

■ Simple Crochet Christmas Tree Ornament Pattern ■■

This pattern is for a flat Christmas tree, perfect for beginners, using the easy Double Crochet (DC) and Shell Stitch.

■ **Materials You Will Need:** - Yarn: Light worsted weight / DK yarn (Green or Off-White for the tree, Brown for the trunk). - Hook: Crochet hook appropriate for your yarn (usually size G-6 / 4.0 mm or H-8 / 5.0 mm). - Notions: Scissors, Tapestry needle (for weaving in ends). - Optional: Small star or bead for the top, thread for hanging.

■ **Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms):** ch – Chain st – Stitch sl st – Slip Stitch sc – Single Crochet dc – Double Crochet Shell – Shell Stitch (3 DC) ch-sp – Chain Space

■ **Tree Pattern (Make 1) - Use Green or Off-White Yarn** This tree is worked in rows, from the bottom up, using the shell stitch to create the textured "branches."

Foundation: Chain 12.

Row 1: Shell Stitch Row 1. dc in the 4th ch from the hook (the 3 skipped ch count as 1 dc). 2. ch 1, skip 2 ch. 3. Shell (3 dc) in the next ch. 4. ch 1, skip 2 ch. 5. Shell (3 dc) in the next ch. 6. ch 1, skip 1 ch. 7. dc in the last ch. 8. ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), turn. (You should have 2 Shells, 1 dc on each side).

Row 2: Decrease Row 1. dc in the first ch-sp (the ch-3 space from the end of Row 1). 2. ch 1, sl st into the center dc of the first Shell. 3. ch 3, Shell (3 dc) in the next ch-sp (between the two Shells). 4. ch 3, sl st into the center dc of the next Shell. 5. ch 1, dc in the top of the turning ch of the previous row. 6. ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), turn. (You should have 1 Shell, 2 dc decreases).

Row 3: Top Point 1. dc in the first ch-sp. 2. ch 1, skip the next sl st and ch-3 sp. 3. sl st into the center dc of the Shell. 4. ch 1, skip the next ch-3 sp and sl st. 5. dc in the top of the turning ch of the previous row. 6. ch 1, turn. (You should have 2 dc and 1 sl st at the center).

Row 4: Final Point 1. sl st into the first ch-sp. 2. sc in the next sl st. 3. sl st into the top of the turning ch. 4. Fasten off and weave in the end.

■ **Trunk (Stem) Pattern - Use Brown Yarn** Foundation: Chain 4. Row 1: sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in the next 2 ch. ch 1, turn. (3 sc) Row 2: sc in each of the 3 sc. Row 3: sc in each of the 3 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

■ **Finishing and Assembly** 1. Weave in all the yarn tails on the tree piece, except for the one you used to fasten off the final point. 2. Sew the top of the brown trunk piece to the bottom center of the green/off-white tree piece using the long tail and a tapestry needle. 3. Optional: Sew a small bead or star to the very top point. 4. Hanging Loop: Using the green/off-white yarn, chain 10-15 and join to the top point to create a loop for hanging. Secure and weave in the ends.

Your simple Crochet Christmas Tree Ornament is finished!