



CROCHET CHRISTMAS TREE



INTRODUCTION

What do you need:

- *Super fine* yarn (at a recommended hook size of 2.5-3.5 mm). I used *Rainbow Glitter* by *hobbii* for the green glitter body (gauge: 10 cm = 27 sts) and *Cotone Uni* by *Lana Grossa* for the white branches' (gauge: 10 cm = 23 sts)
- I worked with a hook of size 2.50 mm
- Scissors
- Fiberfill
- Darning needle

Skill level: easy

Finished size (W x H): appr. (max) 11 x 14 cm

The instruction is written in **American English Crochet** terms.

Abbreviations:

sc = single crochet / *inc* = increase / *dec* = decrease / *st, sts* = stitch, stitches / *sl st* = slip stitch / *ch* = chain / *YO* = yarn over / *rd* = round / *MR* = magic ring / *blo* = back-loop(s) only / *flo* = front-loop(s) only

We crochet in **joined rounds**. That means, we start each round with a chain one and slip stitch into that chain stitch at the end of the round. This slip stitch is skipped in the next joined round (i.e. from beginning to end: ch 1, work the row until the sl st from the previous Rd, skip the sl st, sl st into the ch st from the beginning of the Rd).

The number in the brackets at each round end indicates the new number of stitches.

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How to read the instructions:

To facilitate the reading, I abbreviate working several consecutive stitches as the number to be crocheted:

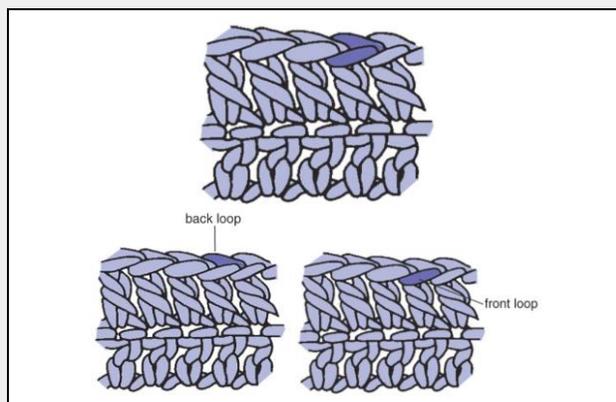
e.g. "**5 sc, inc (7)**" means that you work a sc in each of the next **5 sts** and 2 sc in the 6th stitch, getting a round of 7 sts.

"**4 sc, dec (5)**" means, likewise, working a sc in each of the next **4 sts** and then crocheting the 5th & 6th st in a sc together, reducing the round from 6 to 5 sts.

Working in front-loop only (flo) / in back-loop only (blo):

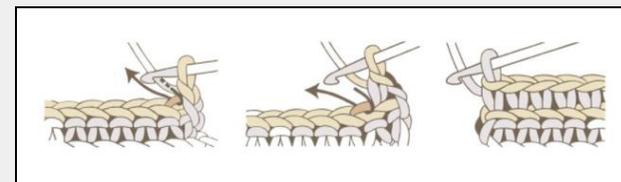
In the usual way of crocheting, you insert the crochet hook from the front of the stitch underneath the "V" and through the center of the "V". The "V" consists of two loops, one loop facing you (which is called the *front loop*) and one loop at the back of your work (which is referred to as the *back loop*). For 3-dimensional figures (e.g. amigurumis), the front loops are those facing outwards of your work (e.g. outside the filling) and the back loops face inside your work (e.g. where the filling goes).

Figure 1: illustration of the loops in the example of double-crochet stitches



To create a certain pattern or if you want to crochet two-layered, you work in either the front loop only (flo) or **the back loop only (blo)**.

