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Christmas Tree Organizer

US crochet terms • 19 pockets • A4 printable guide



A textured evergreen wall organizer with five graduated branch tiers, small open pockets and a warm brown trunk. Make the tree flat, crochet the pocket fronts separately, then sew them into shallow pouches.

Finished size: approximately 60 cm wide × 77 cm high, including trunk and hanging loop. Body alone: about 60 × 62 cm after edging and blocking.

Pattern basis: an original, untested reconstruction inspired by your references. This version follows the supplied diagram's 19-pocket layout. The photos and infographic differ in pocket counts. Use the written counts here for construction; the final supplied diagram is a visual layout reference, not a stitch-for-stitch chart.

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Materials, size & gauge

YOU WILL NEED	DETAILS
Main yarn	Worsted / medium #4 cotton, olive green
Estimated quantity	Green: 700–900 g; brown: 40–60 g
Hook	4.0 mm, or size needed to obtain gauge
Tools	Yarn needle, scissors, markers, ruler, blocking mat
Optional support	Cotton backing, sewing thread, 2 hanging rings

Yarn amounts are planning estimates for cotton around 100–120 m per 50 g. Keep an extra ball in the same dye lot. Worsted is category #4; do not substitute super-bulky #6 yarn at these counts.

Blocked gauge: 18 sc × 22 rows = 10 × 10 cm. Ch 23; sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining ch (22 sc). Ch 1, turn; work 26 rows total. Wash and dry flat, then measure the central 10 cm.

If you have more than 18 stitches per 10 cm, try a larger hook. If you have fewer, try a smaller hook. Row gauge controls the tree height and pocket spacing. Keep the fabric firm enough to hold small, lightweight items.

PART	APPROXIMATE BLOCKED SIZE
Tree body with border	60 cm wide × 62 cm high
Pocket front, before sewing	7.8 cm wide × 5.5 cm high
Mounted pocket	6 cm wide × 5.5 cm high; shallow depth
Trunk / hanging loop	12 × 10 cm / 6 cm visible loop height

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Stitches & shaping

US TERM	MEANING
ch	chain
sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
inc	2 sc in the same stitch
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together
st / sts	stitch / stitches
RS / WS	right side / wrong side



Single crochet: insert hook under both top loops of the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop; yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook.

Decrease (sc2tog): insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop; repeat in the following stitch. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. Two stitches become one.

Increase row: 2 sc in the first stitch, sc across to the last stitch, 2 sc in the last stitch. The total increases by 2. **Plain row:** sc in every stitch, keeping the same total.

Notch row: sc2tog twice, sc across until 4 stitches remain, sc2tog twice. The total decreases by 4, creating a small inward step at each side between branches.

Turning rule: ch 1 and turn after every body or pocket row, except the final row of a piece. The turning chain never counts as a stitch. Mark the first and last sc; count stitches before turning.

Work the tree from its top point down to its broad base. The original diagram is arranged as a finished tree; it does not show this working direction or the exact row repeats.

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Five graduated tiers

Green yarn • Work flat • Top point to bottom edge

Start: ch 4. Row 1: sc in second ch from hook and next 2 ch (3 sc). Continue with the turning rule on page 3. On any row not specified as an increase or notch, work a plain row.

ROWS	ACTION	END COUNT
2–34	Increase on 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34; all others plain.	25
35	Notch row: decrease 4 stitches.	21
36–59	Increase on every even row 36, 38, ..., 58; odd rows plain.	45
60	Notch row: decrease 4 stitches.	41
61–84	Increase on every odd row 61, 63, ..., 83; even rows plain.	65
85	Notch row: decrease 4 stitches.	61
86–109	Increase on every even row 86, 88, ..., 108; odd rows plain.	85
110	Notch row: decrease 4 stitches.	81
111–134	Increase on every odd row 111, 113, ..., 133; even rows plain.	105

Check: the unbordered body is approximately 58.3 cm wide at the base and 60.9 cm tall. Leave the working loop live for edging. Lay the tree flat: each notch must be symmetrical.

The branch steps are deliberately modest. Blocking and the border soften them into an evergreen outline. Do not pull the sides outward until the stitches stretch open.

