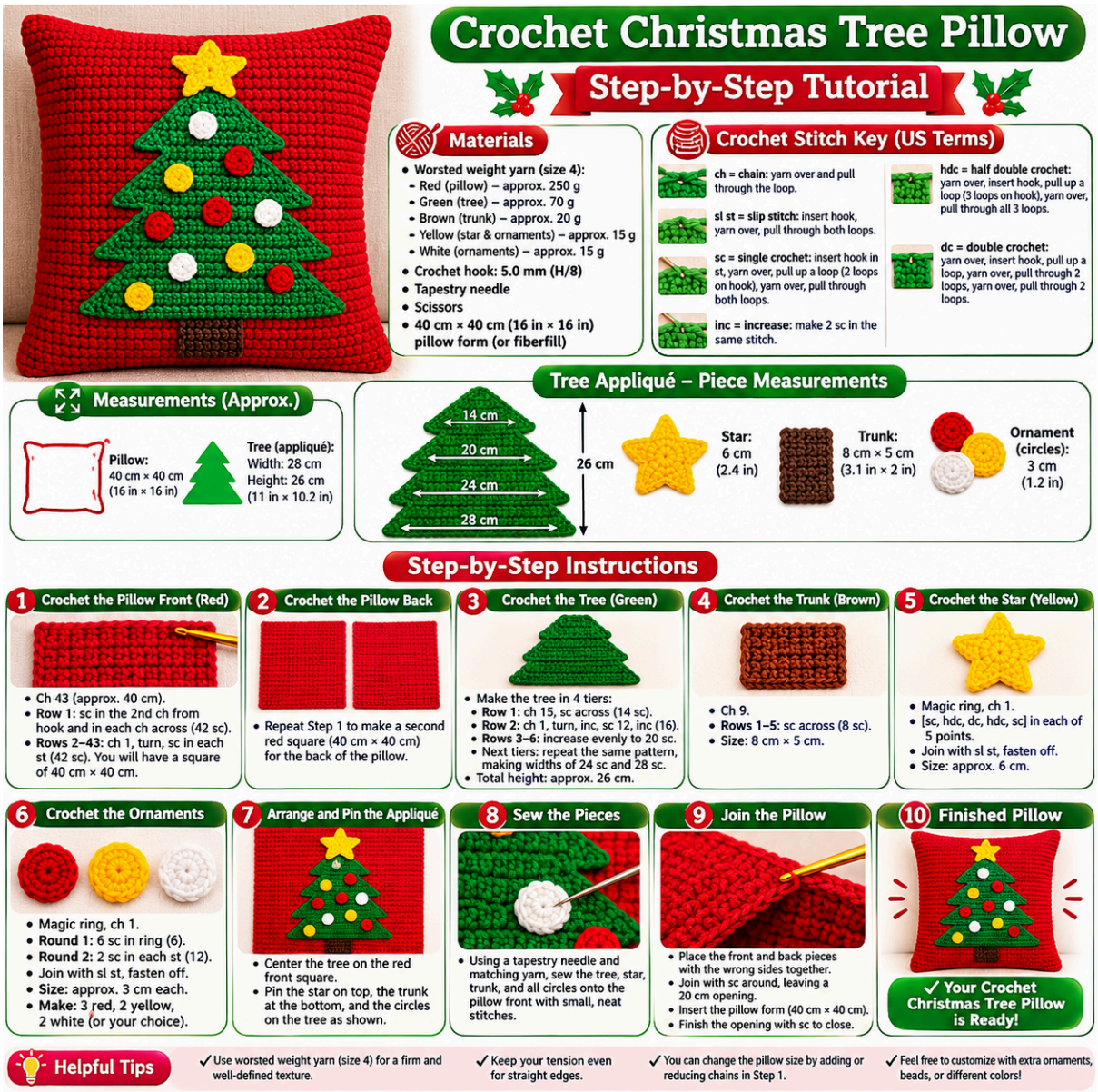
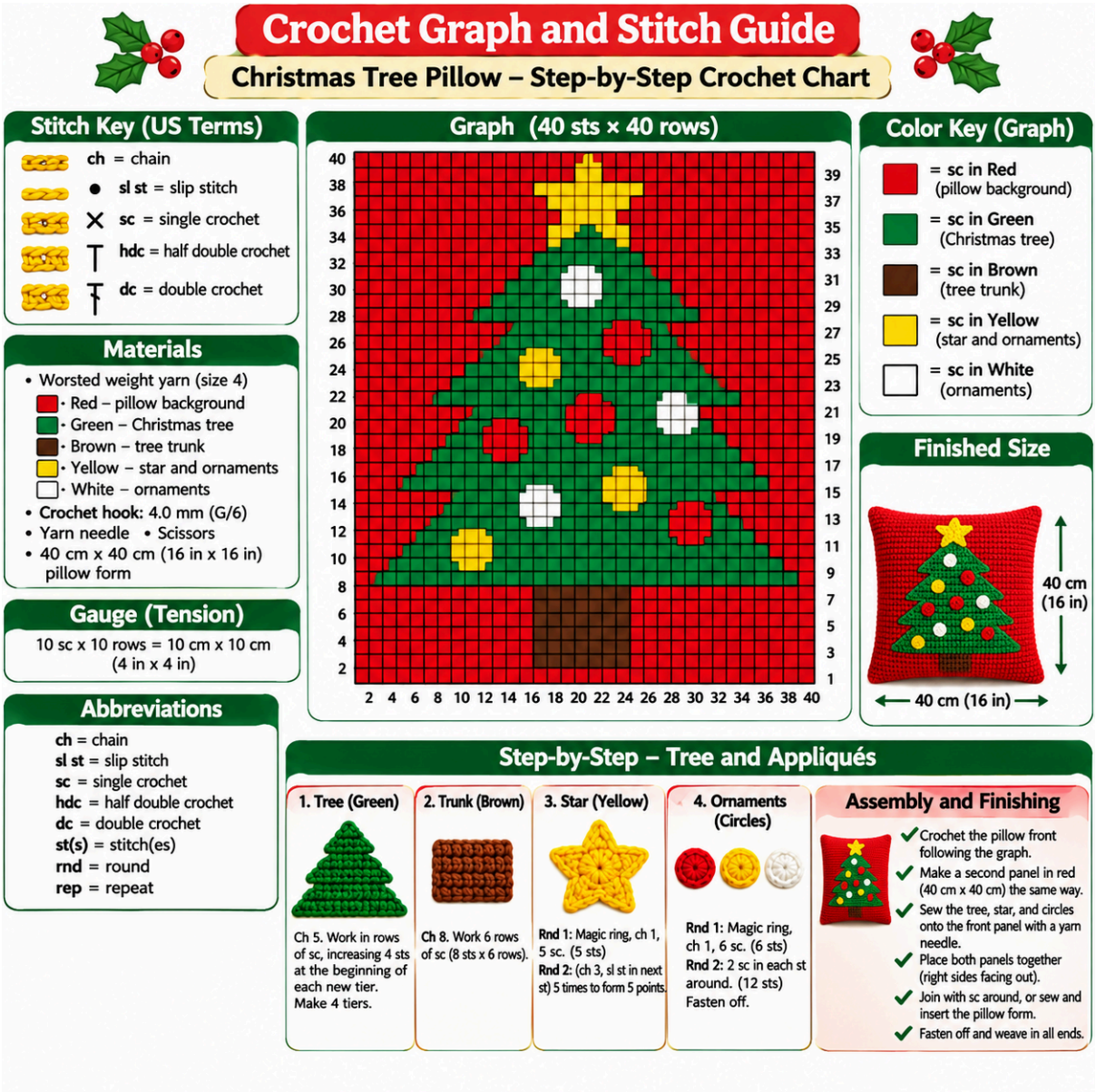
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Crochet Christmas Tree Pillow – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial 🎄

