Crochet Bow Garland

PATTERN

Seven plump little bows in deep red, cream and forest green strung along a cream chain cord - a quick one-evening Christmas make for beginners, worked in simple double crochet.



The finished bow garland, about 150 cm (59 in) long.

Finished size	Approx. 150 cm (59 in) long; each bow about 9 cm (3.5 in) wide	**Skill level**	Beginner
Time	About 2-3 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

Each bow is one small rectangle, pinched in the middle and wrapped with yarn - no shaping, no stuffing, no fiddly parts. Make seven rectangles, cinch them into bows, crochet one long cord, and sew the bows on with even spacing. The pattern is written for a 150 cm garland; lengthen it by adding 40 chains to the cord and one extra bow for every 20 cm.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (Aran) yarn: deep red, approx. 40 g
- Worsted-weight (Aran) yarn: cream, approx. 60 g
- Worsted-weight (Aran) yarn: forest green, approx. 30 g
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- Yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure
- 2 small hooks or nails for hanging

Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch	chain	**sl st**	slip stitch
dc	double crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
FO	fasten off		

Size & gauge: Gauge is not critical - work evenly so each rectangle measures about 9 cm (3.5 in) wide and 6 cm (2.5 in) tall. If your rectangles come out much bigger, go down a hook size.

Bow Rectangle (make 7: 3 red, 2 cream, 2 green)



Step 1 - the double crochet rectangle, 14 stitches wide.

Foundation: Ch 16.

Row 1: Dc in the 4th ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[14 dc]** (the ch-3 counts as the first dc)

Rows 2-5: Ch 3 (counts as a dc), dc in each st across. **[14 dc]**

Fasten off, leaving a 30 cm (12 in) tail. Each rectangle is 14 stitches wide and 5 rows tall.

Cinch the Bow



Step 2 - the rectangle pinched and wrapped into a bow.

Pinch the rectangle together at the exact middle, folding the two short sides toward each other so the fabric gathers. Wrap the long tail tightly around the pinched middle 8-10 times, pulling firmly so the bow holds its shape. Knot the tail on the back and trim it, leaving a 10 cm (4 in) tail for sewing the bow to the cord. Fluff the two loops out with your fingers until they look even.

Repeat the rectangle and cinch for all 7 bows: **3 in deep red, 2 in cream, 2 in forest green**. Lay them out in this order: red, cream, green, red, cream, green, red.



Step 3 - all seven bows, ready to string.

Garland Cord (cream)



Step 4 - the long chain cord.

Foundation: Ch 200.

Row 1: Sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[199 sl st]**

Fasten off and weave in the end at the starting side. The cord measures about 150 cm (59 in). If yours is much shorter, your chains are tight - try again with a looser hand.

Attach the Bows



Step 5 - sewing the bows onto the cord.

Lay the cord flat and mark the bow positions: the first bow 15 cm (6 in) from one end, then one bow every 20 cm (8 in) - at 15, 35, 55, 75, 95, 115 and 135 cm - leaving 15 cm of cord free at the other end for hanging.

Thread a yarn needle with the tail left on each bow and sew through the back of the bow and around the cord with 3-4 firm stitches. Knot on the back of the cord and weave in the end. Work in the red, cream, green order you laid out above.

Finishing

1. Hang: tie or loop the 15 cm ends of the cord around two hooks or nails about 120 cm (47 in) apart, so the garland dips into a gentle swag.

2. Fluff: straighten each bow so it faces forward and pull the loops open with your fingers until every bow looks full.

3. Style: tuck a few pine sprigs and tiny gold baubles along the mantel behind the garland for a finished Christmas look.

4. Weave in any remaining ends, trim, and enjoy your handmade garland all season - or gift it to your favourite craft lover!



Step 6 - the finished bow garland, hung and styled.

3 Tips for a Perfect Bow Garland

1. Count 14 stitches in every row. If one rectangle is wider than the rest, its bow will look oversized next to the others. A quick stitch count at the end of each row keeps every bow the same size.

2. Wrap the centers tightly. Loose wrapping lets the bow flop open over time. Eight to ten firm wraps, then a solid knot on the back, keeps every bow plump all season.

3. Mark the spacing before you sew. Mark the seven positions on the cord first. Bows sewn on by eye tend to drift to one side, and unpicking them leaves holes in the cord.

Happy crocheting! Make one for the mantel, gift a second to a friend - and keep this pattern handy so your next garland is never more than an evening away.