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Thank you for helping us

stitch Christmas together

Use this free template to help us create a community tree. Every square crafted will be stitched together to make a 7ft tall patchwork Christmas tree. Crochet your square and drop it back before 2 November to be included in the final display.

We'd love you to come back and spot your square from 21 November when Christmas begins*. Thank you for taking part in Greenway's Christmas.

Normal admissions apply.





Christmas crochet square

This Christmas we'd love your hand in helping us stitch together a community crocheted tree. Inside are the instructions on how to crochet a 14cm x 14 cm granny square and the tools you'll need to have to hand.

You will need:

- Approx 12 g of DK yarn in an assortment of traditional festive Christmas colours
- 4mm hook
- Yarn sewing needle

Crocheting abbreviations:

- Chain – ch
- Magic ring - mr
- Slip stitch - ss
- Treble – tr
- Corner space - cs
- Fasten off – fo

To start

Make four chains, slip stitch to 1st chain to make a loop or use magic ring technique

Row one

- 3ch (counts as first tr) 2tr into ring, 1ch, *3tr into ring, 1ch* repeat from * to * twice more. Join with ss into 3rd chain of starting ch. (Total stitches for round = 4 groups of 3tr + 1ch to form each corner space - CS)

Row two

- SS across top of the next 2 tr and into CS, ch 3 (counts as first tr of round 2) 2tr, 1ch, 3 tr into CS, *3tr, 1ch, 3tr* into next CS, repeat from * to * twice more, ss into 3rd chain of starting 3ch.

Row three

- SS across top of the next 2 tr and into CS, ch 3 (counts as first tr of round 3) 2tr, 1ch, 3 tr into CS, *3tr into space formed on previous round (needle indicates space on round 2), 3tr, 1ch, 3tr into next CS*, repeat from * to * twice more, 3tr into space on previous round, ss into 3rd chain of starting 3ch.



Row four

- SS across top of the next 2 tr and into CS, ch 3 (counts as first tr of round 3) 2tr, 1ch, 3 tr into CS, *3tr into next 2 spaces formed on previous round, 3tr, 1ch, 3tr into CS* repeat from * to * twice more, 3tr into next 2 spaces formed on previous round, ss into 3rd chain of starting 3ch.

Row five

- SS across top of the next 2 tr and into CS, ch 3 (counts as first tr of round 3) 2tr, 1ch, 3 tr into CS, *3tr into next 3 spaces formed on previous round, 3tr, 1ch, 3tr into CS* repeat from * to * twice more, 3tr into next 3 spaces formed on previous round, ss into 3rd chain of starting 3ch.

Row six

- SS across top of the next 2 tr and into CS, ch 3 (counts as first tr of round 3) 2tr, 1ch, 3 tr into CS, *3tr into next 4 spaces formed on previous round, 3tr, 1ch, 3tr into CS* repeat from * to * twice more, 3tr into next 4 spaces formed on previous round, ss into 3rd chain of starting 3ch.

Row seven

- SS across top of the next 2 tr and into CS, ch 3 (counts as first tr of round 3) 2tr, 1ch, 3 tr into CS, *3tr into next 5 spaces formed on previous round, 3tr, 1ch, 3tr into CS* repeat from * to * twice more, 3tr into next 5 spaces formed on previous round, ss into 3rd chain of starting 3ch, then FO and sew in ends.
- If you would like to change colour at the end of any round, simply fasten off colour after ss into ch 3 and start new colour in corner space with a slip stitch.
- And you're done! You're Christmas square is finished.

Once you've made your square, please drop it back to us either at Greenway or at one of the local drop off points listed below, before **2 November 2026** so it can be stitched onto the final Christmas tree ready to be displayed.

If you're a keen crafter already and have left over yarn you'd like to use up, we'd love to include more squares (crocheted and knitted), so feel free to drop them to us to be included.

Knitting instead of crochet

To create a knitted square, Volunteer Crafter Becky suggests:

- Cast on 30 stitches with 4mm (8UK) needles
- Takes 41 rows
- Casting off knit wise on row 41 to achieve the 14cm square
- May need to adjust according to your own knitting tension

Local pick up and drop off stations

We're delighted that the following business has agreed to be involved with Greenways' Big Christmas Stitch-Up. You can collect a pack and drop off your creations at:

- 'A Kick Up The Arts' Art Gallery, 6 Bolton Street, Brixham

The tree will be on display from **21 November 2026** when Christmas at Greenway officially launches, so do come back and see your square in all its festive glory. Thank you for being a part of Greenway's Big Christmas Stitch-Up.