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Border, trunk & loop





1. Border the tree. From the base, ch 1 and work sc evenly around the outline. Begin with about 4 sc per 5 row ends along the sides; adjust locally so the edge lies flat. Work 3 sc at each outer branch corner and the tip; use sc2tog at inner notches if the edge bunches. Across the base, work 1 sc in each stitch. Join with sl st to the first sc; fasten off.

2. Block. Dampen according to the yarn label. Pin the body with both sides symmetrical, aiming for about 60 × 62 cm. Let dry completely. If the border waves, remove stitches; if it cups, add stitches before blocking again.

3. Trunk. With brown, ch 21. Row 1: sc in second ch and across (20). Rows 2–20: ch 1, turn, sc across (20). Edge with sc, using 3 sc in corners. Leave a 60 cm sewing tail. Center beneath the base; overlap the body by 1 cm and sew securely through both layers. About 9 cm should remain visible.

4. Hanging loop. With brown, ch 5. Row 1: sc in second ch and across (4). Rows 2–30: ch 1, turn, sc across (4). Fasten off with a long tail. Fold the strip in half; sew both ends to the back of the tree tip with a 1.5 cm overlap, producing about a 6 cm loop.

Sew the loop through a broad reinforced area, not through one stitch. For a loaded organizer, add a fabric backing and two discreet support rings near the upper branches to reduce stretching.

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Small pouches, open tops





Each pocket front: with green, leave a 50 cm starting tail and ch 15. Row 1: sc in second ch from hook and each remaining ch (14 sc). Rows 2–12: ch 1, turn, sc in each stitch (14 sc). Fasten off with a 70 cm sewing tail. Repeat for 19 identical rectangles.

Prepare: weave in the shorter tail if it is not needed for sewing. Block each rectangle to approximately 7.8 × 5.5 cm. Keep the top edge unsewn and do not add a tight slip-stitch border; it can restrict the opening.

Create depth: mark a 6 cm wide placement on the tree. The 7.8 cm front is wider than this footprint, leaving 1.8 cm of ease. Pin its two sides to the marks and gently bow the middle outward. This is a three-sided sewn pocket, not a crocheted tube.

Sew: starting at the top of one side, whipstitch down through the pocket edge and body. Sew the bottom across the 6 cm footprint, distributing its extra width into two tiny, equal pleats near the corners. Sew up the other side. Leave the entire top open.

Reinforce: add 3–4 extra stitches at both upper corners. Secure tails on the back and weave through several stitches in two directions. Test one pocket with a small card before making the remaining seams.

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Place the five pocket rows

Lay the blocked tree RS up. Measure vertically from the tip of the green body, excluding the loop. Mark its center line with removable thread. The measurements below locate the **bottom seam** of each pocket row.

ROW	POCKETS	BOTTOM BELOW TIP	GAP BETWEEN
Top	1	16 cm	Centered
Second	3	30 cm	1 cm
Third	4	40 cm	1 cm
Fourth	5	50 cm	1 cm
Bottom	6	60 cm	1 cm

Each mounted pocket is 6 cm wide. Total row widths are 6, 20, 27, 34 and 41 cm. Center each row as a group; the top edges sit about 5.5 cm above its bottom seams. Keep at least 1 cm between every pocket edge and the tree border. Pin all 19 before sewing.

Fit check: if your gauge changes the outline, shift a row slightly downward or reduce the gaps. Do not place a pocket across a branch notch or beyond the edge. Use the supplied diagram on the next page to check the 1 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 arrangement.