The Crochet Christmas Tree Pillow is a beautiful handmade holiday decoration that combines a bright red crocheted cushion with a layered green Christmas tree, a cheerful yellow star, and colorful circular ornaments. This festive project is perfect for decorating a living room, bedroom, cozy armchair, or Christmas-themed sofa.

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In this complete tutorial, you will learn how to crochet the pillow panels, create the Christmas tree appliqué, make the trunk and star, crochet the ornaments, and assemble everything into a finished decorative pillow. The instructions follow the provided graphic and use US crochet terminology, making the project accessible to crocheters in the United States.

The finished pillow measures approximately 40 cm × 40 cm (16 × 16 inches). The design uses worsted weight yarn and simple crochet stitches, including single crochet, half double crochet, double crochet, and slip stitches. Beginners with basic crochet experience can complete this project by working carefully through each section.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Prepare Your Workspace 🧶

Before beginning your Crochet Christmas Tree Pillow, organize your yarn, crochet tools, and sewing accessories.

Materials Needed

Material	Quantity or specification
Red worsted weight yarn (size 4)	Approximately 250 g
Green worsted weight yarn (size 4)	Approximately 70 g

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Brown worsted weight yarn	**Approximately 20 g**
Yellow worsted weight yarn	**Approximately 15 g**
White worsted weight yarn	**Approximately 15 g**
Crochet hook	**5.0 mm (US H/8)**
Tapestry needle	**1**
Scissors	**1 pair**
Stitch markers	**Optional**
Pillow insert	**40 × 40 cm (16 × 16 inches)**
Straight pins	**For positioning appliqués**

You can substitute fiberfill for the pillow insert if you prefer a permanently stuffed pillow.

Crochet Stitch Key – US Terms

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The following abbreviations are used throughout the tutorial:

- **ch – Chain: Yarn over and pull the yarn through the loop on your hook.**
- **sl st – Slip stitch: Insert the hook into the designated stitch, yarn over, and pull through the stitch and the loop on your hook.**
- **sc – Single crochet: Insert the hook into a stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over again, and pull through both loops.**
- **hdc – Half double crochet: Yarn over, insert the hook into a stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over, and pull through all three loops.**
- **dc – Double crochet: Yarn over, insert the hook into a stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through two loops, yarn over and pull through the remaining two loops.**
- **inc – Increase: Work two single crochet stitches into the same stitch.**
- **MR – Magic ring: Create an adjustable loop to crochet stitches into a circular center.**
- **st/sts – Stitch/stitches.**
- **RS – Right side: The side of the crochet fabric that will face outward.**
- **WS – Wrong side: The reverse side of the crochet fabric.**
- **FO – Fasten off: Cut the yarn and secure the final loop.**

Understanding the Finished Measurements

The finished design includes several individual crocheted pieces.

Component	Approximate size

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Pillow front	**40 × 40 cm**
Pillow back	**40 × 40 cm**
Christmas tree appliqué	**28 cm wide × 26 cm tall**
Yellow star	**6 cm**
Brown tree trunk	**8 × 5 cm**
Circular ornaments	**3 cm diameter**

The tree is made from four overlapping green tiers. Their approximate maximum widths are 14 cm, 20 cm, 24 cm, and 28 cm, arranged from top to bottom.

Important sizing note: The graphic provides approximate dimensions and simplified stitch counts. Because 42 single crochet stitches and 43 rows do not automatically produce a 40 cm square with every worsted weight yarn, you should make a gauge swatch and adjust your stitch and row counts to reach the specified dimensions. The same applies to the appliqué pieces.

Step 2: Crochet the Red Pillow Front

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The red pillow front forms the foundation of your Christmas decoration.

This piece should be square, firm, and large enough to accommodate the green Christmas tree appliqué.

Instructions

Foundation chain

Using red worsted weight yarn and your 5.0 mm crochet hook:

1. **Make a slip knot.**
2. **Chain 43.**
3. **Keep the chains loose and even to prevent the bottom edge from becoming tight.**

Row 1

Insert your hook into the second chain from the hook.

Work 1 sc in that chain.

Continue working 1 sc in every remaining chain.

At the end of the row, you should have 42 sc.

Ch 1 and turn your work.

Row 2

Work 1 sc in each stitch across.

You should still have 42 sc.

