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Crochet Christmas Tree Ornament Step-by-Step Tutorial

Finished Size (each tree)

- ✓ Tree height (without hanger): ≈ 11 cm
- ✓ Total height (with tassel and hanger): ≈ 17–18 cm
- ✓ Widest part: ≈ 7.5–8 cm



Materials

- Medium weight yarn (Worsted, #4): cream, green, and beige
- Crochet hook: 5.0 mm (H/8)
- 1 wooden bead (about 1.5 cm)
- Scissors
- Yarn needle
- Measuring tape
- (Optional) fabric stiffener for firmer shape

Stitch Key (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain (makes the foundation)
- **sl st** = slip stitch (joins stitches, moves yarn)
- **sc** = single crochet (basic, tight stitch)
- **hdc** = half double crochet (medium height stitch)
- **dc** = double crochet (taller stitch)
- **inc** = increase (2 sc in the same stitch)

Step-by-Step Instructions

1 Top Triangle (Row 1–4)



- **R1:** ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch. (6 sts)
- **R2:** ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st. (8 sts)
- **R3:** ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st. (10 sts)
- **R4:** ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (10 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for assembly.

Top Tier
(4 rows)
≈ 5 cm (2.0 in) wide

2 Middle Triangle (Row 1–5)



- **R1:** ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch. (6 sts)
- **R2:** ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st. (8 sts)
- **R3:** ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st. (10 sts)
- **R4:** ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in last st. (12 sts)
- **R5:** ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (12 sts)

Fasten off.

Middle Tier
(5 rows)
≈ 6.5 cm (2.6 in) wide

3 Bottom Triangle (Row 1–6)



- **R1:** ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch. (6 sts)
- **R2:** ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st. (8 sts)
- **R3:** ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st. (10 sts)
- **R4:** ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in last st. (12 sts)
- **R5:** ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in last st. (14 sts)
- **R6:** ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (14 sts) Fasten off.

Bottom Tier
(6 rows)
≈ 7.5–8 cm (3.0–3.1 in) wide

4 Optional: Edging (for a neater finish)



- Attach yarn at any corner.
- Work 1 round of sc evenly around the triangle edges (1 sc in each row and st).
- Sl st to join, and fasten off.

5 Make the Tassel



1. Wrap yarn around a card (about 7–8 cm / 3–3.1 in wide) ≈ 20–25 times.
2. Remove from the card and tie a separate yarn around the top, about 1 cm (0.4 in) from the folded end.
3. Cut the loops at the bottom and trim evenly (tassel length ≈ 4–5 cm / 1.6–2.0 in).

6 Assembly – Join the Tiers



- Place the three triangles from smallest to largest (top, middle, bottom).
- Using the yarn tails, sew or sl st the top edge of the middle tier to the bottom edge of the top tier.
- Repeat to attach the bottom tier to the middle tier.
- Center and align the pieces.

7 Attach the Tassel



- Find the center of the bottom tier.
- Attach the tassel with a couple of stitches (sew or sl st) to secure it firmly.

8 Add the Hanger and Bead



- Cut a piece of yarn about 20–25 cm (7.9–9.8 in).
- Fold it in half and pass the loop through the top of the tree.
- Pull the ends through the loop and tighten.
- Thread both ends through a wooden bead.
- Tie a knot at the top to create the hanger.

