Crochet Christmas Garland

PATTERN

A festive mantel garland of white snowflakes, deep red poinsettias, forest green holly and little gold bells on a soft cream chain - a joyful one-weekend make for confident beginners.



The finished garland: snowflakes, poinsettias, holly sprigs and gold bells on a cream chain.

Finished size	About 150 cm (59 in) long, including tassels	**Skill level**	Confident beginner
Time	About 5 to 6 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This garland is made from small, simple motifs, so it is the perfect project to work on in front of the fire. Each snowflake takes two rounds, each poinsettia is a single round of petals, and the bells are tiny spheres worked in the round. Join them to a long cream chain, add the tassels, and hang it with pride. Make it in classic red, green and cream like ours, or try white and silver for a frosty look.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in **cream**, approx. 80 g - chain base and tassels
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in **white**, approx. 40 g - snowflakes
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in **deep red**, approx. 50 g - poinsettias and berries
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in **forest green**, approx. 40 g - holly leaves
- Gold metallic or gold worsted-weight yarn, approx. 25 g - bells
- 9 small gold beads, 4 mm (US G-6) hook, yarn needle, scissors
- A piece of card about 20 cm (8 in) wide - for winding the tassels

Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch	chain	**sl st**	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	**hdc**	half double crochet
dc	double crochet	**tr**	treble crochet

inc	increase (2 sts in 1 st)	**dec**	decrease (sc2tog)
st(s)	stitch(es)	**rnd**	round
FO	fasten off	**MR**	magic ring

Size & gauge: gauge is not critical for this project - the motifs just need to be roughly the same size as each other. With a 4 mm hook and worsted-weight yarn, each snowflake measures about 8 cm (3 in) across and each poinsettia about 9 cm (3.5 in) across. To make a longer garland, chain 24 more stitches and add two extra motifs; to make it shorter, chain 24 fewer and leave out one motif from each side.

Chain Base (cream)



Step 1 - the long cream chain base being crocheted.

Row 1: Ch 182. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[181]**

Keep your tension relaxed and even. If the chain curls, do not worry - it will flatten once the motifs are attached and the garland is hung. Fasten off, leaving a long tail at each end for the tassels.

Snowflakes (white) - make 4



Step 2 - white six-point snowflakes with white yarn.

Rnd 1: Magic ring. Work 12 dc into the ring, sl st to join. **[12]**

Rnd 2: Work (ch 5, skip 1 dc, sl st in the next dc) 6 times around - 6 chain loops. **[6]**

Rnd 3: Work into each ch-5 loop: sc, hdc, dc, ch 3 picot, dc, hdc, sc. Fasten off with a long tail for sewing. If a snowflake curls, block it lightly - pin it flat, mist with water and leave to dry.

Poinsettias (deep red) - make 3



Step 3 - deep red poinsettias with gold bead centres.

Rnd 1: Magic ring. Work 8 sc into the ring, sl st to join. **[8]**

Rnd 2: Work 8 petals around the ring - one petal in each sc. **[8]**

Petals (Rnd 2): (Ch 6, dc in the 3rd ch from the hook, hdc in the next ch, sc in the next ch, sl st in the next sc of the ring) 8 times around. Each repeat makes one pointed petal. Fasten off with a long tail, then sew 3 small gold beads into the centre of each flower.

Holly Leaves & Berries - make 3 sprigs



Step 4 - forest green holly leaves with tiny red berries.

Leaf (make 9): With forest green yarn, ch 12. Work back along the chain: sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc, hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc, sc, then ch 2 and sl st in the last ch to form the pointed tip. Work the same stitches back down the other side of the chain and fasten off.

Rnd 1: Magic ring. Work 6 sc into the ring. **[6]**

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

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 4: Dec around (sc2tog 6 times). Stuff lightly, then close. **[6]**

Make 9 berries in total - 3 per sprig. Sew 3 leaves and 3 berries together into a little sprig, and repeat until you have 3 sprigs.

Gold Bells - make 4



Step 5 - small gold crochet bells with hanging loops.

Rnd 1: Magic ring. Work 6 sc into the ring. **[6]**

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

Rnds 3-5: Sc in each st around (3 rounds). **[12]**

Rnd 6: (Sc, inc) 6 times around. **[18]**

Rnd 7: Sc in each st around - the flared rim. **[18]**

Fasten off, leaving a tail, and ch 8 from the top of the bell to make a hanging loop, then sl st back into the top. Sew one small gold bead inside each bell as a clapper.

Assembly & Tassels



Step 6 - the finished garland, ready to hang.

Lay the cream base flat and mark the centre stitch (st 91). Attach the first motif at st 7, then one motif every 12 stitches - sts 7, 19, 31, 43, 55, 67, 79, 91, 103, 115, 127, 139, 151 and 163 - alternating snowflake, poinsettia, holly sprig and bell so the colours repeat evenly down both sides. Use the long tails to sew each motif firmly to the base with two or three stitches through the base.

Tassels (make 2): Wind cream yarn around a 20 cm piece of card about 12 times, slide the bundle off, tie it tightly at the top, then tie a second wrap 3 cm below the top to form the tassel head and trim the ends even. Sew one tassel to each end of the base. Finally, chain a short hanging loop at each end, and your garland is ready to hang.

3 Tips for a Beautiful Garland

1. Block the snowflakes. A quick pin-and-mist block is the difference between floppy lace and crisp, flat snowflakes that show up beautifully on the mantel.

2. Keep the motif spacing even. Count the stitches between motifs as you sew them on - uneven gaps are the first thing the eye notices on a finished garland.

3. Work the gold yarn slowly. Metallic yarn can split if you rush. A slightly looser tension keeps the bells neat and the stitches easy to see.

Happy crocheting! Hang your garland on the mantel, across a doorway or along a shelf - and make a second one in white and silver for a frosty look next year.