Crochet Christmas Star

A navy-and-ivory keepsake with a flower, heart and miniature trees



PRINTABLE STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

US crochet terminology
Measurements in centimeters
Skill level: confident beginner / intermediate

Target size
Star: approximately 18-20 cm wide.
Complete hanging: approximately 32-38 cm tall.

Original 3D illustration of the finished arrangement; small details may vary.

About this pattern

This is an original, photo-inspired reconstruction, not the source maker's verified pattern. The written counts are designed for this version; the sample has not been physically test-crocheted. Make one component first and check its size before making its pair.

The star uses two matching panels, five individually worked points and a cream joining border. Eight separate petals form the central flower. A stuffed heart, two tiered trees, ribbon and bells complete the ornament.

Before you begin

Read the full guide once. Pages 2-3 cover setup and the star; pages 4-7 cover joining and the smaller pieces; pages 8-9 cover assembly and finishing. The supplied diagram is reproduced alone on page 10, apart from the requested footer.

The final diagram is a visual reference, not a validated stitch-by-stitch chart for this reconstruction. Follow the written rounds and counts in this guide whenever the diagram or a 3D illustration differs.

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01 Materials & techniques

Gather the supplies, make a swatch and learn the stitch language

Supply	Suggested quantity / size
Yarn	Smooth DK cotton or cotton blend: navy 60-80 g; ivory 40-60 g. Allow extra for swatches.
Hooks	3.5 mm for star and petals; 3.0 mm for heart and trees. Adjust to achieve dense, flexible fabric.
Finishing	Tapestry needle, stitch markers, scissors, ruler, pins, blocking mat; a small amount of polyester filling.
Decoration	Three bells, 1.5-2 cm; 8-12 sew-on pearl beads; 80 cm of 2.5 cm-wide ribbon; about 2 m of strong gold cord; optional faux greenery.

Gauge and sizing

Working targets: 20 dc and 10 rows = 10 cm for the star; about 22 sc and 24 rows = 10 cm for the small pieces. Make a 12 cm swatch, wash and dry it, then measure the middle 10 cm. Use a larger hook if there are too many stitches; a smaller hook if there are too few. Yarn and tension will change the finished size.

US abbreviations

ch chain; sl st slip stitch; sc single crochet; hdc half double crochet; dc double crochet; tr treble crochet; st(s) stitch(es); MR magic ring; inc 2 sc in one stitch; dec single crochet 2 stitches together; R round. Numbers in parentheses are stitch totals.

sc: Insert hook, yarn over and pull up a loop; yarn over and pull through both loops. dc: Yarn over, insert hook and pull up a loop; yarn over and pull through 2 loops twice. hdc: Yarn over, insert hook and pull up a loop; yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. tr: Yarn over twice; pull up a loop, then yarn over and pull through 2 loops three times.

Decrease: For flat rows, pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. For stuffed pieces, use the front loops of the next 2 stitches for a tidier invisible decrease. Turning chains never count as stitches in this guide.

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02 Make the star panels

Navy yarn • 3.5 mm hook • make two identical panels



3D construction view: a central disk supports five tapered points.

Construction
Work the center in joined dc rounds. Divide the final 60 stitches into five groups of 12. Work one point over each group in turned sc rows.

Mark the first stitch of every group before starting the points.

Center: joined rounds

R1: Make an MR, ch 2, work 12 dc into the ring. Tighten and sl st to the first dc. (12)
R2: Ch 2, 2 dc in each st; join. (24)
R3: Ch 2, [dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] 12 times; join. (36)
R4: Ch 2, [dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 12 times; join. (48)
R5: Ch 2, [dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st] 12 times; join. (60)

Point 1: work across the first 12 stitches

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in next 12 sts. (12) Turn.
Row 2: Ch 1, dec, sc 8, dec. (10) Turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc 10. (10) Turn.
Row 4: Ch 1, dec, sc 6, dec. (8) Turn.
Row 5: Ch 1, sc 8. (8) Turn.
Row 6: Ch 1, dec, sc 4, dec. (6) Turn.
Row 7: Ch 1, sc 6. (6) Turn.
Row 8: Ch 1, dec, sc 2, dec. (4) Turn.
Row 9: Ch 1, dec twice. (2) Turn.
Row 10: Ch 1, dec. (1) Fasten off, leaving a 15 cm tail.

