Crochet Christmas Garland

PATTERN

Mini green trees, gold stars and red and cream baubles on a cream chain with a scalloped edge and tassels - a festive mantel swag for confident beginners.



The finished Christmas garland, about 150 cm (59 in) long including the hanging loops.

Finished size	Approx. 150 cm (59 in) long, including the hanging loops	**Skill level**	Confident beginner
Time	About one weekend	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This garland is made from small, simple motifs: five flat tiered trees, six two-round stars and eight tiny baubles, all joined to a long cream chain. Work the motifs one evening and join them the next. Work in continuous spirals for the baubles, in rows for the trees, and mark the first stitch of every round so your counts stay true.

What you will make

Motif	How many	Colour	Size
Mini tree	5	Deep forest green	Approx. 9 cm (3.5 in) tall
Star	6	Gold	Approx. 5 cm (2 in) across
Bauble	8 (4 red, 4 cream)	Cranberry red & cream	Approx. 4 cm (1.5 in) across
Tassel	5	Cream	Approx. 7 cm (2.75 in) long

Materials

- Worsted-weight (aran / #4) yarn in **deep forest green**, approx. 60 g - mini trees
- Worsted-weight yarn in **cream**, approx. 80 g - joining chain, scalloped edge, tassels and cream baubles
- Worsted-weight yarn in **cranberry red**, approx. 40 g - red baubles
- Worsted-weight yarn in **gold** (metallic or plain), approx. 20 g - stars
- 4 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing, a small handful
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors
- A piece of card about 7 cm (2.75 in) wide - for winding the tassels

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	**ch**	chain
sl st	slip stitch	**sc**	single crochet
inc	increase - 2 sc in one stitch	**dec**	invisible decrease
dc	double crochet	**FO**	fasten off
st(s)	stitch(es)	**rnd**	round

Size & gauge: Gauge is not critical for motifs worked to hang - work firmly so the baubles keep their shape and the trees stay crisp. Approx. gauge: 10 sc x 10 rows = 6 x 5 cm (2 1/4 x 2 in). With the yarn and hook listed, the garland measures about 150 cm (59 in) long including the hanging loops.

Mini Trees (make 5, deep forest green)



Step 1 - working a mini tree in deep forest green.

The trees are worked flat, in rows. The slow widening - increasing on most rows and working one plain row after each increase - gives the tree its tiered shape, with three soft steps from tip to base.

Row 1: Ch 2. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook. **[1]**

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. 2 sc in the st. **[2]**

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Inc in the first st, sc in the next st. **[3]**

Row 4: Ch 1, turn. Sc in the next st, inc in the next st, sc in the next st. **[4]**

Row 5: Ch 1, turn. Inc in the first st, sc in the next 2 sts, inc in the last st. **[6]**

Row 6: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[6]**

Row 7: Ch 1, turn. Sc in the next 2 sts, inc in the next st, sc in the next 2 sts, inc in the last st. **[8]**

Row 8: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[8]**

Row 9: Ch 1, turn. Inc in the first st, sc in the next 6 sts, inc in the last st. **[10]**

Row 10: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[10]**

Row 11: Ch 1, turn. Inc in the first st, sc in the next 8 sts, inc in the last st. **[12]**

Row 12: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[12]**

Do not fasten off yet. Work a neat single-crochet edge around all three sides of the triangle: sc evenly up one side, (sc, ch 2, sc) in the tip, sc evenly down the other side, and (sc, ch 2, sc) in each bottom corner. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Trunk (green)

Row 1: Ch 4. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in the next 2 ch. **[3]**

Rows 2-3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[3]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew the trunk to the centre of the tree's base. Repeat the tree and trunk until you have five little green trees.

Gold Stars (make 6, gold)



Step 2 - crocheting a gold star.

Each star takes only two rounds. If your gold yarn is metallic, work slowly - metallic yarn can split if you rush it, and an even tension keeps the points sharp.