Ch 1 and turn.

Rows 3–43

Repeat Row 2, maintaining 42 sc per row.

Continue until you have completed approximately 43 rows.

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Check the Measurements

Lay the panel on a flat surface.

Measure its width and height.

Your target is approximately:

- **Width: 40 cm.**
- **Height: 40 cm.**

If the panel is smaller than expected, adjust your gauge or stitch count. If it is the correct width but too short, continue adding rows until the height reaches 40 cm.

For a pillow with a 40 cm insert, you may also choose to make the panels slightly smaller for a fuller fit, but keep both panels identical.

Finish the Front Panel

After reaching the correct size:

1. **Cut the yarn, leaving a tail approximately 15 cm long.**
2. **Pull the tail through the final loop.**
3. **Use your tapestry needle to weave in the loose end.**
4. **Lay the panel flat without stretching it.**

The front panel is now ready for the Christmas tree decoration.

Step 3: Crochet the Red Pillow Back

The back panel uses the same stitch pattern as the front.

Using the same red yarn and crochet hook, repeat the previous instructions.

Foundation

Ch 43.

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Row 1

Work 1 sc in the second chain from the hook.

Continue with 1 sc in each chain across.

Total: 42 sc.

Ch 1 and turn.

Rows 2–43

Work 1 sc in each stitch across.

Ch 1 and turn at the end of each row, except after the final row.

Continue until the back panel matches the front panel.

Finishing

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Place the front and back panels together to compare their measurements.

Both pieces should have matching dimensions and similar tension.

Helpful tip: If one panel is slightly larger, gently shape it by hand. For significant differences, add or remove rows or remake the mismatched panel rather than stretching the pieces excessively.

Step 4: Crochet the Green Christmas Tree Appliqué 🎄

The green Christmas tree is the main decorative feature of the pillow.

According to the graphic, the tree is constructed from four overlapping tiers, creating the classic triangular Christmas tree shape.

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The target dimensions for the assembled tree are approximately 28 cm wide and 26 cm tall.

Understanding the Four Tiers

The tiers should have these approximate maximum widths:

Tier	Width
Top tier	14 cm
Second tier	20 cm
Third tier	24 cm
Bottom tier	28 cm

The graphic begins the tree with a chain of 15 and gradually increases its width. To make the construction reproducible, the following instructions use four separate triangular sections that overlap during assembly.

The stitch counts are a practical adaptation of the graphic's simplified tree instructions. Adjust the final dimensions as necessary.

Top Tier – Small Triangle

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Using green yarn:

Row 1: Ch 15. Work 1 sc in the second chain from the hook and in each chain across. (14 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Work 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in each stitch until the last stitch, and 2 sc in the last stitch. (16 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Work 1 sc in each stitch across. (16 sc)

Row 4: Ch 1, turn. Work 2 sc in the first stitch, sc across to the last stitch, and 2 sc in the last stitch. (18 sc)

Row 5: Ch 1, turn. Work 1 sc in each stitch across. (18 sc)

Row 6: Ch 1, turn. Increase at the beginning and end of the row. (20 sc)

Continue alternating one even row with one increase row until the triangle is approximately 14 cm wide at its widest edge.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail.

Second Tier – Medium Triangle

Start with green yarn.

Ch 15 and work 14 sc across.

Repeat the same increase sequence used for the first triangle.

Continue until the widest edge measures approximately 20 cm.

Fasten off, leaving a tail for assembly.

Third Tier – Large Triangle

Repeat the triangular construction, increasing gradually at both ends of every other row.

Continue until the widest edge measures approximately 24 cm.

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Fasten off.

Fourth Tier – Bottom Triangle

Create the largest triangle using the same method.

Continue until its widest edge measures approximately 28 cm.

Fasten off, leaving a long sewing tail.

Assemble the Four Tiers

Lay the four triangles on a flat surface.

Position the smallest triangle at the top.

Place the second triangle beneath it, overlapping the lower portion of the first.

Add the third triangle, followed by the largest triangle at the bottom.

Adjust the overlap until the assembled tree measures approximately 26 cm tall.

