# Crochet Christmas Tree Ornament: Free Filet Mesh Pattern

Crochet a strip of open squares, step it in at both ends every other row until one square is left at the tip, then frame it with single crochet and add a trunk and a loop. It is one flat piece in one colour, so a tree takes an evening and the ends of a ball of DK cotton. In DK cotton on a 3 mm hook the tree comes out about 9.5 cm wide and 11 cm tall without the loop.

This is our own design. A script re-works every row against the one below it, and the sizes and yarn amounts are worked out from a planning gauge, so they are estimates. Measure your first row before you go on.

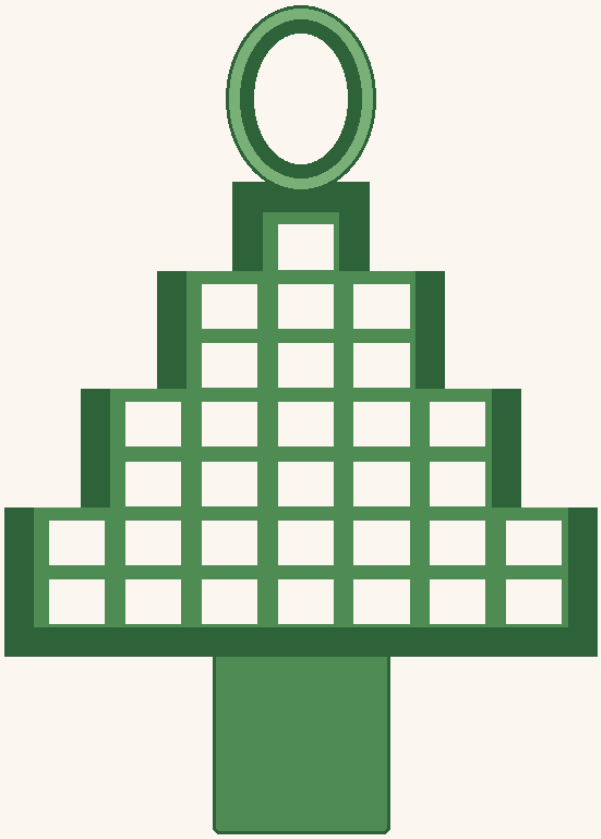
## The parts

| Part | Rows | Stitches | Size |
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| Tree | rows 1–7 | 7 to 1 spaces | about 9 cm wide and 7 cm tall |
| Border | 1 round | 70 sts | about 0.5 cm wide |
| Trunk | rows 1–7 | 7 sts | about 3 cm wide and 3 cm tall |
| Loop | 1 round | ch 15 and 20 sc | about 3 cm tall |


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# Christmas tree ornament from the front

Drawn to scale: 7 squares across the bottom, a 70-stitch border, a 7-stitch trunk and a loop of ch 15 covered in 20 sc.



The squares cover about 9 by 7 cm inside the border, and the trunk adds 3 cm. Each side steps in by one square every other row.

Measurements from the parts table in this article **crochetbabygifts.com**

Two numbers make it work. The tree starts with 7 spaces, an odd number, so losing one space at each end every other row leaves a single space at the tip in row 7. And the border puts 3 sc in every space, so the 7 spaces along the bottom give 21 sc, and the trunk sits on the middle 7 with 7 left on each side.


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## What you need

Every tool our patterns use is on the Crochet essentials (https://crochetbabygifts.com/essentials/) page.

- DK (#3) cotton yarn, about 13 m for one tree, in green, cream, red or any colour you like. The whole ornament is one colour, so the ends of a ball are enough.
- A 3 mm crochet hook. The hook size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-hook-size-chart/) gives the US letters near it.
- A blunt tapestry needle, scissors and a stitch marker.

## Gauge and abbreviations

Gauge: about 24 single crochet and 24 rows to 10 cm (4 in) on a 3 mm hook, the same planning gauge as our Santa ornament (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-santa-ornament/). We have not measured it on this tree yet. Row 1 should be about 9 cm wide; if it is much wider, go down a hook size.

US crochet terms throughout. The UK name is in brackets.

- ch: chain. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).
- sc: single crochet (UK: double crochet). dc: double crochet (UK: treble).
- Space: one open square of the mesh, a dc with ch 2 across its top. The tree counts in spaces.
- Turning chain: the ch 5 at the start of a row, which stands in for a dc and the ch 2 after it.
- Row end: the side edge of a row, one dc or one turning chain tall.

