Crochet Tree Skirt

PATTERN

A big, flat round tree skirt in deep forest green and warm cream, with raised cream bobble bands, one narrow gold stripe and a ruffled picot edge - with a button placket so it wraps around a tree that is already standing and decorated.



The finished tree skirt, about 42 in (107 cm) across, under a decorated Christmas tree.

Finished size	Approx. 42 in (107 cm) across; centre opening approx. 4 in (10 cm). Fits most trees 5 to 7 ft tall.	**Skill level**	Easy / beginner
Time	About 10 to 12 hours, over a weekend or a few evenings	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This skirt is one giant flat circle worked from the centre out, with the same increase repeated every round: twelve extra stitches per round, nothing to memorise. The bobble bands do all the decorating, the button placket lets you dress a tree that is already up, and the ruffled picot border gives it a finished, heirloom look. Work in joined rounds unless a section says otherwise, and mark the first stitch of every round.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in **forest green**, approx. 500 yd - centre, bobble framing and placket
- Worsted-weight yarn in **warm cream**, approx. 1,300 yd - bobble bands, outer rounds and picot edge
- Worsted-weight yarn in **metallic gold**, approx. 100 yd - one accent stripe
- About 1,900 yd in total - roughly ten 100 g skeins
- 6.0 mm (US J-10) crochet hook
- 4 wooden buttons, 1 in (25 mm) across
- Stitch markers (at least 2)
- Tapestry needle, scissors, tape measure

Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch	chain	**sl st**	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	**hdc**	half double crochet
dc	double crochet	**inc**	increase - 2 hdc in one stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)	**rnd**	round
FO	fasten off	**bobble**	see Bobble Stitch box below

Gauge: 12 hdc and 8 rows = 4 in (10 cm) with a 6.0 mm hook. Gauge matters here: if your circle measures much smaller, the finished skirt will be too small for a full-size tree. Check after round 12 - the circle should measure about 16 in across.

Bobble stitch: (yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops) 5 times in the same stitch, yo, pull through all 6 loops on the hook. Work bobbles loosely so they puff up instead of pulling the fabric tight.

Step 1 - Centre Ring



Step 1 - the small forest-green centre ring, worked from a chain ring.

Chain 20 and join with a slip stitch to form a ring. This opening ends up about 4 in (10 cm) across - wide enough for most tree trunks and stands. Work **Rnd 1** in green: ch 3 (counts as dc), 23 dc in the ring, join with a sl st to the top of the ch 3. **[24 dc]** Place a stitch marker in the first stitch.

Steps 2, 3 & 4 - Increase Rounds, Bobble Bands & Outer Rounds



Step 2 - the flat circle grows by 12 stitches every round.

The flat-circle rule: add exactly 12 stitches in every round. Rounds 2 to 12 are worked in half double crochet, starting with a ch 2, and are joined with a sl st. Change colour on the last yarn-over of the

final stitch of a round, so the new colour starts cleanly at the join. Count your stitches after every round - the count must be 12 more than the round before.



Step 3 - the cream bobble bands on the green circle.

Bobble bands: Rnd 13 is the first cream bobble band, Rnd 14 a plain green round, Rnd 15 the second bobble band offset by two stitches so the bobbles sit between the ones below, and Rnd 16 a plain green round. Each band holds **39 bobbles**.



Step 4 - the gold stripe and the cream outer rounds.

Gold stripe: Rnd 17 is a single plain round in metallic gold. **Outer rounds:** Rnds 18 to 40 are worked in cream, still adding 12 stitches every round, until the skirt holds 432 stitches and measures about 42 in (107 cm) across.

Rnd 1 (green): Ch 3 (counts as dc), 23 dc in the ring. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch 3. **[24]**

Rnd 2 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 1 st, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[36]**

Rnd 3 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[48]**

Rnd 4 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[60]**

Rnd 5 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[72]**

Rnd 6 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[84]**

Rnd 7 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[96]**

Rnd 8 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[108]**

Rnd 9 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[120]**

Rnd 10 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[132]**

Rnd 11 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[144]**

Rnd 12 (green): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[156]**

Rnd 13 (cream (bobble band)): *Bobble in next st, hdc in next 3 sts* 39 times. Join with a sl st. **[156]**

Rnd 14 (green): Hdc in each st around. Join with a sl st. **[156]**

Rnd 15 (cream (bobble band)): *Hdc in next 2 sts, bobble in next st, hdc in next st* 39 times. Join with a sl st. **[156]**

Rnd 16 (green): Hdc in each st around. Join with a sl st. **[156]**

Rnd 17 (gold): Hdc in each st around. Join with a sl st. **[156]**

Rnd 18 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[168]**

Rnd 19 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[180]**

Rnd 20 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[192]**

Rnd 21 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[204]**

Rnd 22 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[216]**

Rnd 23 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 17 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[228]**

Rnd 24 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[240]**

Rnd 25 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[252]**

Rnd 26 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[264]**

Rnd 27 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 21 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[276]**

Rnd 28 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 22 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[288]**

Rnd 29 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 23 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[300]**

Rnd 30 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 24 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[312]**

Rnd 31 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 25 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[324]**

Rnd 32 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 26 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[336]**

Rnd 33 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 27 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[348]**

Rnd 34 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 28 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[360]**

Rnd 35 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 29 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[372]**

Rnd 36 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 30 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[384]**

Rnd 37 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 31 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[396]**

Rnd 38 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 32 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[408]**

Rnd 39 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 33 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[420]**

Rnd 40 (cream): Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (hdc in next 34 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join with a sl st. **[432]**

Step 5 - Button Placket



Step 5 - wooden buttons being sewn onto the button placket.

Rows 41-42 (green, turned rows - do NOT join): Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across. **[432 hdc]** Turn and repeat once more. Because these rows are not joined into a circle, a straight radial slit opens from the centre hole to the outer edge. Fasten off.

Button band: Along the right slit edge, work 3 rows of sc in green, then sew the 4 wooden buttons onto the band, evenly spaced from the centre to the outer edge. **Buttonhole band:** Along the left slit edge, work 3 rows of sc in green, working 4 ch-3 buttonholes in the middle row to line up with the buttons. Button the placket closed and the slit sits flat and nearly invisible.

Step 6 - Ruffled Picot Edge & Finishing



Step 6 - the finished skirt with its ruffled picot edge.

Picot edge (cream): Join cream yarn with a sl st at the outer edge. Work around the entire outer edge: *(sc, ch 3, sc) in the next st, skip 1 st* and repeat. The outer edge holds 432 stitches, which divides neatly into **216 picots**. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Finishing: Weave in all ends with the tapestry needle, working them through the backs of stitches in the same colour. Block the skirt: lay it flat, pin the picot edge out to its full width, mist lightly with water, and let it dry completely. Slide it under the tree, button the placket, and scatter a few wrapped gifts on top.

3 Tips for a Perfect Tree Skirt

1. Count every round. The flat-circle rule is 12 new stitches per round, every round. If your count is off by even one stitch, the increases drift and the skirt will ripple - catch it early and the fix is one round, not a whole skirt.

2. Work the bobbles loosely. A tight bobble pulls the round in and puckers the circle. Keep your loops tall and relaxed, and the bobbles will pop up like little snowballs instead of dimpling the fabric.

3. Block before the first use. A quick pin-and-mist blocking session makes the ruffled edge lie flat and the bobble bands sit evenly. It takes ten minutes of pinning and a few hours of drying, and it is the single biggest upgrade to the finished look.

Happy crocheting! Make it in the forest green, cream and gold shown here, or try a snowy all-cream version, a classic red and green palette, or a soft dusty-blue winter one.