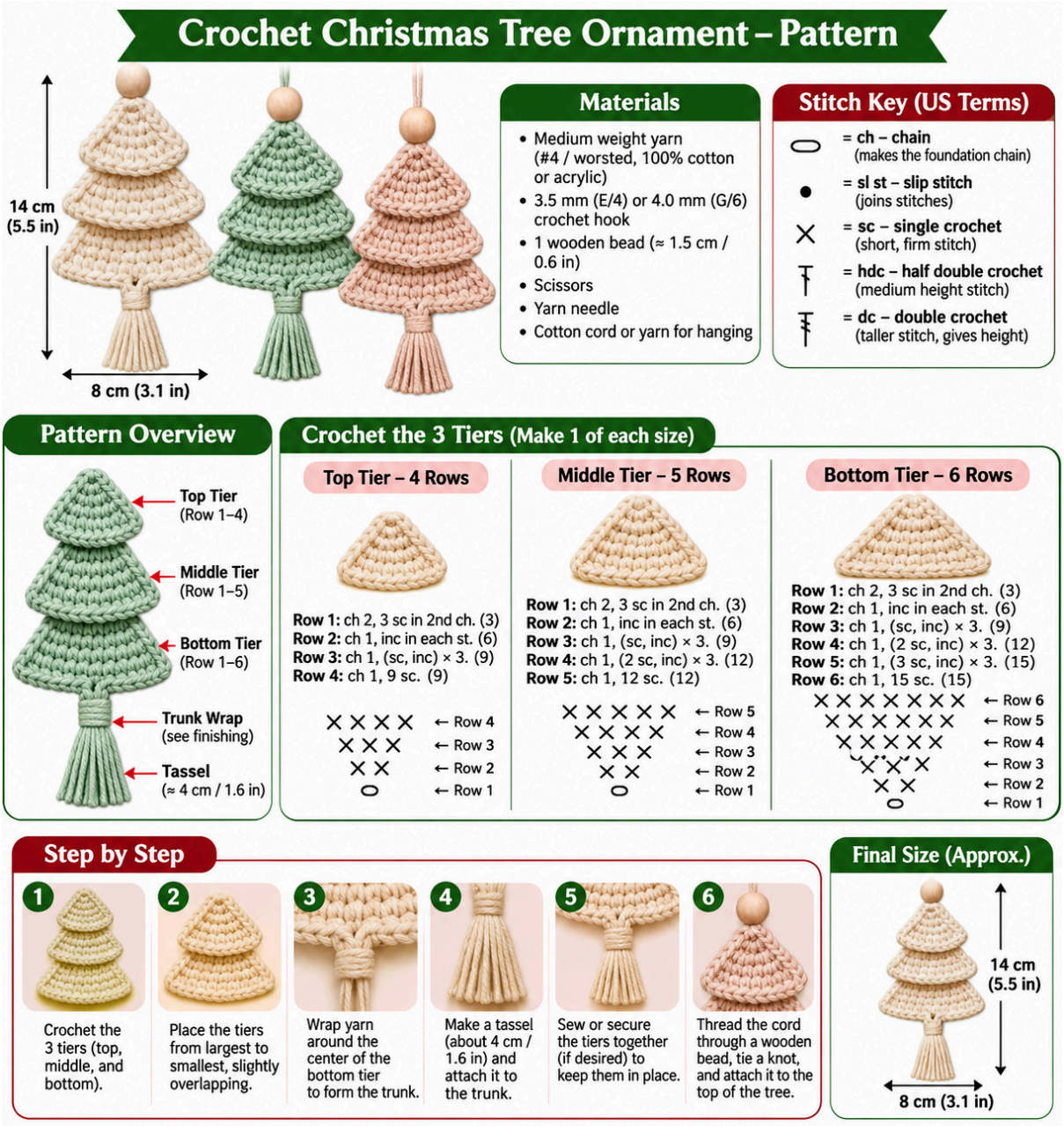
9 Finished Result



Tips for Success

- ✓ Use medium weight yarn (Worsted, #4) for the best shape.
- ✓ Keep your stitches even and firm.
- ✓ Adjust the size by adding or removing rows.
- ✓ You can add a light fabric stiffener for a crisper look.
- ✓ Make several in different colors to decorate your Christmas tree, window, or gift packages!

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

The Crochet Christmas Tree Ornament Pattern is a charming holiday project that combines simple crochet stitches, layered triangular shapes, a decorative tassel, and a wooden bead to create a beautiful handmade Christmas decoration. With its soft texture and three-dimensional appearance, this ornament

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is perfect for decorating Christmas trees, creating holiday garlands, personalizing gifts, or adding a cozy handmade touch to your home.

This beginner-friendly tutorial follows the illustrated pattern and explains every stage of the process using US crochet terminology. You will learn how to crochet three triangular tiers, assemble them into a Christmas tree shape, create a yarn tassel, and finish your ornament with a hanging loop and wooden bead.

The finished ornament measures approximately 11 cm (4.3 inches) tall without the hanger, or 17–18 cm (6.7–7.1 inches) including the tassel and hanger. Its widest section measures approximately 7.5–8 cm (3–3.1 inches). These measurements may vary depending on your yarn, hook, and tension.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Learn the Crochet Stitches 🧶

Before beginning your crochet Christmas tree ornament, prepare the following materials. The pattern uses medium-weight yarn and basic crochet stitches, making it accessible even to crocheters who have only recently learned the fundamentals.