When you crochet the round or row in back-loops only, you insert your hook underneath the back loop of each stitch and then make the stitch as indicated in the pattern. You see the blo often abbreviated in connection to the stitch made in the back loop (single crochet blo, double crochet blo, half-double crochet blo, etc.). At the end of your round or row that was worked in blo (e.g. sc-blo) you get a stair-like pattern:



PATTERN

We start the Christmas Tree by working the body, starting from top and crocheting all the way down to the bottom. With a new yarn, we then crochet – round after round separately (with a new yarn) – the branches' rounds in alternating single crochet and chain stitches.

For the body, we crochet alternately in back-loops and in both-loops of the stitches. The loops to work on are indicated in brackets at the beginning of the rounds (if not indicated, you work, as usual, in both loops).

Important: we crochet in **joined rounds**. Consider, in each round, to ch 1 at the beginning, then work the round as described in the pattern, and at the end of each rd, skip the sl st from a previous rd and sl st to ch 1 from the round-beginning.

BODY:

Start with the white yarn.

1. Rd: 6 sc in MR (6)

2. + 3. Rd: 1 sc in each st around (6)

4. Rd (back-loops): change colour to **green** while chaining 1 at the Rd-beginning. Now, work in the back-loops only: 1 sc-blo in each st around (6)

5. Rd (both-loops): [2 sc, inc] x 2 (8)

6. Rd (back-loops): [3 sc-blo, inc] x 2 (10)

7. Rd (both-loops): [4 sc, inc] x 2 (12)

8. Rd (back-loops): [5 sc-blo, inc] x 2 (14)

9. Rd (both-loops): [6 sc, inc] x 2 (16)

10. Rd (back-loops): [7 sc-blo, inc] x 2 (18)

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Continue to crochet alternately
in both- and back-only loops

while increasing each round by 2 sts. The back-looped rounds are always those, in which you have the increase sts at an even numbered st.

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44. Rd (back-loops): [41 sc-blo, inc] x 2 (86)

45. Rd: (both-loops): [42 sc, inc] x 2 (88)

46. Rd: (both-loops): dec every 3rd st (22x) (66)

47. Rd: (both-loops): dec every 4th st (13x) (52)

48. Rd: (both-loops): dec every 3rd st (13x) (39)

Stuff the inside with fiberfill.

49. Rd: (both-loops): dec every 2nd st (13x) (26)

50. Rd: (both-loops): dec every st (13x) (13)

Stuff some more fiberfill into the sides of the tree for a firmer fit.

51. Rd: (both-loops): dec every st and close the hole.

Weave in the yarn tail.





visible front loops created in scblo rounds

Branches

The rounds for the fir tree branches consist of ch sts that are separated by 2 sc worked in a row, whereby you crochet the sc and ch sts only in those rounds in which you have previously worked in the back-loops only, which are those rounds with visible front-loops (i.e. 4. / 6. / 8. / [every next second] Rd). You work the sts in the (visible) front-loops only.

Important note: you work each of the back-looped Rds in the front-loops anew, meaning, that the correct number of sts is derived from the previous Rd. E.g. When you work the 8. Rd in the front-loops, you crochet in the sts of the 7. Rd, thus, you have 12 sts available to work on (= st count of 7. Rd) and not 14 (= st count of the back-looped 8. Rd)!

Each round starts with a new (white) yarn. At the end of each round, tie the yarn ends together and hide them inside the body. To create a wild branch look typical for a fir tree, you crochet **alternately a different number of ch sts** separated by 2 sc. An overview of the ch sts to be worked:

- 4. Rd: 2 ch sts
- 6. Rd: 3 ch sts
- 8. / 10. / 12. Rd: alternating 2 and 3 ch sts
- 14. / 16. / 18. / 20. Rd: alternating 2 and 4 ch sts
- 22. / 24. / 26. / 28. / 30. Rd: alternating 3 and 5 ch sts
- 32. / 34. / 36. / 38. / 40. / 42. Rd: alternating 4 and 6 ch sts
- 44. Rd: alternating 4 and 7 ch sts
- 46. Rd: alternating 5 and 8 ch sts

Take a new white yarn.