Points 2-5: With the same side facing you each time, join navy to the first unused center stitch. Repeat rows 1-10 over the next group of 12. All 60 center stitches must be used exactly once. Repeat the complete panel for the back.

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03 Shape & join the star

Block both panels before adding the ivory border



Checkpoint
Two panels, five points each.
Both panels should be the same size.
Target blocked width: 18-20 cm.

A flat double layer is enough; stuffing the star is optional.

Align matching points, then join both layers with an ivory sc seam.

1. Block to a matching shape

Weave in all navy tails securely on the wrong side. Dampen the panels according to the yarn label and lay them flat. Pin the five tips evenly around the center, with one point facing up. Match the second panel to the first. Let both dry fully; do not stretch one panel more than the other.

2. Prepare the seam

Place the wrong sides together and clip all five tips and valleys. Join ivory through both layers in a valley. Work through corresponding edge loops on both panels. Begin with about 1 sc per sc row end along the sloping sides; distribute the stitches evenly rather than forcing a fixed edge count.

3. Crochet the border

Work sc up a point, then (sc, ch 2, sc) into its tip. Continue down the next side. At the valley, work a sc decrease across the last edge stitch of one slope and the first of the next. Repeat around all five points. Keep the seam relaxed so it lies flat. Sl st to the first sc, fasten off and hide the tail inside.

If using filling, leave one short side open, add only a thin layer, then close it. If the border curls inward, loosen your tension or add an edge stitch where it pulls. If it ripples, remove a few edge stitches. A light final damp block helps even the outline.

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04 Make the ivory flower

Four large petals + four small petals + one center disk



Target sizes
Large petal: about 5-6 cm long.
Small petal: about 4-5 cm long.
Finished flower: about 9-11 cm across.

Work around both sides of each foundation chain.

Arrange separate petals in an eight-point flower before sewing.

Small petal: make 4

Ch 10. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work this sequence into the next 8 chains: sc, hdc, dc, tr, tr, dc, hdc, sc. In the final chain work (sc, ch 2, sc) to form a pointed tip. Rotate the chain; do not turn the piece over. Along the unused side of the next 8 chains work sc, hdc, dc, tr, tr, dc, hdc, sc. Sl st to the first sc. (18 stitches plus the ch-2 tip.) Leave a 20 cm sewing tail.

Large petal: make 4

Ch 12. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work into the next 10 chains: sc, hdc, dc, dc, tr, tr, dc, dc, hdc, sc. Work (sc, ch 2, sc) in the final chain. Rotate and repeat the 10-stitch sequence on the unused side of the chain. Sl st to the first sc. (22 stitches plus the ch-2 tip.) Leave a sewing tail.

Center and layering

For the center disk, work 6 sc in an MR; next round, inc in each st. (12) Sl st and fasten off. Block the petals flat, gently shaping their tips. Sew the four large petal bases to the back edge of the disk in a cross. Sew the four small bases between them, slightly nearer the front, to make eight visible points.

Sew the flower to the front star panel through its center and petal bases; leave the tips free for dimension. Add securely stitched pearl beads at the center, or embroider French knots for a bead-free version. Do not use glue as the only attachment.

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05 Crochet the heart

Navy yarn • 3.0 mm hook • continuous rounds





Target size
Approximately 4-5 cm wide and 4-5 cm tall.

Use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round. Do not join rounds unless directed. Stuff lightly so the stitches stay closed.

Join two small cups to form the lobes, then decrease to the lower point.

Make two lobes

R1: 6 sc in an MR. (6)
R2: Inc in each st. (12)
R3: Sc in each st. (12)
Fasten off the first lobe with a 20 cm tail. Make the second lobe in the same way but do not cut the working yarn.

Join the lobes and shape the body

R4: With both openings facing up, sc into the first stitch of the first lobe. Work all 12 stitches around that lobe, then all 12 stitches around the second. (24) This makes one continuous outer round. Use the first lobe's tail to close the small gap between the lobes.
R5: Sc around. (24)
R6: [Sc 2, dec] 6 times. (18)
R7: Sc around. (18)
R8: [Sc 1, dec] 6 times. (12)
R9: Sc around. (12) Add a little filling to the lobes and body.
R10: Dec 6 times. (6)

Close and prepare for hanging

Cut a 20 cm tail. Thread it through the front loops of the remaining 6 stitches, pull closed and bury the end. Pinch the top cleft gently to define the heart. Sew a gold hanging cord through several stitches at the cleft. For the bell below, attach a separate cord through several stitches near the bottom; do not rely on the closing tail alone.