Materials Needed

- **Medium-weight yarn (Worsted Weight, #4) in cream, sage green, beige, or your preferred Christmas colors**
- **5.0 mm crochet hook (US H/8)**
- **One wooden bead, approximately 1.5 cm (0.6 inches) in diameter**
- **Scissors**
- **Yarn needle**
- **Measuring tape**

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- Small piece of cardboard, approximately 7–8 cm (3–3.1 inches) wide, for making the tassel
- Optional fabric stiffener for a firmer finished ornament

Crochet Abbreviations – US Terms

Abbreviation	Meaning	Description
ch	Chain	Creates the foundation chain
sl st	Slip stitch	Joins stitches and finishes edges
sc	Single crochet	Creates a firm, compact fabric
hdc	Half double crochet	Produces a medium-height stitch
dc	Double crochet	Creates a taller stitch
inc	Increase	Work 2 sc into the same stitch
st / sts	Stitch / stitches	Refers to individual crochet stitches

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R	Row	Indicates the current row
FO	Fasten off	Secure and cut the yarn

Important: This pattern uses US terminology. The three triangular sections are worked in rows of single crochet, increasing at both ends to create their shape.

How to Make the Basic Stitches

Chain (ch): Make a slip knot and place it on your hook. Yarn over and pull through the loop on your hook. Repeat to create the required number of chains.

Single crochet (sc): Insert your hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over again and pull through both loops on your hook.

Slip stitch (sl st): Insert your hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over, and pull the yarn through the stitch and the loop already on your hook.

Increase (inc): Work two single crochet stitches into the same stitch. This adds one stitch to the row.

Turning chain: At the beginning of each new row, chain one and turn your work. The turning chain does not count as a stitch in this pattern.

Understanding the Layered Christmas Tree

The ornament consists of three separate crochet triangles:

1. Top tier: Four rows, approximately 5 cm (2 inches) wide.

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2. **Middle tier: Five rows, approximately 6.5 cm (2.6 inches) wide.**
3. **Bottom tier: Six rows, approximately 7.5–8 cm (3–3.1 inches) wide.**

These pieces are stacked from smallest to largest, with their pointed tops facing upward.

The bottom tier provides the widest portion of the tree, while the middle and top tiers overlap to create the appearance of layered evergreen branches.

Pattern note: The stitch counts in the illustration are intended to increase by two stitches on each shaping row. The written instructions below clarify the increases so the counts remain consistent. The illustration's first-row wording is ambiguous, so the corrected foundation method is explained in detail.

Step 2: Crochet the Top, Middle, and Bottom Triangles 🎄

The three triangles are the foundation of your ornament. Each is crocheted separately using single crochet stitches.

Work with even tension, keeping your stitches firm enough to maintain the triangular shape without making the fabric excessively stiff.

Part A: Crochet the Top Triangle (Rows 1–4)

The top triangle is the smallest tier and forms the pointed upper section of the Christmas tree.

Row 1 – Foundation

1. **Make a slip knot.**
2. **Chain 4.**
3. **Work 1 sc into the second chain from the hook.**

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4. Work 1 sc into each of the remaining 2 chains.
5. You now have 3 sc.

Stitch count: 3 sts.

Row 2 – First Increase

1. Chain 1 and turn.
2. Work 2 sc into the first stitch.
3. Work 1 sc into the next stitch.
4. Work 2 sc into the last stitch.

Stitch count: 5 sts.

Row 3 – Second Increase

1. Chain 1 and turn.
2. Work 2 sc into the first stitch.
3. Work 1 sc into each of the next 3 stitches.
4. Work 2 sc into the last stitch.

Stitch count: 7 sts.

Row 4 – Final Row

1. Chain 1 and turn.
2. Work 1 sc into each of the 7 stitches across.
3. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for assembly.

Stitch count: 7 sts.

Your top triangle is complete. It should have a narrow point and a wider bottom edge.

The illustrated pattern gives a target width of approximately 5 cm (2 inches). If your piece is smaller, gently shape it with your fingers. If it is significantly larger, check your hook size and yarn tension.

Part B: Crochet the Middle Triangle (Rows 1–5)

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The middle triangle uses the same foundation and increase technique as the top triangle but includes an additional row.

Row 1

- **Chain 4.**
- **Work 1 sc in the second chain from the hook.**
- **Work 1 sc into each remaining chain.**

Total: 3 sts.

