Crochet Christmas Holly Pattern

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Confident beginner | ~1 evening | About 14 cm tall

Materials

- Forest green worsted-weight (#4) yarn, approx. 40 g / 75 m
- Bright red worsted-weight yarn, approx. 20 g / 40 m
- Brown worsted-weight yarn, a small amount
- Gold metallic or gold worsted-weight yarn, a small amount
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- Small amount of polyester fiberfill
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in same stitch)
- dec = decrease (sc 2 together)
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- MR = magic ring
- Rnd(s) = round(s)
- picot = (sc, ch 2, sc) worked in one stitch or space

Step 1: Crochet the First Holly Leaf



- Leaf, green yarn. Ch 14.
- Rnd 1: Work around both sides of the chain. First side: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next ch. Tip: (tr, ch 2, tr) in last ch. Second side: hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next 3 ch. Sl st in first sc to join. [26 sts + ch-2 tip space]
- Rnd 2: Ch 1. Sc in each st around, working a picot (sc, ch 2, sc) in the 5th, 10th, 17th and 22nd sts, and a picot in the tip ch-2 space. [32 sc + 5 picots]
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Step 2: Make the Second Holly Leaf



- Make a second leaf exactly the same as the first: Rnd 1 [26 sts + ch-2 tip space], Rnd 2 [32 sc + 5 picots].
- Lay the two leaves side by side and check they match: same length, same five picot points, same colour.
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Step 3: Add the Third Leaf and Join the Sprig



- Make a third leaf exactly the same as the first two: Rnd 1 [26 sts + ch-2 tip space], Rnd 2 [32 sc + 5 picots].
- Lay the three leaves in a fan: one upright in the centre, one angled out on each side, bases overlapping by about 1 cm.
- With the long tail left on each leaf, whipstitch the bases together where they overlap, working a few neat stitches through all three layers.
- If a leaf flops when you lift the fan, add one more stitch at the overlap.

Step 4: Crochet the Red Berries



- Berries, make 6, red yarn. Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6]
- Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]
- Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). [12]
- Rnd 5: (Sc in next st, dec) 4 times. [8]
- Rnd 6: Dec 4 times. [4]
- Stuff a tiny pinch of fiberfill inside before the opening closes. Fasten off, thread the tail through the last 4 sts, pull to close and leave a long tail for sewing. Each berry is about 2 cm across.

Step 5: Attach the Berries and the Stem



- Arrange the six berries in a tight cluster over the join where the three leaves meet: five around the outside and one in the centre.
- Sew each berry on with its long tail, stitching through the berry and into the leaf bases.
- Stem, brown yarn. Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6]
- Rnds 2-6: Sc in each st around (5 rounds). [6]
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Sew the stem just below the berry cluster so it peeks out underneath.

Step 6: Add the Hanging Loop and Finish



- Hanging loop, gold yarn: ch 12, sl st in first ch to form a ring. Fasten off, leaving a tail.
- Sew the ring to the tip of the centre leaf, hiding the join on the back of the ornament.
- Weave in every end with the yarn needle.
- Press the leaves gently so the points sit flat, and hang your holly on the tree - your handmade sprig is ready for Christmas!

Tips

- Count the picot points before you fasten off: each leaf should have five, four along the edges and one at the tip.

- Stuff the berries lightly. Too much fiberfill makes them round and hard; a tiny pinch keeps them soft and slightly squashy, like real holly berries.

- Pin the fan before you sew. Lay the three leaves in position and pin the overlap first, so the sprig looks even and professional.