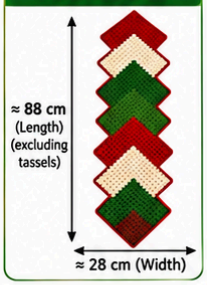
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Finished Size



Materials



- Worsted weight yarn (#4 – Medium)
- Colors: Red, Green, Cream (or your choice)
- Crochet hook: 5.0 mm (H/8)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Optional: tassel maker (or cardboard)

Stitch Key (US Terms)



ch – chain (make a chain; foundation and turning chain)



sl st – slip stitch (join stitches, move without adding height)



dc – double crochet (yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through last 2 loops)



granny cluster (gr) = 3 dc in same st (or space)

Color Sequence (from one end to the other)



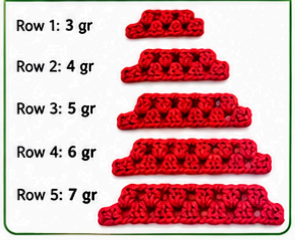
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Row Section 2 – Cream
Row Section 3 – Green
Row Section 4 – Green
Row Section 5 – Red
Row Section 6 – Cream
Row Section 7 – Green
Row Section 8 – Green
Row Section 9 – Red

Row Section (Repeat)



- Each section is worked with granny stitch (3 dc clusters).
- Increase 1 granny cluster at the beginning and at the end of each new row to create the zigzag shape.
- The height of each section is 5 rows.

Zigzag Shape – How It Grows



Step-by-Step Instructions

1 Make the First Section (Red)



- Ch 6 (counts as 3 dc + ch 3).
- **Row 1:** 3 dc in 4th ch from hook, ch 3, turn. (3 gr)
- **Row 2:** 3 dc in ch-3 space, 3 dc in next space, ch 3, turn. (4 gr).
- **Row 3:** 5 gr. **Row 4:** 6 gr.
- **Row 5:** 7 gr. **Fasten off.**

2 Change Color (Cream)



- Join cream yarn in the last ch-3 space of the previous section.
- Repeat the same increase pattern for 5 rows (7 → 6 → 5 → 4 → 3 gr).
- You will now be decreasing to create the opposite slope.

3 Make the Green Sections



- Join green yarn and work 5 rows increasing (3 → 7 gr).
- Work another 5 rows decreasing (7 → 3 gr).
- Repeat this for the second green section (two green blocks in a row).

4 Repeat the Color Sequence



- Continue repeating the sequence: Red → Cream → Green → Green → Red → Cream → Green → Green → Red.
- Keep the same increase and decrease pattern (5 rows up and 5 rows down for each section).

5 Edging



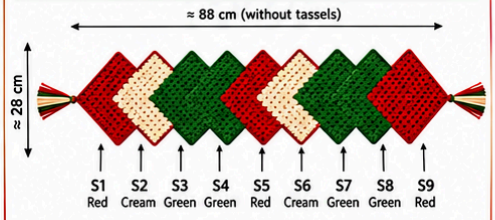
- Join red yarn at any corner.
- Work 1 round of sc (single crochet) all around the table runner, placing 3 sc in each corner.
- Sl st to join and fasten off.

6 Make the Tassels



1. Wrap each color of yarn (red, cream and green) around a 12 cm piece of cardboard about 20–25 times.
3. Trim the ends evenly (≈ 10–12 cm) and tie a 20 cm piece of each yarn at the top.
4. Attach a tassel to each end of the runner.