The arrangement should resemble the graphic, with four visible green layers and pointed edges.

Using green yarn and a tapestry needle, stitch the overlapping sections together along their hidden edges.

Keep the stitches small and secure.

Important: The goal is to reproduce the layered tree silhouette shown in the tutorial graphic. The exact number of rows in each triangle will depend on your crochet gauge and the amount of overlap.

Step 5: Crochet the Brown Christmas Tree Trunk

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The brown trunk provides the finishing shape beneath the green Christmas tree.

According to the graphic, the finished trunk should measure approximately 8 cm × 5 cm.

Instructions

Using brown worsted weight yarn:

Foundation: Ch 9.

Row 1: Work 1 sc in the second chain from the hook and in each remaining chain. (8 sc)

Ch 1 and turn.

Rows 2–5: Work 1 sc in each stitch across. (8 sc)

Ch 1 and turn after each row, except the last.

The graphic specifies five rows. Check the dimensions before fastening off. If five rows do not provide the desired 5 cm height, add rows until the trunk measures approximately 8 cm wide and 5 cm tall, or rotate the rectangle if that better matches your gauge.

Finishing

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Place the trunk beneath the bottom green tier.

Approximately half of the trunk can be hidden behind the tree to create a natural-looking transition.

Do not sew it to the pillow yet.

Step 6: Crochet the Yellow Christmas Star ⭐

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The yellow star sits at the top of the Christmas tree and creates a bright focal point.

The finished star should measure approximately 6 cm across.

The graphic calls for a magic ring and five points worked with sc, hdc, dc, and hdc.

Here is a complete version that creates a five-point star using those stitches.

Create the Center

Using yellow yarn:

1. **Make a magic ring.**
2. **Ch 1.**
3. **Work 10 sc into the ring.**
4. **Pull the yarn tail to close the center.**
5. **Join with a sl st to the first sc.**

You should have 10 sc.

Create the Five Points

Each star point is worked over two stitches of the center round.

Repeat the following sequence five times:

1. **Sl st into the next stitch.**
2. **Ch 3.**
3. **Work 1 sc into the second chain from the hook.**
4. **Work 1 hdc into the next chain.**
5. **Work 1 dc into the same center stitch where the point began.**
6. **Sl st into the next center stitch to anchor the point.**

Repeat until all five points are complete.

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This produces a small decorative star with raised points. The resulting shape may differ slightly from the star in the graphic because the graphic does not specify every stitch placement.

Shape the Star

Fasten off, leaving a long sewing tail.

Gently stretch and shape each point with your fingers.

If necessary, lightly block the star to help it maintain a symmetrical appearance.

Place the star at the top of the green tree, allowing the upper points to extend slightly above the tree.

Step 7: Crochet the Colorful Christmas Ornaments 🔴🟡⚪

The circular ornaments give the Christmas tree its festive appearance.

The graphic uses three colors:

- **Red.**
- **Yellow.**
- **White.**

Each ornament measures approximately 3 cm in diameter.

You will make 7 ornaments total: 3 red, 2 yellow, and 2 white, following the quantities listed in the graphic.

Round 1: Create the Center

Using your chosen ornament color:

1. **Make a magic ring.**
2. **Ch 1.**

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3. **Work 6 sc into the ring.**
4. **Pull the tail gently to close the ring.**
5. **Join with a sl st to the first sc.**

Total: 6 sc.

Round 2: Increase the Circle

Ch 1.

Work 2 sc into each stitch around.

Total: 12 sc.

Join with a sl st to the first sc.

Finish the Ornament

Fasten off, leaving approximately 15 cm of yarn for attaching the ornament to the tree.

Gently flatten the circle.

Repeat until you have made all seven ornaments.

Adjusting Ornament Size

With worsted weight yarn and a 5.0 mm hook, the finished circles may vary in diameter.

If an ornament is smaller than 3 cm, you can work an additional round of increases or use a slightly larger hook.

If it is too large, use a smaller hook or stop after the first round and assess the size.

Try to keep all ornaments similar in diameter.