Row 2

- **Chain 1 and turn.**
- **Work 2 sc in the first stitch.**
- **Work 1 sc in the next stitch.**
- **Work 2 sc in the last stitch.**

Total: 5 sts.

Row 3

- **Chain 1 and turn.**
- **Work 2 sc in the first stitch.**
- **Work 1 sc in each of the next 3 stitches.**
- **Work 2 sc in the last stitch.**

Total: 7 sts.

Row 4

- **Chain 1 and turn.**
- **Work 2 sc in the first stitch.**
- **Work 1 sc in each of the next 5 stitches.**
- **Work 2 sc in the last stitch.**

Total: 9 sts.

Row 5

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- **Chain 1 and turn.**
- **Work 1 sc in each stitch across.**
- **Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.**

Total: 9 sts.

The middle triangle should be slightly wider than the top triangle, with a target width of approximately 6.5 cm (2.6 inches).

Part C: Crochet the Bottom Triangle (Rows 1–6)

The bottom triangle is the largest component of your ornament. It gives the tree its full shape and provides the attachment point for the decorative tassel.

Row 1

- **Chain 4.**
- **Work 1 sc in the second chain from the hook.**
- **Work 1 sc in each remaining chain.**

Total: 3 sts.

Row 2

- **Chain 1 and turn.**
- **Work 2 sc in the first stitch.**
- **Work 1 sc in the next stitch.**
- **Work 2 sc in the last stitch.**

Total: 5 sts.

Row 3

- **Chain 1 and turn.**
- **Work 2 sc in the first stitch.**
- **Work 1 sc in each of the next 3 stitches.**
- **Work 2 sc in the last stitch.**

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Total: 7 sts.

Row 4

- **Chain 1 and turn.**
- **Work 2 sc in the first stitch.**
- **Work 1 sc in each of the next 5 stitches.**
- **Work 2 sc in the last stitch.**

Total: 9 sts.

Row 5

- **Chain 1 and turn.**
- **Work 2 sc in the first stitch.**
- **Work 1 sc in each of the next 7 stitches.**
- **Work 2 sc in the last stitch.**

Total: 11 sts.

Row 6

- **Chain 1 and turn.**
- **Work 1 sc in each of the 11 stitches across.**
- **Fasten off, leaving a long tail.**

Total: 11 sts.

Your bottom triangle is now complete.

The finished width should be approximately 7.5–8 cm (3–3.1 inches), depending on the yarn and tension.

Stitch Count Summary

Row	Top tier	Middle tier	Bottom tier

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1	3	3	3
2	5	5	5
3	7	7	7
4	7	9	9
5	—	9	11
6	—	—	11

Helpful tip: The chart's photographed pieces have a rounded, textured appearance. You can achieve a similar look by using a soft worsted-weight yarn, keeping your stitches consistent, and gently curving the lower edges during assembly.

Step 3: Add the Edging and Make the Decorative Tassel ✂️

Once you have finished all three triangles, you can add an optional single crochet edging.

The edging helps define each triangular section and creates a neater appearance when the tiers are layered together.

Part A: Optional Single Crochet Edging

Follow these instructions for each triangle.

Step 1: Hold your triangle with the right side facing you.

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Step 2: Attach the matching yarn to any corner with a slip stitch.

Step 3: Chain 1.

Step 4: Work single crochet stitches evenly around the triangle.

Along the straight foundation and final-row edges, work approximately one single crochet per stitch.

Along the sloping sides, work approximately one single crochet into the end of each row. Adjust the spacing if necessary so the edging lies flat.

Step 5: At each corner, work 2 or 3 sc into the corner space if additional stitches are needed to turn neatly.

Step 6: When you reach your starting point, join with a slip stitch.

Step 7: Fasten off and weave in the ends that will not be used for assembly.

Repeat this process for the remaining two triangles.

The edging is optional, but it helps produce the defined, slightly raised borders shown in the reference image.

Part B: Make the Yarn Tassel

The tassel creates the appearance of a small tree trunk beneath the bottom triangle.

For the illustrated design, the finished tassel should measure approximately 4–5 cm (1.6–2 inches).

Step 1 – Prepare the Cardboard

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Cut a piece of cardboard approximately 7–8 cm (3–3.1 inches) wide.

The cardboard serves as a guide for wrapping your yarn evenly.

Step 2 – Wrap the Yarn

Hold the end of your yarn against the cardboard.