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06 Build two tiered trees

Ivory yarn • 3.0 mm hook • three nested cones per tree



3D exploded view: small, medium and large cones sit over a short trunk.

Target size
Each tree: about 5-6 cm tall and 3.5-4.5 cm wide.

For two trees, make two cones of each size and two trunks. Work each cone from the tip down in continuous sc rounds.

Shared cone instructions

R1: 6 sc in an MR. (6)
R2: Sc around. (6)
R3: [Sc 1, inc] 3 times. (9)
R4: [Sc 2, inc] 3 times. (12)
R5: [Sc 3, inc] 3 times. (15)
R6: [Sc 4, inc] 3 times. (18)
R7: [Sc 5, inc] 3 times. (21)
R8: [Sc 6, inc] 3 times. (24)
R9: [Sc 7, inc] 3 times. (27)

Small cone: Stop after R5. Medium cone: Stop after R7. Large cone: Stop after R9. For each cone, add a final round of sc through back loops only, with no increases. Sl st to the next stitch, fasten off and leave a 25 cm sewing tail. Keep the bottom open.

Trunk and assembly

Trunk R1: 6 sc in an MR. R2: inc around. (12) R3-R5: sc around. (12) Add a small pinch of filling, then R6: dec 6 times. (6) Close as for the heart. The trunk should be about 1.5-2 cm tall.

Nest the medium cone over the large cone and the small cone over the medium. Leave about 0.8-1 cm of each lower tier visible. Sew through their upper sections so the flared lower edges stay free. Stitch the trunk inside the bottom cone, leaving about 1 cm visible. Pass a hanging cord through the tops of all three cones and secure it inside.

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07 Assemble the ornament

Lay out all five strands before securing the knots



Use a flat work surface
Place the star with one point up. Center the flower, then balance the hanging pieces below it.

Keep the left and right sides symmetrical. Adjust cord lengths before tying permanent knots.

Assembly reference: two outer bells, two trees and a central heart-and-bell strand.

Strand	Suggested exposed drop below star
Outer left + outer right	Bell top about 4-5 cm below its attachment point.
Inner left + inner right	Tree top about 3-4 cm below the lower sloping edge.
Center	Heart top about 3 cm below the central lower valley; bell about 2 cm below the heart.

1. Secure the hanging pieces

Cut five cords approximately 25-30 cm long; reserve extra cord for the top loop and center bell. Add optional beads and make stopper knots below them. Attach outer bell cords near the two lower points, tree cords on the lower slopes, and the heart cord at the center valley. Stitch each attachment through both star layers across several stitches. Tie securely and hide the tails.

2. Add the ribbon and top loop

Fold the ribbon into a bow about 10-12 cm wide. Wrap its center with a short ribbon piece and sew it closed. Sew the bow above the top star point. Add small greenery sprigs behind the bow if desired. Make a separate strong cord loop with a 5-6 cm visible height and stitch it through both star layers; the loop, not the bow or greenery, supports the weight.

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08 Finish, check & print

Give the ornament its final shape before displaying it

Final checklist

Shape: Five clear star points, no twisted panels and a flat ivory border.
Flower: Eight visible petals with secure bases and free tips.
Small pieces: Two matching trees and a heart with evenly filled lobes.
Balance: Matching outer drops and a straight central strand.
Attachments: Pull each cord gently; nothing should loosen or distort the star.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Adjustment
Star center ripples	Check the round totals: 12, 24, 36, 48, 60. Remove accidental increases; block lightly.
Star center cups	Check for missed stitches and overly tight joins. Try a larger hook if the correct count still pulls inward.
Panels do not match	Use the same yarn, hook and turning method for both. Block to equal dimensions before joining.
Heart has a gap at the join	Sew across the gap with the first lobe tail before adding filling.
Trees look like a single cone	Overlap the pieces less and keep the tier edges free. Tack only near their upper sections.
The ornament leans	Shorten or lengthen the side cords, then center the hanging loop over the total weight.