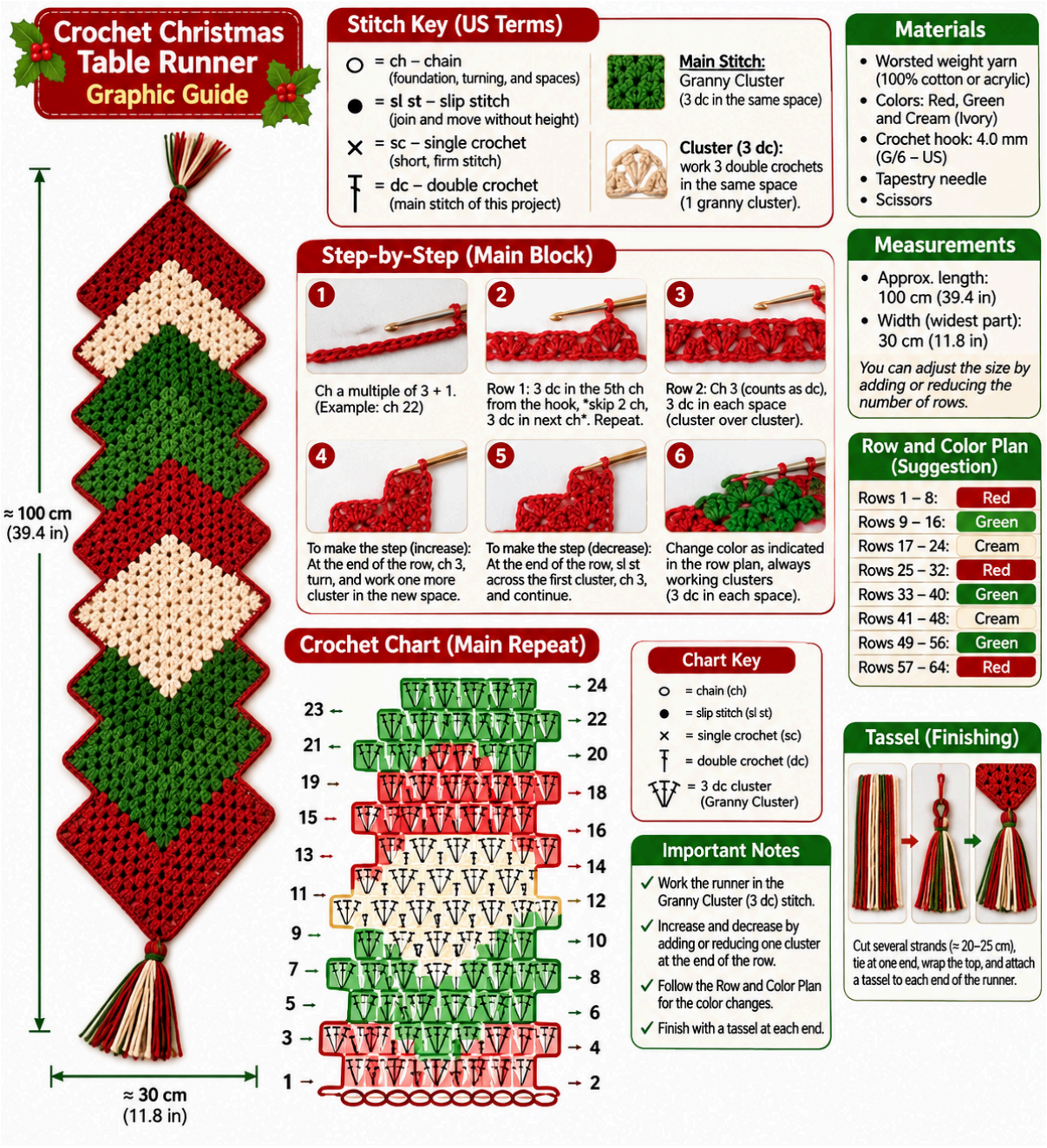
Complete Runner – Section Map



Final Tips ✨

- ✔ Use worsted weight cotton or acrylic yarn for better structure.
- ✔ Keep a consistent tension for a neat finish.
- ✔ You can adjust the size by adding or removing sections.
- ✔ Block lightly if needed to keep the shape flat.
- ✔ This design is perfect for Christmas décor, gift giving, or a festive table setting!

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Crochet Christmas Table Runner – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial 🎄

The Crochet Christmas Table Runner is a beautiful holiday decoration featuring a zigzag design, traditional Christmas colors, textured granny clusters, and decorative tassels. Combining red, cream, and green yarn, this festive project

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creates a charming handmade centerpiece that brings warmth and personality to your Christmas table.

This complete tutorial follows the design, color sequence, stitch instructions, and construction methods illustrated in the reference chart. You will learn how to crochet each section, increase and decrease granny clusters, change yarn colors, create the zigzag shape, add a decorative border, and finish the runner with colorful tassels.

The project uses US crochet terminology and basic stitches, making it suitable for adventurous beginners and intermediate crocheters. Although the finished runner looks intricate, its construction relies on repeating a simple granny-cluster pattern.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Prepare Your Workspace 🧶

Before beginning your Christmas crochet table runner, gather the materials needed to complete the project.