Wrap the yarn around the cardboard approximately 20–25 times.

Try to keep each wrap smooth and evenly positioned.

More wraps will produce a thicker tassel, while fewer wraps will create a lighter, thinner one.

Step 3 – Secure the Top

Cut a separate piece of yarn approximately 20 cm (8 inches) long.

Slide this yarn underneath the wrapped strands near one edge of the cardboard.

Tie it tightly around the strands to secure them together.

Leave the ends long enough to help attach the tassel to the ornament.

Step 4 – Remove the Cardboard

Carefully slide the wrapped yarn off the cardboard.

You should now have a bundle of yarn loops secured at one end.

Step 5 – Form the Tassel Neck

Cut another piece of yarn approximately 15 cm (6 inches) long.

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Wrap it tightly around the tassel approximately 1 cm (0.4 inches) below the secured top.

Tie a firm knot and hide the yarn ends inside the tassel using a yarn needle.

This creates the narrow wrapped section shown beneath the Christmas tree.

Step 6 – Trim the Tassel

Use sharp scissors to cut through the loops at the bottom of the tassel.

Gently straighten the strands with your fingers.

Trim the ends evenly until the finished tassel measures approximately 4–5 cm (1.6–2 inches).

Your decorative tassel is now ready for assembly.

Step 4: Assemble the Christmas Tree, Attach the Tassel, and Add the Hanger 🎀

This final stage transforms the separate crochet pieces into a complete layered Christmas tree ornament.

Arrange the pieces on a flat surface before sewing them together. This will help you determine the best overlap and ensure that the finished tree looks balanced.

Part A: Assemble the Three Crochet Tiers

Step 1 – Position the Bottom Triangle

Place the largest triangle on your work surface with its point facing upward.

This piece will form the bottom of your Christmas tree.

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Step 2 – Position the Middle Triangle

Place the middle triangle over the upper portion of the bottom triangle.

Align the center of the middle triangle with the center of the bottom triangle.

Allow the middle tier to overlap the lower tier enough to hide the pointed upper section underneath.

Keep the lower edge of the middle triangle visible so it creates a layered branch effect.

Step 3 – Position the Top Triangle

Place the smallest triangle over the upper section of the middle triangle.

Center it carefully.

The top triangle should cover part of the middle triangle while leaving the middle tier's lower edge visible.

You should now see three distinct triangular layers, with the widest tier at the bottom.

Step 4 – Sew the Tiers Together

Thread a yarn needle with one of the long yarn tails left during crocheting.

Starting from the back of the ornament, sew the lower edge of the top triangle to the upper portion of the middle triangle.

Use small, secure stitches, catching the back loops or inner fabric where possible so the sewing remains discreet from the front.

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Repeat the same process to attach the middle triangle to the bottom triangle.

Make sure the pieces remain centered.

Step 5 – Check the Shape

Hold your ornament upright.

The three tiers should create a balanced Christmas tree silhouette.

Adjust the overlap if necessary before securing your final knots.

For a fuller appearance, allow the bottom edges of the upper tiers to project slightly forward rather than sewing every part of the triangles flat.

Part B: Attach the Tassel

The tassel should hang directly from the center of the bottom triangle.

Step 1: Locate the center of the bottom edge of the largest triangle.

Step 2: Position the top of the tassel against the back of this edge.

Step 3: Thread the tassel's long securing strands through your yarn needle.

Step 4: Sew the tassel to the center of the bottom triangle using several small stitches.

Step 5: Secure the attachment with a firm knot on the back of the ornament.

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Step 6: Weave the yarn ends into the crochet fabric and trim any excess.

The tassel should hang straight below the tree, resembling a decorative trunk.

If it appears crooked, reposition it before tightening the final stitches.

Part C: Create the Hanging Loop

The hanging loop allows you to display your ornament on a Christmas tree branch, decorative hook, or holiday garland.

Step 1 – Cut the Yarn

Cut a piece of matching yarn approximately 20–25 cm (7.9–9.8 inches) long.

Step 2 – Fold the Yarn

Fold the yarn in half so the two ends meet.

The folded section will form the top of your hanging loop.

Step 3 – Attach the Loop

Using your yarn needle or crochet hook, pass the folded yarn through the uppermost point of the top triangle.

Pull enough yarn through to form a loop of your preferred length.

Pass the two loose ends through the folded loop and tighten gently to secure it around the top stitch.