4. Rd (front-loops): stitch into the 1st st of the 4. Rd and into the front-loop. Now, crochet in the front-loops only as follows: ch 3, [2 sc-flo, ch 2] x 2, 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st from the Rd-beginning.

Tie the yarn ends together and hide them inside the body.

Take a new white yarn.

6. Rd (front-loops): stitch into the 1st st of the 6. Rd and into the front-loop. Now, crochet in the front-loops only as follows: ch 1, 1 sc-flo, ch 3, [2 sc-flo, ch 3] x 2, 2 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st from the Rd-beginning

Tie the yarn ends together and hide them inside the body.

Work all the other back-looped rounds similarly, each with a new (white) yarn as follows:

8. Rd (front-loops): ch 4, [2 sc-flo, ch 2, 2 sc-flo, ch 3] x 2, [2 sc-flo, ch 2], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

10. Rd (front-loops): ch 3, [2 sc-flo, ch 3, 2 sc-flo, ch 2] x 3, [2 sc-flo, ch 3], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

12. Rd (front-loops): ch 4, [2 sc-flo, ch 2, 2 sc-flo, ch 3] x 4, [2 sc-flo, ch 2], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

14. Rd (front-loops): ch 5, [2 sc-flo, ch 2, 2 sc-flo, ch 4] x 5, [2 sc-flo, ch 2], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

16. Rd (front-loops): ch 3, [2 sc-flo, ch 4, 2 sc-flo, ch 2] x 6, [2 sc-flo, ch 4], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

18. Rd (front-loops): ch 5, [2 sc-flo, ch 2, 2 sc-flo, ch 4] x 7, [2 sc-flo, ch 2], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

20. Rd (front-loops): ch 3, [2 sc-flo, ch 4, 2 sc-flo, ch 2] x 8, [2 sc-flo, ch 4], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

22. Rd (front-loops): ch 6, [2 sc-flo, ch 3, 2 sc-flo, ch 5] x 9, [2 sc-flo, ch 3], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

24. Rd (front-loops): ch 4, [2 sc-flo, ch 5, 2 sc-flo, ch 3] x 10, [2 sc-flo, ch 5], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

26. Rd (front-loops): ch 6, [2 sc-flo, ch 3, 2 sc-flo, ch 5] x 11, [2 sc-flo, ch 3], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

28. Rd (front-loops): ch 4, [2 sc-flo, ch 5, 2 sc-flo, ch 3] x 12, [2 sc-flo, ch 5], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

30. Rd (front-loops): ch 6, [2 sc-flo, ch 3, 2 sc-flo, ch 5] x 13, [2 sc-flo, ch 3], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

32. Rd (front-loops): ch 5, [2 sc-flo, ch 6, 2 sc-flo, ch 4] x 14, [2 sc-flo, ch 6], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

34. Rd (front-loops): ch 7, [2 sc-flo, ch 4, 2 sc-flo, ch 6] x 15, [2 sc-flo, ch 4], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

36. Rd (front-loops): ch 5, [2 sc-flo, ch 6, 2 sc-flo, ch 4] x 16, [2 sc-flo, ch 6], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

38. Rd (front-loops): ch 7, [2 sc-flo, ch 4, 2 sc-flo, ch 6] x 17, [2 sc-flo, ch 4], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

40. Rd (front-loops): ch 5, [2 sc-flo, ch 6, 2 sc-flo, ch 4] x 18, [2 sc-flo, ch 6], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

42. Rd (front-loops): ch 7, [2 sc-flo, ch 4, 2 sc-flo, ch 6] x 19, [2 sc-flo, ch 4], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

44. Rd (front-loops): ch 5, [2 sc-flo, ch 7, 2 sc-flo, ch 4] x 20, [2 sc-flo, ch 7], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

46. Rd (front-loops): ch 9, [2 sc-flo, ch 5, 2 sc-flo, ch 8] x 21, [2 sc-flo, ch 5], 1 sc-flo, sl st into the 1st ch st