Materials

- **Worsted weight yarn (#4 medium) in Christmas red, forest green, and cream.**
- **5.0 mm crochet hook (US H/8).**
- **Yarn needle for weaving in ends.**
- **Sharp scissors.**
- **Stitch markers (optional).**
- **Measuring tape.**
- **A piece of cardboard approximately 12 cm long for making tassels.**
- **Blocking pins and a blocking mat (optional).**

Finished Measurements

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According to the reference chart, the approximate finished dimensions are:

- **Length: 88 cm (34.6 inches), excluding tassels.**
- **Width: 28 cm (11 inches).**
- **Tassel length: Approximately 10–12 cm (4–4.7 inches).**

The final measurements may vary depending on your yarn, crochet tension, and blocking.

Understanding the Construction

The table runner is made from nine connected color sections. Each section is crocheted in rows using groups of three double crochet stitches, commonly called granny clusters.

The distinctive zigzag shape is created by increasing the number of granny clusters during the first five rows of the initial section, then alternating increases and decreases in subsequent sections.

Instead of making separate squares and sewing them together, the sections are worked continuously, changing yarn colors at the appropriate points.

This method produces a connected strip with decorative diagonal edges.

Step 2: Learn the Crochet Stitches and Abbreviations

The entire project uses a small selection of basic crochet stitches.

Crochet Stitch Key – US Terms

Abbreviation	Meaning

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ch	**Chain**
sl st	**Slip stitch**
sc	**Single crochet**
dc	**Double crochet**
gr	**Granny cluster (3 dc)**
ch-3 sp	**Chain-3 space**
st	**Stitch**
sp	**Space**
RS	**Right side**
WS	**Wrong side**
rep	**Repeat**

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FO **Fasten off**

Chain Stitch (ch)

Make a slip knot and place it on your crochet hook.

Yarn over and pull the yarn through the loop on your hook.

Repeat to create the desired number of chain stitches.

Chains form the foundation of the project and are also used for turning at the beginning of rows.

Slip Stitch (sl st)

Insert the hook into the designated stitch.

Yarn over and pull the yarn through the stitch and the loop already on your hook.

A slip stitch is used to join yarn and finish the edging without adding noticeable height.

Double Crochet (dc)

1. **Yarn over.**
2. **Insert the hook into the designated stitch or space.**
3. **Yarn over and pull up a loop.**
4. **Yarn over and pull through two loops.**
5. **Yarn over again and pull through the remaining two loops.**

Granny Cluster (gr)

A granny cluster consists of three double crochet stitches worked into the same stitch or space.

To make one granny cluster:

1. **Work 1 dc into the designated space.**

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2. Work another dc into the same space.
3. Work a third dc into that space.

These three stitches form one cluster.

The clusters create the raised, textured appearance visible throughout the table runner.

Important pattern note: The reference chart specifies cluster counts and the increase/decrease sequence but does not fully illustrate every stitch placement for the transition rows. The detailed instructions below provide a consistent working interpretation of the chart. Make a small sample first to confirm that the diagonal edges match the intended shape.

Step 3: Understand the Christmas Color Sequence

The runner follows a repeating arrangement of red, cream, and green sections.

Each section contains five rows.

Complete Color Arrangement

Section	Yarn color	Row direction
1	Red	Increasing
2	Cream	Decreasing
3	Green	Increasing

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4	**Green**	**Decreasing**
5	**Red**	**Increasing**
6	**Cream**	**Decreasing**
7	**Green**	**Increasing**
8	**Green**	**Decreasing**
9	**Red**	**Increasing, then finish**

The chart displays the color arrangement as:

Red → Cream → Green → Green → Red → Cream → Green → Green → Red

The repeated green sections give the runner a rich Christmas-tree-inspired appearance, while the cream sections provide contrast.

The red sections create bold festive accents at both ends and near the center.

Before beginning, arrange your yarn in this order to make the color changes easier.

Step 4: Crochet the First Red Section

The first section establishes the initial triangular shape.

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You will begin with three granny clusters and increase by one cluster in every new row until you have seven clusters.

Foundation Chain

Using red yarn:

Ch 6.

The chart treats this foundation as the equivalent of three chains for the first double crochet and three additional chains for the foundation space.

Row 1 – Three Granny Clusters

1. **Work 3 dc into the fourth chain from the hook.**
2. **Ch 3.**
3. **Turn your work.**

The chart labels this foundation row as 3 gr. For a consistent three-cluster foundation, work the additional clusters into the available foundation space as needed, spacing them evenly. The chart's abbreviated Row 1 instruction alone does not account for all three clusters.

At the end of this foundation stage, aim for three visible granny clusters.

