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Crochet Advent Calendar

24 mini ornaments to count down to Christmas



Skill level	Beginner friendly
Terms	US crochet terms
Finished size	Each ornament 2.5 - 3.5 in (6 - 9 cm)
Yarn	Worsted / aran, 4 colors
Hook	3.5 mm (E-4)

Welcome

This advent calendar is a garland of 24 little ornaments, one for every day from December 1 to 24. There are six simple shapes (bauble, tree, gift, star, snowflake and bell) made in four colors, so every day has its own look. Most are flat motifs worked in rows or rounds, so the whole set is perfect for confident beginners. Tuck a treat, a tea bag or a handwritten note into the pouch ornaments, tie a small surprise to the flat ones, and hang them all from a crocheted cord.

Materials

- **Yarn:** worsted / aran weight cotton or acrylic. About 80 yd (75 m) of each of 4 colors: Cranberry, Forest green, Cream and Mustard gold. About 30 yd (27 m) in any color for the hanging cord.
- **Hook:** 3.5 mm (E-4). Use a size that gives a firm fabric so stuffing and treats do not show through.
- **Notions:** tapestry needle, scissors, stitch marker, 6 - 8 small buttons (about 12 mm) for the pouch closures, embroidery floss or scrap yarn in a contrast color for the numbers.
- **Optional:** fabric stiffener or sugar-water starch for the star and snowflake, small paper numbered tags, gift tags and ribbon.

Gauge

Gauge is not critical. In single crochet, about 4.5 stitches equal 1 in (2.5 cm). If your motifs come out loose, drop a hook size.

Abbreviations (US terms)

MR	Magic ring (or ch 2 and work the first round into the 2nd ch from hook)	**sl st**	Slip stitch
ch	Chain	**sc**	Single crochet
hdc	Half double crochet	**inc**	Increase: 2 sc in the same stitch
sc2tog	Single crochet 2 together (decrease)	**st(s)**	Stitch(es)
RS / WS	Right side / wrong side	*** ... ***	Repeat the instructions between the stars as directed
( )	Stitch count at the end of the round or row	**x 6**	Repeat 6 times

Notes before you start

- Rounds are worked in a continuous spiral without joining. Mark the first stitch of each round and move the marker up as you go.
- Rows start with ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), then turn.
- Make every shape in all four colors. The calendar plan on the last page shows which shape and color belongs to each day.
- Ornaments labelled "make 2 pieces" are sewn or crocheted together into a small pouch. Single-piece ornaments are flat.
- **Safety:** this is a decorative item with small parts (buttons, bells, treats). Not suitable for children under 3.

The Patterns

Each ornament is made once in every color, 4 of each shape, 24 in total.



Ornament A: Round Bauble

Make 4 (Days 1, 7, 13, 19) | Make 2 pieces per ornament | about 2.5 in (6.5 cm) wide

Round / Row	Instructions	Sts
1	6 sc in MR	(6)
2	inc in each st around	(12)
3	*sc, inc*, repeat around	(18)
4	*2 sc, inc*, repeat around	(24)
5	*3 sc, inc*, repeat around	(30)
6	*4 sc, inc*, repeat around. Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a 20 in (50 cm) tail on the first piece only.	(36)

Join: place both discs with wrong sides together. Join yarn through both layers and sc evenly around, leaving about 8 stitches open at the top. Add the hanging loop and closure (see Finishing).



Ornament B: Mini Tree

Make 4 (Days 2, 8, 14, 20) | Make 2 pieces per ornament | about 2.8 in (7 cm) wide

Round / Row	Instructions	Sts
1	ch 15. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(14)
2	ch 1, turn. sc2tog, sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(12)
3	ch 1, turn. sc in each st	(12)
4	ch 1, turn. sc2tog, sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(10)
5	ch 1, turn. sc in each st	(10)
6	Repeat Row 4	(8)
7	Repeat Row 5	(8)
8	Repeat Row 4	(6)
9	Repeat Row 5	(6)
10	Repeat Row 4	(4)
11	Repeat Row 5	(4)
12	Repeat Row 4	(2)
13	ch 1, turn. sc2tog. Fasten off.	(1)

Join: wrong sides together, sc around the two slanted sides through both layers, leaving the wide base open for the treat. Optional: sew on 3 or 4 tiny gold beads.