Rnd 1: 10 sc in a magic ring. Join with a sl st. **[10]**

Rnd 2: (Sc in the next st, ch 3, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, skip 1 st, sl st in the next st) 5 times - 5 points. Each point uses 2 sts of the ring. **[10]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Gently flatten each star with your fingers so the five points sit neatly.

Baubles (make 8 - 4 red, 4 cream)



Step 3 - crocheting a round cranberry-red bauble.

The baubles are tiny spheres worked in the round. Work four in cranberry red and four in cream, using the same rounds for both colours.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnds 5-7: Sc in each st around (3 rounds). **[24]**

Rnd 8: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 9: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 10: Dec 6 times. **[6]**

Stuff firmly with fiberfill before Rnd 9, while the opening is still wide enough. Fasten off, thread the tail through the front loops of the last 6 stitches, pull to close the hole and weave in the end. Each bauble should feel firm and round, about 4 cm (1.5 in) across.

Joining Chain and Spacing the Motifs



Step 4 - the cream chain with motifs spaced along it.

Lay the chain flat on the table and mark every 9th stitch with a stitch marker. Attach the motifs in a repeating rhythm - tree, red bauble, star, cream bauble, tree - sewing each one on with its long tail or a short length of matching yarn. Leave a star at each end of the chain, and step back often to check the spacing: even spacing is what makes a handmade garland look professional.

Foundation: Ch 182. **[182]**

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[181]**

Scallop row: Sl st in the first st, then (skip 2 sts, 5 dc in the next st, skip 2 sts, sl st in the next st) 30 times - 30 scallops, using 1 + 30 x 6 = 181 sts exactly. **[181]**

Garland layout (left to right)

Attach one motif at each marked stitch, in this order. The sequence uses all 19 motifs - 5 trees, 6 stars, 4 red baubles and 4 cream baubles - with a star at each end.

1. Star	**2.** Tree	**3.** Red bauble	**4.** Star	**5.** Cream bauble
6. Tree	**7.** Red bauble	**8.** Star	**9.** Cream bauble	**10.** Tree
11. Red bauble	**12.** Star	**13.** Cream bauble	**14.** Tree	**15.** Red bauble
16. Star	**17.** Cream bauble	**18.** Tree	**19.** Star	

Scalloped Edge and Tassels (cream)



Step 5 - adding a cream tassel and the scalloped edge.

The scalloped edge is worked along the bottom of the joining chain, after the motifs are sewn on. Because the chain is exactly 182, the count works out perfectly - 30 scallops and no leftover stitches.

Tassels (make 5, cream)

1. Wrap cream yarn around your 7 cm card about 20 times.

2. Slide the bundle off the card and tie a short length of yarn tightly around the top.

3. Cut the bottom loops open.

4. Wrap another short length around the neck of the tassel, about 1 cm down, and knot it firmly.

5. Trim the ends even. Sew one tassel below each tree, so the tassels hang just below the scalloped edge.

Hanging Loops and Styling



Step 6 - the finished garland draped on a light wooden mantel.

- **Hanging loops:** at each end of the chain, ch 12 and sl st back into the first ch to form a loop. Fasten off and weave in the end.

- **Hang:** small clear hooks, a nail, or a length of ribbon tied around each loop will hold the garland.

- **Style:** drape the garland across your mantel in a gentle swag, letting the centre dip a little lower than the ends. Tuck a few fresh pine sprigs behind it and adjust the motifs so the trees and baubles face forward.

- **Finish:** give the tassels a gentle shake so they hang straight. Weave in any remaining ends - and your garland is ready for Christmas!

3 Tips for a Perfect Christmas Garland

1. Count the chain before you start the scallops. The 30-scallop edge only works if the chain is exactly 182. Count it twice.

2. Sew the motifs on before the scalloped edge. It is much easier to attach trees, stars and baubles to a plain chain than to work around the shells.

3. Block the trees lightly. A quick steam with an iron held just above the fabric (never pressed flat) straightens the edges and makes the trees look crisp.

Happy crocheting! Make one for your mantel, gift one to your favourite maker - and keep this pattern handy so your next Christmas garland is never more than a weekend away.