Row 2 – Four Granny Clusters

1. **Ch 3 and turn.**
2. **Work a granny cluster into the first available cluster space.**
3. **Continue working granny clusters across the row.**
4. **Add one extra granny cluster at the increasing edge.**
5. **Finish with four granny clusters.**

The chart describes this increase using granny clusters in chain spaces and a final additional cluster.

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Row 3 – Five Granny Clusters

1. Ch 3 and turn.
2. Work granny clusters into the spaces between the clusters from the previous row.
3. Add one extra cluster at the increasing edge.
4. Finish with five granny clusters.

Row 4 – Six Granny Clusters

Repeat the established increase pattern.

You should now have six granny clusters.

Row 5 – Seven Granny Clusters

Repeat the same increase method one more time.

You should now have seven granny clusters.

The first red section should form a gradually widening, diagonal-edged shape.

Fasten off the red yarn, leaving a tail long enough to weave into the stitches.

First section – cluster progression

Row 1

3 gr

Row 2

4 gr

Row 3

5 gr

Row 4

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6 gr

Row 5

7 gr

Simplified cluster-count illustration, not a stitch-placement chart.

Step 5: Change to Cream Yarn and Crochet the Second Section

The second section creates the opposite slope of the zigzag.

Instead of increasing, you will decrease the number of granny clusters from seven to three over five rows.

Joining the Cream Yarn

1. **Place the red section with the working edge facing you.**
2. **Insert your hook into the last chain-3 space of the red section.**
3. **Attach cream yarn with a slip stitch.**
4. **Ch 3 to begin the new row.**

Row 1 – Seven Granny Clusters

Work seven granny clusters across the available spaces, maintaining the width of the previous section.

Row 2 – Six Granny Clusters

1. **Ch 3 and turn.**
2. **Skip the first cluster position at the decreasing edge.**
3. **Work granny clusters across the remaining spaces.**
4. **Finish with six granny clusters.**

Row 3 – Five Granny Clusters

Repeat the decrease method.

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You should now have five granny clusters.

Row 4 – Four Granny Clusters

Decrease by one cluster again.

Finish with four granny clusters.

Row 5 – Three Granny Clusters

Work the final decreasing row.

Finish with three granny clusters.

Fasten off the cream yarn.

The red and cream sections should now form the first zigzag transition.

Helpful tip: Keep the decrease on the appropriate outside edge of the runner so the fabric slopes in the opposite direction from the red section. If the edge begins to curve or ripple, check your cluster count before continuing.

Step 6: Crochet the First Green Section

The third section introduces the first large green area.

This section uses the same increase pattern as the first red section.

Joining the Green Yarn

Attach green yarn at the end of the cream section using a slip stitch.

Ch 3 and turn.

Green Section – Five Increasing Rows

Follow this progression:

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- **Row 1: 3 granny clusters.**
- **Row 2: 4 granny clusters.**
- **Row 3: 5 granny clusters.**
- **Row 4: 6 granny clusters.**
- **Row 5: 7 granny clusters.**

Work each cluster into the appropriate space from the previous row.

Increase at the outer edge to create the next diagonal.

After completing Row 5, fasten off only if you prefer to rejoin the yarn for the next section. Since Section 4 also uses green yarn, you can continue without cutting it.

Step 7: Crochet the Second Green Section

This section continues the green color but changes the direction of the zigzag.

You will now decrease from seven granny clusters to three.

Green Decreasing Rows

Row 1: Work 7 granny clusters.

Row 2: Decrease to 6 granny clusters.

Row 3: Decrease to 5 granny clusters.

Row 4: Decrease to 4 granny clusters.

Row 5: Decrease to 3 granny clusters.

The two consecutive green sections create a larger green section within the table runner.

Make sure the stitches remain evenly spaced and the edges stay flat.

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At the end of Row 5, fasten off the green yarn and prepare to join red yarn.

Step 8: Crochet the Center Red Section

The fifth section creates the central red accent.

Attach red yarn and repeat the five-row increasing pattern.

Red Section – Increasing Pattern

Row	Granny clusters
1	3
2	4
3	5
4	6
5	7

This section should resemble the first red section in both shape and texture.

Try to maintain the same tension used in the previous sections.

If the stitches are noticeably tighter or looser, the zigzag may become uneven.

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After completing five rows, fasten off the red yarn.

Step 9: Crochet the Second Cream Section

Attach cream yarn at the end of the center red section.

Repeat the same five-row decrease sequence used in Section 2.

Cream Section – Decreasing Pattern

- **Row 1: 7 granny clusters.**
- **Row 2: 6 granny clusters.**
- **Row 3: 5 granny clusters.**
- **Row 4: 4 granny clusters.**
- **Row 5: 3 granny clusters.**

The cream yarn creates another light-colored diagonal band between the red and green sections.

