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Evergreen Tree Christmas Crochet Blanket

One big evergreen sits against a field of ivory. The tree forms from the trunk up, and the centered row counts let you work the same numbers from either side.

Skill Easy colorwork

Finished size 40 × 49 in (102 × 124 cm)

Yarn weight Medium worsted (#4)

Hook 5.5 mm (US I/9)

Estimated yardage 1,700 yd (1,554 m)

Gauge 13 hdc × 11 rows = 4 in (10 cm)

Construction 128 stitches × 132 rows with one centered intarsia tree

Yarn by color Ivory 1,250 yd (1,143 m), forest green 390 yd (357 m), bark brown 60 yd (55 m).



Design illustration

Before you begin
Use separate supplies of ivory at the two sides of the motif. Work the center in brown or green. To change colors, make the final yarn-over of the previous hdc with the incoming color. Cross the old and new strands once at each boundary on the back to lock them together. When a boundary moves, leave enough slack to reach its new position, or cut and rejoin to avoid a long strand.

Tools, swatch and terminology

Gather scissors, a tape measure, a tapestry needle and stitch markers. Use small balls or bobbins for intarsia. Sizes and yardages are estimates.

Measure a washed, dry swatch in the pattern stitch. Use a larger hook for too many stitches per inch, or a smaller hook for too few. For Granny Squares, measure one blocked square.

ch chain · **sc** single crochet · **hdc** half double crochet · **dc** double crochet · **sl st** slip stitch · **st(s)** stitch(es) · **sp** space · **BLO** back loop only · **RS** right side.

Sc Pull up a loop, then yarn over and draw through both loops. **Hdc** Yarn over, pull up a loop, then yarn over and draw through all three loops. **Dc** Yarn over, pull up a loop, then yarn over and draw through two loops twice.

Single crochet border
With the right side facing, join the border color just after a corner. Ch 1. Work sc around, placing 3 sc in each corner. Start with roughly 1 sc per stitch or chain along the straight top and bottom and 5 sc per 4 hdc row ends or 1 sc per moss-stitch row end along the sides. Adjust as needed to keep the border flat. Sl st to the first sc and fasten off.

Step-by-step instructions

1. Build the lower ivory field. With ivory, ch 129. Row 1: Hdc in second ch from hook and across (128 hdc). Rows 2-31: Ch 1, turn and hdc across in ivory.

2. Work the trunk. Rows 32-41: Ch 1 and turn each row. Work 58 ivory, 12 brown and 58 ivory. Keep the ivory yarn at each side attached to its own section. Cut brown after row 41.

3. Build the tree from the row chart. Rows 42-101: Work each chart row in hdc and ch 1 to turn. The two ivory counts are identical, so read each band as ivory, green, ivory on every row. The tree widens again at rows 62 and 82.

4. Close the ivory field. Rows 102-132: Work all 128 hdc in ivory using one supply. Cut and weave in the other colors. Add one round of sc in green using the shared border. Shape the finished throw with the tree centered.

Evergreen Tree colorwork by row

Rows	Ivory each side	Center
32-41	58	12 brown
42-45	32	64 green
46-49	36	56 green
50-53	40	48 green
54-57	44	40 green
58-61	48	32 green
62-65	40	48 green
66-69	44	40 green
70-73	48	32 green
74-77	52	24 green
78-81	56	16 green
82-85	48	32 green
86-89	52	24 green
90-93	56	16 green
94-97	60	8 green
98-101	62	4 green

Check your work
Every row totals 128 hdc. The trunk starts at row 32, the widest tree section starts at row 42 and the tree tip ends at row 101.

Adjust the size

To widen the throw without changing the tree, add the same number of stitches to both ivory sides on every chart row and increase the starting chain by twice that number. Add plain ivory rows above and below for more length.