochet Advent Calendar: Free Pattern and Video Tutorial, by Lindsey Roe. See sources.txt for the full link. The tree color grid and graph are on the source page.

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