When finished, compare this section with the first cream section.

Both should have approximately the same width, height, and cluster density.

Fasten off the cream yarn.

Step 10: Crochet the Final Two Green Sections

Sections 7 and 8 repeat the same construction used in Sections 3 and 4.

Section 7 – Green Increasing

Attach green yarn.

Work five rows using the following cluster counts:

3 → 4 → 5 → 6 → 7

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This creates the increasing diagonal.

Section 8 – Green Decreasing

Continue with the same green yarn.

Work another five rows using:

7 → 6 → 5 → 4 → 3

This creates the opposite diagonal and completes the final green area.

The table runner should now have a balanced arrangement of red, cream, and green sections.

Check that the green areas on both sides of the center red section are visually similar.

Step 11: Crochet the Final Red Section

The ninth section completes the decorative body of the runner.

Attach red yarn at the end of Section 8.

Work five increasing rows:

1. **Row 1: 3 granny clusters.**
2. **Row 2: 4 granny clusters.**
3. **Row 3: 5 granny clusters.**
4. **Row 4: 6 granny clusters.**
5. **Row 5: 7 granny clusters.**

Fasten off after completing the final row.

Lay the runner flat on a table and gently arrange the zigzag edges.

You should now have nine connected sections.

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Complete Section Map

Color and section order from the reference graphic. The diamonds are schematic representations rather than exact stitch outlines.

The completed body should measure approximately 88 cm long and 28 cm wide, excluding tassels, when your gauge matches the reference.

Step 12: Add the Red Crochet Edging

The red border creates a clean, decorative outline and helps visually connect all nine sections.

Joining the Border Yarn

1. **Place the runner with the right side facing up.**
2. **Attach red yarn at any corner using a slip stitch.**
3. **Ch 1.**
4. **Begin working single crochet stitches around the entire outer edge.**

Working Along the Edges

Work one single crochet into each suitable stitch along the top and bottom edges.

When crocheting along the sides of double crochet rows, distribute the stitches evenly so the border lies flat.

The reference chart specifies placing 3 sc in each corner.

At each outer corner or prominent zigzag point, work three single crochet stitches into the corner space to help the edging turn smoothly.

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At inward zigzag corners, avoid adding too many stitches. If necessary, skip a stitch or reduce the number of stitches to prevent bunching.

Continue around the entire runner.

Closing the Border

When you return to the starting point:

1. **Insert the hook into the first single crochet.**
2. **Join with a slip stitch.**
3. **Cut the yarn, leaving a tail.**
4. **Pull the tail through the final loop.**
5. **Tighten gently.**

Use a yarn needle to weave the remaining yarn tail into the back of the border.

The finished edging should follow the zigzag shape without pulling or curling.

Step 13: Make the Christmas Tassels 🎀

The reference design includes two decorative tassels, one at each end of the table runner.

Each tassel combines red, green, and cream yarn.

Prepare the Tassel Materials

You will need:

- **Red yarn.**
- **Green yarn.**
- **Cream yarn.**
- **Scissors.**
- **A piece of cardboard approximately 12 cm long.**
- **Additional yarn for tying and attaching the tassels.**

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Wrap the Yarn

1. Hold the three yarn colors together or alternate them as you wrap.
2. Wrap the yarn around the cardboard approximately 20–25 times.
3. Keep the strands evenly aligned.
4. Avoid pulling the yarn too tightly around the cardboard.

The more times you wrap, the fuller the tassel will become.

Tie the Top

Cut a separate piece of yarn approximately 20 cm long.

Slide it beneath the wrapped yarn at one end of the cardboard.

Tie a secure double knot around the strands.

This forms the top attachment point.

Cut the Loops

Carefully slide the wrapped yarn off the cardboard.

Use scissors to cut the loops at the opposite end from the top knot.

Allow the strands to hang freely.

Shape the Tassel Head

Cut another piece of red or green yarn.

Wrap it several times around the tassel approximately 1–2 cm below the top.

Tie a secure knot.

This creates the rounded tassel head.

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Trim the Tassel

Hold the tassel upright and trim the ends evenly.

Aim for a finished length of approximately 10–12 cm.

Repeat the entire process to make a second matching tassel.

Step 14: Attach the Tassels to the Runner

Place the runner on a flat surface.

Identify the center point at each short end.

Thread the long attachment strands of the first tassel through a yarn needle.