Step 4 – Add the Wooden Bead

Thread both loose yarn ends through the hole in your wooden bead.

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Slide the bead down until it rests just above the pointed top of the Christmas tree.

The bead should sit between the ornament and the hanging loop, as shown in the reference design.

Step 5 – Secure the Hanger

Adjust the hanging loop to the desired length.

Tie the loose ends together securely above the bead, using a double knot.

Trim the excess yarn, leaving a small tail, or carefully weave the ends into the knot if the yarn permits.

Your hanging loop is now complete.

Part D: Shape and Finish the Ornament

Once the tree has been assembled, gently smooth each tier with your fingers.

Check that the upper and middle tiers are centered over the bottom tier and that the tassel hangs straight.

If the ornament feels too flexible, you can use a small amount of fabric stiffener.

Apply it sparingly to the back of the crochet triangles, following the manufacturer's instructions. Avoid soaking the tassel because it should remain soft and flexible.

Lay the ornament flat on a protected surface and allow it to dry completely.

If necessary, gently reshape the tiers while the stiffener is still damp.

Part E: Final Measurements

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The reference tutorial provides the following approximate measurements:

Component	Finished measurement
Top triangle	5 cm (2 inches) wide
Middle triangle	6.5 cm (2.6 inches) wide
Bottom triangle	7.5–8 cm (3–3.1 inches) wide
Tree height without hanger	11 cm (4.3 inches)
Tassel length	4–5 cm (1.6–2 inches)
Total ornament height	17–18 cm (6.7–7.1 inches)

These dimensions are targets from the illustrated project rather than guaranteed measurements. The clarified stitch counts may produce different sizes, so measure your work and adjust your tension or hook size if needed.

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Tips for a Beautiful Finished Ornament ✨

Choose soft, medium-weight yarn. Worsted-weight yarn provides enough structure for the triangles while maintaining a pleasant handmade texture.

Keep your stitches even. Consistent tension is especially important when making three separate pieces that must fit together.

Use complementary Christmas colors. Cream, sage green, and beige create a soft, elegant appearance. You can also use traditional red, green, and white or experiment with gold, silver, and pastel shades.

Center every layer carefully. The overlapping triangles create the Christmas tree effect, so proper alignment makes a noticeable difference.

Avoid overstuffing or over-stiffening. This ornament is designed with flat crocheted triangles that overlap to create depth. It does not require stuffing.

Secure the tassel and hanger firmly. Reinforce these attachment points so the ornament remains durable when handled or displayed.

Make a matching collection. Crochet several trees in different colors and hang them together for a coordinated holiday display.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this crochet Christmas tree ornament suitable for beginners?

Yes. The pattern uses basic chain, single crochet, increase, and slip stitches. Beginners should be comfortable working in rows and counting stitches before attempting the assembly.

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Can I use a different yarn weight?

Yes. You can use lighter or heavier yarn, but the finished dimensions will change. Choose a crochet hook appropriate for your yarn and aim for a firm, even fabric.

Why are my triangles curling?

Curling can occur when your tension is too tight or your edging contains too few stitches. Try loosening your tension, using a slightly larger hook, or adding stitches around the corners.

How can I make the tree look more three-dimensional?

Overlap the triangles so their lower edges remain slightly raised. Sew mainly through the upper portions of the layers instead of flattening the entire ornament.

Can I make the ornament without a tassel?

Absolutely. You can omit the tassel and use the tree as a simple hanging appliqué, gift decoration, or garland component.

Can I wash the finished ornament?

If you have used washable yarn and no fabric stiffener, gentle handwashing may be possible. However, wooden beads and stiffening products may require special care. Always follow the care instructions for your materials.

How can I make a larger Christmas tree?

You can use thicker yarn and a larger hook or add more increase rows to each triangle. Keep the middle triangle larger than the top triangle and the bottom triangle larger than the middle triangle to preserve the layered shape.

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Conclusion 🎄

Your Crochet Christmas Tree Ornament is now complete!

By following the illustrated tutorial, you have created three crocheted triangular tiers, added optional decorative edging, made a soft yarn tassel, assembled the layered tree, and finished it with a wooden bead and hanging loop.

This handmade ornament is a lovely way to decorate your Christmas tree, personalize holiday packages, or create thoughtful gifts for family and friends.

Experiment with different yarn colors and make a collection of crochet Christmas tree ornaments to bring warmth, texture, and handmade charm to your holiday decorations.