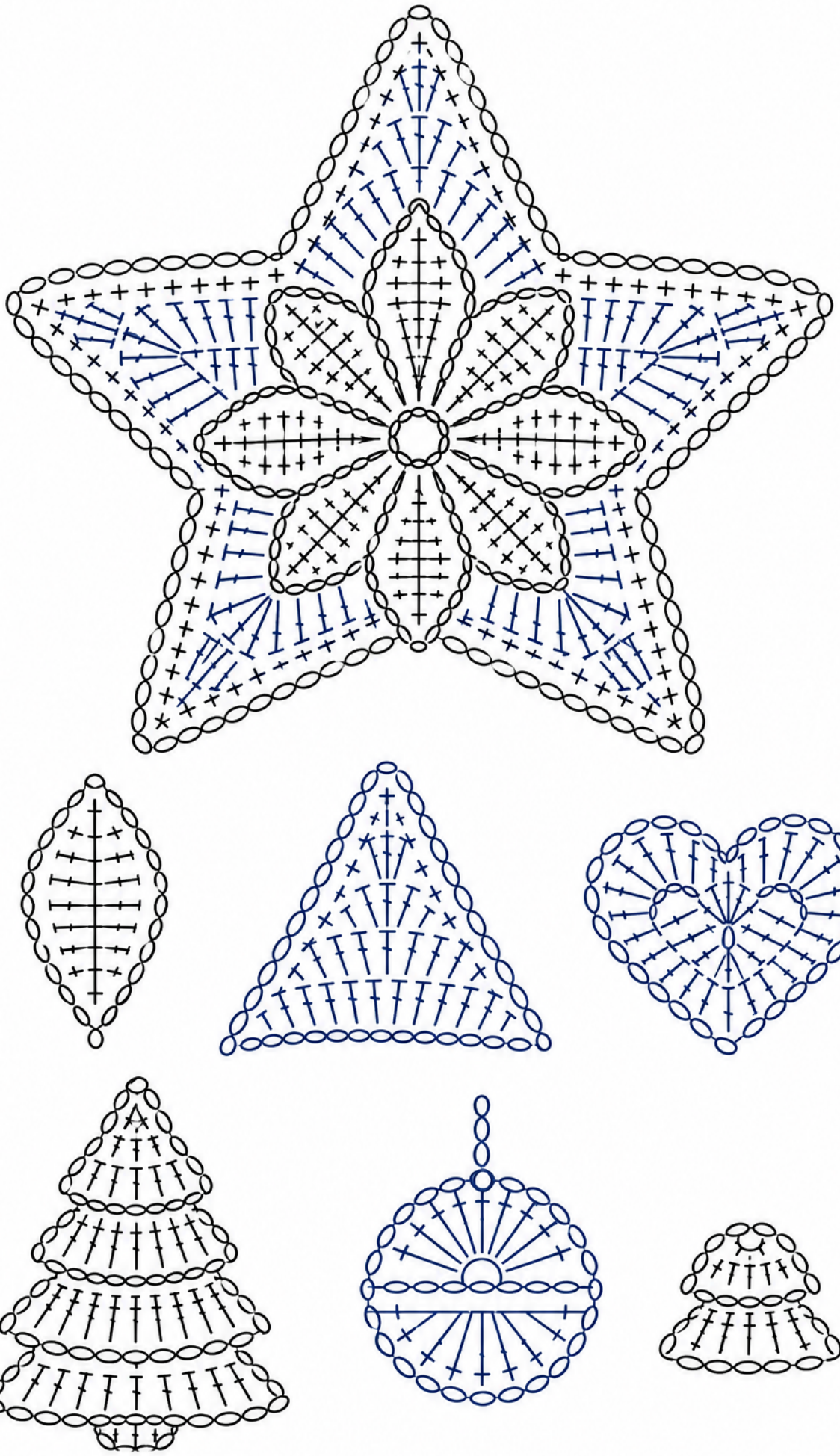
Care and display

Spot-clean gently and dry flat. Avoid soaking ribbon, metallic cord, bells or faux greenery. If desired, apply a small amount of fabric stiffener only to an undecorated test swatch first and follow the product label. This is a decorative hanging, not a toy; keep loose beads, bells and long cords away from small children and pets.

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