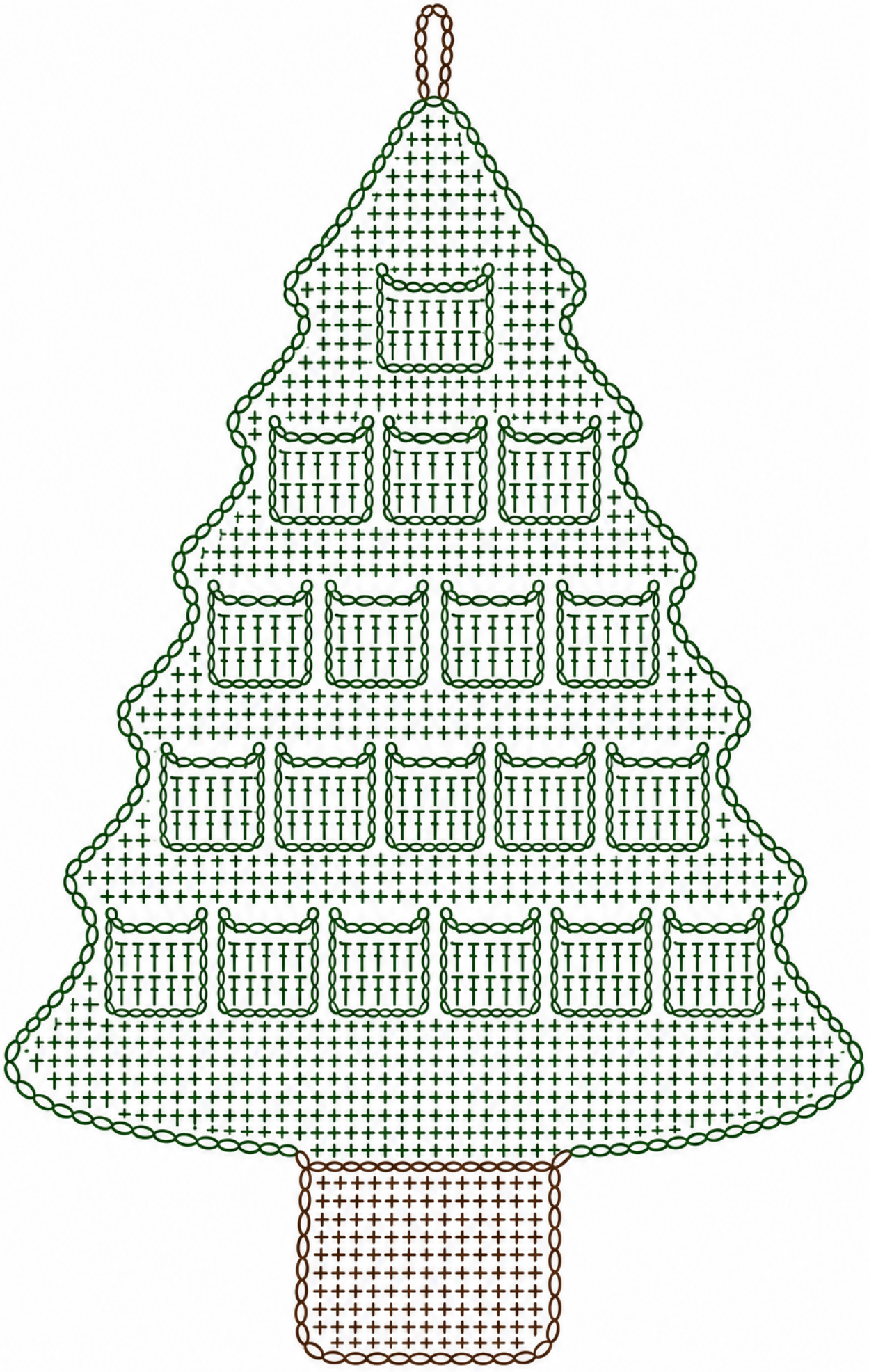
Finish: sew the pockets as on page 6. Remove markers, weave in tails and lightly reshape the tree. A cotton backing cut to the finished outline and hemmed under can support the seams; hand-stitch it around the back without closing pocket openings.

Use & care: fill with paper notes, small cards or other lightweight items. Hang briefly with the intended contents and watch for stretching; add support if needed. Remove contents before washing. Follow the yarn label and dry flat, never hanging while wet.

Reading the final diagram: it is the original supplied schematic, reproduced by request. Its symbols and scale do not encode the written pattern: the pocket symbols resemble taller stitches, while this tutorial uses sc throughout. Follow the row counts, gauge and measurements in pages 2–6.

New 3D illustrations show the construction concept; they are not stitch-count charts. This reconstruction has not been physically sample-tested. Make and assess one pocket before completing all 19.

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