## The video

Crochet Patterns Free's video makes filet mesh Christmas trees with a scalloped edge, a trunk and a hanging loop. Her tree is shaped and edged her own way and her counts are her own, so follow the counts on this page. It is worth watching for how the mesh is worked and how the trunk goes on.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCb3FFXNd0Y

- The first row of spaces from 0:20.
- Working a space over a space from 2:20.
- Shaping the edges from 3:00.
- Her scalloped edging from 8:00. Ours is a plain round of sc.


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- The hanging loop at 11:00.
- The trunk from 11:20.

Video: Crochet Patterns Free, "You Won't Believe How Easy These Crochet Christmas Tree Ornaments Are to Make!" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCb3FFXNd0Y), 2026, about 14 minutes. A different design; the pattern on this page is our own.

## The pattern

The tree is worked flat in rows from the bottom up, then the border goes round it in one round without fastening off. The trunk and the loop are added after, in the same colour.

### 1. Tree

- Foundation: ch 26.
- Row 1: dc in 8th ch from hook, [ch 2, skip 2 ch, dc in next ch] 6 times. [7 spaces]
- Row 2: ch 5 (counts as dc and ch 2), turn, dc in next dc, [ch 2, dc in next dc] 5 times, ch 2, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. [7 spaces]
- Row 3: turn, sl st in next 2 ch and next dc, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch 2), dc in next dc, [ch 2, dc in next dc] 4 times; leave the last space unworked. [5 spaces]
- Row 4: ch 5 (counts as dc and ch 2), turn, dc in next dc, [ch 2, dc in next dc] 3 times, ch 2, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. [5 spaces]
- Row 5: turn, sl st in next 2 ch and next dc, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch 2), dc in next dc, [ch 2, dc in next dc] 2 times; leave the last space unworked. [3 spaces]
- Row 6: ch 5 (counts as dc and ch 2), turn, dc in next dc, [ch 2, dc in next dc] once, ch 2, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. [3 spaces]
- Row 7: turn, sl st in next 2 ch and next dc, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch 2), dc in next dc; leave the last space unworked. [1 space]

In row 1 the 7 skipped chains count as the first dc, its ch 2 and the base of the first space. Every dc sits on the dc below it, so the squares stack in straight columns. Rows 3, 5 and 7 are the shaping rows: the sl sts carry you over the first space without adding height, and leaving the last space empty takes one off the other end, so each side steps in by one space.

### 2. Border

Do not fasten off after row 7.

- Border round: ch 1, then sc round the whole tree: 2 sc in each row end, 3 sc in each space on the steps and across the top, and 3 sc in each space along the foundation chain; sl st in the first sc. [70 sts]


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Work the sc around the posts and into the spaces rather than into single strands, and the edge stays firm. That is 14 sc up each side, 9 on the steps of each side, 3 across the top and 21 along the bottom. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

### 3. Trunk

- Row 1: with the tree upside down, join the yarn in the 8th of the 21 sc along the bottom, ch 1, sc in the same st and in the next 6 sts. [7 sts]
- Rows 2–7: ch 1, turn, sc in each st. [7 sts]

The 21 sc along the bottom are the ones worked into the foundation chain. Count 7 in from either corner and join in the next one. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

### 4. Loop

- Loop: join the yarn in the middle sc of the 3 across the top, ch 15, sl st in the same st, then 20 sc into the loop and sl st in the same st again. [20 sc]

Fasten off and weave in the ends. Steam the tree lightly or pin it flat and spray it with water, so the squares open up and the steps sit square.

## Yarn

One tree takes about 13 m of DK cotton. That comes from counting every stitch and allowing a length of yarn per stitch, plus tails for weaving in, so it is an estimate. A 50 g ball of DK cotton is usually well over 100 m, so one ball makes several trees.

## Frequently asked questions

Can I make a bigger tree? Yes. Start with 9 spaces on a chain of 32 and work 2 more rows, a plain row then a shaping row, before the tip. Keep the number of spaces odd so the tree still ends on one space, and add 3 sc to the border's bottom count for every space you add, so the trunk can still sit in the middle.

Why does my tree lean or twist? Usually the turning chain is too tight or too loose against your dc. If the edges pull in, add a chain to the turning chain; if they flare, take one off. Blocking the finished tree flat fixes most of it.

Can I use a thicker yarn? Yes, the rows stay the same and the tree gets bigger. Use the hook the yarn band suggests and a little more yarn than the amount above.


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