Pass the needle through the stitches at one end of the runner.

Tie a secure knot on the back.

Weave the remaining strands through several stitches to prevent the tassel from loosening.

Repeat at the opposite end with the second tassel.

Make sure both tassels hang in the same direction and are approximately equal in length.

For a professional finish, hide the attachment knots inside the crochet stitches whenever possible.

Step 15: Weave in the Ends and Block the Runner

Finishing is an important part of creating a neat, attractive crochet table runner.

Weave in Loose Yarn Ends

Turn the runner over to the wrong side.

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Thread each loose yarn tail through a yarn needle.

Weave the yarn through several stitches of the same color.

Change direction once or twice to help secure the ends.

Trim any excess yarn.

Avoid cutting the tails too close to the stitches.

Lightly Block the Runner

Blocking can help the table runner maintain its shape and improve the appearance of the zigzag edges.

Follow the care instructions for your yarn.

For washable cotton yarn, lightly dampen the runner and gently shape it on a blocking mat.

For acrylic yarn, use gentle shaping and avoid excessive heat.

Arrange each diagonal point so the design looks balanced.

Use rustproof blocking pins if necessary.

Allow the runner to dry completely before removing it from the blocking surface.

Do not stretch the fabric excessively, as this may distort the granny clusters.

Step 16: Check the Finished Christmas Table Runner

Before using the runner, inspect the entire project.

Final Project Checklist

All nine color sections are complete

Each section contains five rows

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Granny-cluster counts follow the increase/decrease sequence

The red edging surrounds the entire runner

Both tassels are securely attached

All yarn ends are woven in

The runner lies flat and has been shaped

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Reset

Your finished runner should feature a festive combination of red, cream, and green granny-cluster sections, pointed zigzag edges, a red single crochet border, and a multicolored tassel at each end.

Helpful Tips for a Beautiful Finished Result ✨

Maintain consistent tension. The granny clusters should be similar in height and width throughout the runner. Uneven tension can cause the sections to become distorted.

Count your clusters after every row. Since the pattern depends on increasing and decreasing, accurate stitch counts are especially important.

Change colors neatly. Secure the previous yarn before beginning the next section. Keep loose ends on the wrong side whenever possible.

Use yarn with good structure. Worsted weight cotton or acrylic yarn is suitable for this design. Cotton often produces a firmer fabric, while acrylic can feel softer.

Adjust the finished length. To create a longer runner, repeat complete groups of the established color sections, maintaining

the increase and decrease sequence. Measure your work regularly.

Protect the runner from heat. Crochet yarn is decorative and should not be placed directly beneath hot cookware or exposed to candles with open flames.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this crochet Christmas table runner suitable for beginners?

Yes, for beginners who already understand chains, double crochet, and basic color changes. The main challenge is maintaining the correct number of granny clusters during increases and decreases.

What type of yarn works best?

Worsted weight (#4 medium) cotton or acrylic yarn is a practical choice. Cotton offers good stitch definition and structure, while acrylic is often economical and easy to care for.

Can I use different Christmas colors?

Absolutely. You can replace cream with white, use burgundy instead of bright red, or combine emerald green with gold-colored yarn. Keep the same section order to preserve the design.

How can I make the runner longer?

Add additional sections following the same five-row increase and decrease pattern. For a symmetrical appearance, plan the colors and final section direction before adding rows.

Why are my zigzag edges curling?

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Curling may result from tight tension, uneven cluster placement, or too many or too few border stitches. Check your row counts, adjust your hook size if needed, and block the finished piece gently.

Can I make the runner without tassels?

Yes. The tassels are optional decorations. The runner will still have a finished appearance with the red border alone.

How do I wash the finished runner?

Follow the washing instructions for the yarn you used. Gentle washing in cool water and drying flat are generally good choices for handmade crochet items.

Conclusion 🎄

The Crochet Christmas Table Runner is a festive handmade project that combines traditional holiday colors with the timeless texture of granny clusters. By following the nine-section color sequence, practicing the increase and decrease pattern, and finishing the edges carefully, you can create a decorative runner inspired by the reference design.

The combination of red, cream, and green yarn makes this project especially suitable for Christmas dining tables, holiday sideboards, and seasonal home decorations. The optional tassels add a playful finishing touch.

Once you become comfortable with the construction, you can experiment with different color combinations, longer arrangements, or coordinating crochet decorations.

Enjoy creating your handmade Christmas table runner and adding a personal touch to your holiday celebrations! ❤️💚