Step 8: Arrange and Pin the Christmas Tree Appliqué

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Now that all the decorative pieces are complete, you can begin assembling the front of your Crochet Christmas Tree Pillow.

This step is important because proper placement helps create a balanced, professional-looking design.

Prepare the Pillow Front

Lay the red front panel on a flat surface with the right side facing upward.

Smooth the fabric gently with your hands.

Locate the center of the panel.

Position the Christmas Tree

Place the assembled green tree in the middle of the red square.

The tree should measure approximately 28 cm wide and 26 cm tall.

Leave enough red background visible around the edges.

Position the Trunk

Place the brown trunk beneath the bottom tier of the tree.

Center it horizontally.

Tuck the upper portion of the trunk behind the green tree.

Add the Yellow Star

Position the yellow star at the top of the tree.

The star should slightly overlap the top green tier.

Make sure all five points remain visible.

Arrange the Ornaments

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Distribute the red, yellow, and white ornaments across the green tree.

For a balanced arrangement, use the following placement:

- **Top section: 1 white ornament.**
- **Upper-middle section: 1 yellow and 1 red ornament.**
- **Middle section: 1 red and 1 white ornament.**
- **Lower section: 1 yellow and 1 red ornament.**

This arrangement uses all seven ornaments and follows the colorful distribution suggested by the graphic.

Secure the Pieces

Use straight pins or removable stitch markers to hold everything in position.

Check the design from a distance before sewing.

Adjust the tree, star, trunk, or ornaments until the composition looks balanced.

Step 9: Sew the Christmas Tree and Decorations onto the Pillow

Once the appliqué pieces are correctly positioned, sew them securely to the red pillow front.

Attach the Trunk

Thread your tapestry needle with the brown yarn tail.

Sew around the visible edges of the trunk using small stitches.

Secure the yarn on the wrong side of the pillow front.

Attach the Green Tree

Thread the needle with green yarn.

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Begin at the bottom of the tree.

Sew around the outer edges of the appliqué, catching both the green tree and the red pillow fabric.

Continue around all visible tiers.

For extra stability, add a few hidden stitches through the overlapping layers.

Avoid pulling the yarn too tightly, which could distort the pillow front.

Attach the Yellow Star

Using the yellow yarn tail, sew the star to the top of the tree.

Secure the center first.

Then add a few stitches near the bases of the points.

Keep the points slightly raised if you want a three-dimensional effect.

Sew on the Ornaments

Use the matching yarn tails for each ornament.

Insert the needle through the center of the ornament and into the green tree.

Make several small stitches around the ornament's edge.

Repeat for all seven ornaments.

Check that each circle is securely attached.

Final Inspection

Turn the pillow front over.

Check the wrong side for loose yarn ends.

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Weave in all tails.

Make sure the decorative pieces are firmly attached and the red panel remains flat.

Your decorated pillow front is now complete.

Step 10: Join the Pillow Front and Back

The next step is to assemble the two red panels into a pillow cover.

The graphic uses a simple single crochet joining method.

Align the Panels

Place the decorated front and plain back panels together with their wrong sides facing outward and the right sides facing each other.

Align all four edges carefully.

Use stitch markers to secure the corners.

Join the First Three Sides

Attach red yarn at one corner.

Insert your crochet hook through the corresponding edge stitches or spaces of both panels.

Work single crochet stitches through both layers.

Continue around the first three sides.

At each corner, work enough stitches to turn neatly without pulling the fabric.

Keep your tension even.

Leave an Opening

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Continue along the fourth side, leaving an opening of approximately 20 cm.

Fasten off temporarily or secure your working loop.

Turn the Pillow

Carefully turn the pillow right side out through the opening.

Push the corners outward gently.

The Christmas tree appliqué should now face outward.

Insert the Pillow Form

Place the 40 × 40 cm pillow insert inside the cover.

Adjust the insert so that it fills all four corners.

Smooth the pillow front and arrange the stuffing evenly.

Close the Opening

Fold the opening edges inward.

Using a tapestry needle and red yarn, sew the remaining opening closed with small, neat stitches. A mattress stitch works especially well for a nearly invisible finish.

