Folded Granny Square Christmas Tree Ornament

A simple tree ornament made from one classic granny square, with crossed crochet bands, a cream hanging loop and a stitched gold star.



AI design illustration

Materials

Pine green DK cotton yarn, a little cream yarn in the same weight, gold embroidery thread, a 3.5 mm crochet hook, tapestry needle, embroidery needle and scissors.

Skill level

Easy, if you know the chain, slip stitch and US double crochet.

Size and tension

An 8 cm (3.1 in) square gives a body about 5.7 cm (2.2 in) wide and tall, excluding the loop. The folds and yarn tension affect the finished size.

Crochet the square

US abbreviations ch = chain • dc = double crochet • sl st = slip stitch • sp = space

Work joined rounds with the right side facing. Starting ch 3 counts as one dc. Each group has three counted dc. At the end of every round, join with a sl st in the third chain of that round’s starting ch 3.

Travel to the next corner before Rounds 2-4. Sl st in each of the next two dc tops, then sl st into the next ch-2 corner sp. Keep the same side facing.

Foundation and Round 1

Ch 4 and sl st into the first ch to form a ring. Ch 3, work 2 dc into the ring, then ch 2. Work (3 dc, ch 2) into the ring three times. Join.

Round 2

Travel to the corner. In that sp, work (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc). Ch 1. In each of the next three corner spaces, work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc), then ch 1. Join after the final ch 1.

Round 3

Travel to the corner. In that sp, work (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc). Ch 1, work 3 dc into the next ch-1 side sp, then ch 1. Repeat three times: work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next corner, ch 1, work 3 dc into the next ch-1 side sp, then ch 1. Join.

Round 4

Travel to the corner. In that sp, work (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc). Ch 1, then work (3 dc in the next ch-1 side sp, ch 1) twice. Repeat three times: work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next corner, ch 1, then work (3 dc in the next ch-1 side sp, ch 1) twice. Join and fasten off.

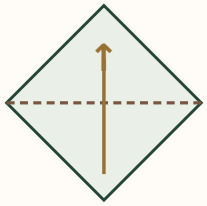
Stitch count

Round	DC count	Groups	Ch-1 side spaces	Ch-2 corners
1	12	4	0	4
2	24	8	4	4
3	36	12	8	4
4	48	16	12	4

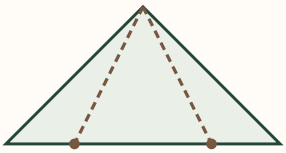
Square totals 116 actual dc, 72 chains and 14 slip stitches. Starting chains contribute four more counted dc. Front bands and hanging loop are worked separately.

Shape the tree

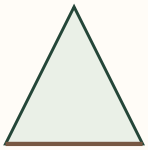
Keep the same top point throughout. Mark the base before making the side folds.



Fold diagonally



Fold sides to back



Tuck below base

1. Make the starting triangle

Lay the square like a diamond, right side down. Bring the bottom corner up to the top corner. The crease is now the straight base and the right sides face out.

2. Fold the sides to the back

Find the midpoint of the base. Mark halfway from that midpoint to each end. Fold each outer wing away from you, using a crease from the top point to the mark on that side. The front now has a narrower tree shape.

3. Tuck and secure the back

Turn the tree over. Fold any wing tips that extend below the base up along the base line, keeping them on the back. Tack the folded layers to the back with matching yarn. Pass the needle through the back layers so the tacking stays hidden from the front.

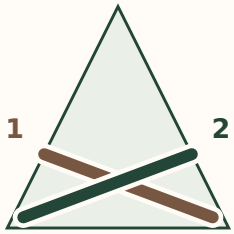
4. Add the hanging loop

Leave a sewing tail and ch 16 in cream. Fasten off with a second tail. Bring the ends together, sew both through the layers at the top point, then weave in the tails.

Shape check The new base measures half the original diagonal. The body is approximately as wide as it is tall.

Add the crossed bands

Make two narrow crochet strips in the same green yarn. They overlap on the front to create the crossed look.



Lay Band 2 over Band 1 at the crossing.

1. Measure each band

Mark a point on each sloping edge about one-third of the way up from the base. Band 1 runs from the left mark towards the lower-right corner. Band 2 runs from the right mark towards the lower-left corner.

2. Crochet two strips

For each strip, chain to the measured length, then ch 1 more. Starting in the second ch from the hook, make one US single crochet (sc) in each ch. Ch 1, turn and work one sc in each stitch across. Fasten off with a sewing tail. Check the length against the body before attaching.

3. Sew the bands in place

Lay Band 1 across the front and tack its ends and long lower edge to the front layer. Lay Band 2 over Band 1 at the crossing and tack it in the same way. Keep the top edges slightly raised to show the layers. Weave in the ends.

4. Embroider the gold star

Use five short straight stitches radiating from one point just below the tip. Catch only the front layer and weave the embroidery thread into the fabric.

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