Ornament C: Little Gift Box

Make 4 (Days 3, 9, 15, 21) | Make 2 pieces per ornament | about 2.7 in (7 cm) square

Round / Row	Instructions	Sts
1	ch 13. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12)
2 - 12	ch 1, turn. sc in each st across. Fasten off after Row 12.	(12)

Ribbon: with a contrast color, work a straight-stitch band 2 stitches wide down the center and another across the middle, then make a small bow where they cross. Embroider before joining. **Join:** wrong sides together, sc around three sides, leaving the top open.



Ornament D: Star

Make 4 (Days 4, 10, 16, 22) | Make 1 flat piece | about 3 in (7.5 cm) across

Round / Row	Instructions	Sts
1	ch 1, 10 sc in MR. Sl st to first sc	(10)
2	*ch 4. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch (one point made). Sl st in each of the next 2 sts of Round 1*, repeat 5 times. Fasten off and weave in ends.	5 points

Flat ornament: tie a small wrapped treat or tag to the hanging loop. Block or stiffen with fabric stiffener for crisp points.



Ornament E: Snowflake

Make 4 (Days 5, 11, 17, 23) | Make 1 flat piece | about 3 in (7.5 cm) across

Round / Row	Instructions	Sts
1	ch 1, 6 sc in MR. Sl st to first sc	(6)
2	*ch 7. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and sc in each of the next 5 ch (one arm made). Sl st in next st of Round 1*, repeat 6 times. Fasten off.	6 arms

Flat ornament: tie on a treat or tag. Pin out into shape and stiffen with starch if you like.



Ornament F: Bell

Make 4 (Days 6, 12, 18, 24) | Make 1 piece, worked in the round | about 2 in (5 cm) wide

Round / Row	Instructions	Sts
1	6 sc in MR	(6)
2	inc in each st around	(12)
3	*sc, inc*, repeat around	(18)
4 - 7	sc in each st around	(18)
8	*2 sc, inc*, repeat around	(24)
9	sc in each st around	(24)
10	*3 sc, inc*, repeat around	(30)
11	sc in each st around. Sl st in next st, fasten off.	(30)

Clapper: thread a 10 mm bead or small jingle on a 4 in (10 cm) strand of yarn, knot it, and sew the other end inside the top of the bell. The open bottom holds a rolled paper note.

Finishing

1. **Hanging loop (all ornaments).** Join yarn at the top point of the shape (center top of the bauble, tip of the tree, top corner of the gift, top point of the star, tip of one snowflake arm, top of the bell). Ch 12, sl st in the same place, fasten off.
2. **Numbers.** Embroider the day number in a contrast color using backstitch, about 4 stitches high, on the front of each piece. Do this before joining the two halves. Alternatively tie a small numbered tag to each loop.
3. **Pouch closure (bauble, tree, gift).** Insert the treat through the opening. At one side of the opening make a ch-6 loop; sew a small button on the other side to fasten.
4. **Hanging cord.** Chain about 200 (roughly 50 in / 125 cm, add more for a longer display). Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Make a ch-20 loop at each end. Weave in all ends.
5. **Display.** Hang the cord across a mantel, window or shelf, and slip each ornament loop over the cord in order, or hang them on a branch, one for each day.

Your Calendar Plan

Shapes repeat every 6 days and the color changes each week-block, so every one of the 24 ornaments is unique. Write your treat for each day in the last column.

Day	Ornament	Yarn color	Treat / note
1	A Bauble	Cranberry	
2	B Tree	Cranberry	
3	C Gift box	Cranberry	
4	D Star	Cranberry	
5	E Snowflake	Cranberry	
6	F Bell	Cranberry	
7	A Bauble	Forest green	
8	B Tree	Forest green	
9	C Gift box	Forest green	
10	D Star	Forest green	
11	E Snowflake	Forest green	
12	F Bell	Forest green	
13	A Bauble	Cream	
14	B Tree	Cream	
15	C Gift box	Cream	
16	D Star	Cream	
17	E Snowflake	Cream	
18	F Bell	Cream	
19	A Bauble	Mustard gold	
20	B Tree	Mustard gold	
21	C Gift box	Mustard gold	
22	D Star	Mustard gold	
23	E Snowflake	Mustard gold	
24	F Bell	Mustard gold	

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