The graphic suggests closing with single crochet; you can also use that method if you prefer a visible crocheted seam. For a clean edge after turning, sewing is generally easier.

Secure the yarn and weave in the final tail.

Step 11: Shape and Finish Your Christmas Pillow

Your Crochet Christmas Tree Pillow is almost finished.

Place it on a flat surface and check the overall shape.

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Gently adjust the corners and smooth the red crochet fabric.

Make sure the tree is centered and the ornaments are facing forward.

If necessary, lightly reshape the green tiers and yellow star with your fingers.

Avoid pressing a hot iron directly against the crochet fabric, particularly if you used acrylic yarn.

Final Measurements

Your completed pillow should measure approximately:

- **Height: 40 cm.**
- **Width: 40 cm.**
- **Tree appliqué: 28 × 26 cm.**
- **Star: 6 cm.**
- **Trunk: 8 × 5 cm.**
- **Ornaments: approximately 3 cm each.**

These measurements are approximate and may vary slightly according to your yarn, hook size, tension, and pillow insert.

Helpful Tips for a Beautiful Crochet Christmas Tree Pillow ✨

Choose the right yarn. Worsted weight yarn (size 4) is recommended because it creates a firm and well-defined crochet texture.

Keep your tension consistent. Even stitches help the pillow panels maintain straight edges and make the appliqué easier to attach.

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Measure as you crochet. Crochet gauge varies from person to person. Use the measurements as your primary guide when determining the final number of stitches and rows.

Secure every ornament carefully. Small decorative pieces should be firmly attached, especially when the pillow will be handled frequently. This pillow is intended as a decoration, not a toy for young children.

Customize the colors. Although the original design uses red, green, yellow, brown, and white, you can experiment with gold, silver, cream, or other Christmas colors.

Add extra decorations. If desired, embellish the tree with additional crocheted ornaments or embroidered details. Avoid loose beads or detachable embellishments on pillows that children may use.

Care for your finished pillow. Follow the yarn manufacturer's washing instructions. Gentle handwashing and flat drying are often suitable for decorated crochet covers.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this Crochet Christmas Tree Pillow suitable for beginners?

Yes. The project uses basic stitches such as single crochet, half double crochet, double crochet, and slip stitch. Beginners should practice increasing stitches and crocheting in the round before making the tree and ornaments.

What yarn should I use?

Worsted weight yarn, classified as size 4 in the United States, is recommended. Acrylic and cotton-blend yarns can both work well, although they may produce different textures and dimensions.

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Can I make the pillow larger?

Yes. Increase the number of foundation chains and rows for both red panels. You can also enlarge the Christmas tree appliqué by adding rows and increases to each tier.

Can I make the pillow without a removable insert?

Yes. Instead of inserting a pillow form, fill the cover with polyester fiberfill before closing the opening. Distribute the stuffing evenly so that the pillow maintains its shape.

How do I keep the Christmas tree appliqué flat?

Sew around the outer edges without pulling the yarn too tightly. You can also add small hidden stitches through the middle of each tier to prevent the appliqué from lifting.

Can I use different colors for the ornaments?

Absolutely. Red, yellow, and white match the graphic, but gold, silver, blue, or pink ornaments can create a personalized Christmas decoration.

How long does it take to complete the pillow?

The time depends on your crochet experience and working speed. Many crocheters may need approximately 8–15 hours, particularly when making the appliqué and sewing all the pieces together.

Conclusion 🎄

Congratulations! You have completed the Crochet Christmas Tree Pillow tutorial.

By following these instructions, you have learned how to crochet two red pillow panels, construct a layered green Christmas tree, make a brown trunk and yellow star, create

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colorful circular ornaments, attach the appliqué, and assemble the finished pillow.

The completed project is a festive handmade decoration that adds warmth and personality to your Christmas home décor. It also makes a thoughtful holiday gift for friends and family.

With its cheerful colors, textured crochet stitches, and charming Christmas tree design, your handmade pillow is ready to become part of your holiday decorations.

Enjoy your beautiful handmade Crochet Christmas Tree Pillow! ❤️💚