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## Pattern Introduction

The Mini Trees in your home need a festive skirt just like your big tree! Enjoy using your stash to crochet this stripedy skirt, mixing and matching colors as you like. A few decorative buttons finish off the festivity. Consider making one for ANY mini tree you have for ANY holiday, but especially for Christmas.

## What you need

2 or more colors of Worsted Weight Yarns
Size H crochet hook
Yarn Needle
$41 / 2 "-3 / 4$ " Buttons

## Stripedy Mini Tree Skirt

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## Stitches you need to know

Chain
Slip Stitch
Single Crochet
Double Crochet

Techniques you need to know
Crochet in Rows

Gauge is not necessary for this project.
Measurements Approximately 11 " from stem of tree to outer edge of skirt. But you can make it however long you like.

## Abbreviations you need to know

| Beg = beginning |  |
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| $\mathrm{Ch}=$ chain | $\mathrm{St}=$ slip stitch |
| $\mathrm{Dc}=$ double crochet | $\mathrm{Sp}=$ space |
| $\mathrm{Lp}=$ loop | $\mathrm{Rem}=$ remaining |
| $\mathrm{Sc}=$ single crochet | Rep $=$ repeat |

## Memory Refreshers

1. "Fasten off" means to draw your yarn through the loop you have on your hook, then cut or break your yarn 3-4 inches away from loop. Now pull the yarn out of the securing loop you made. Give the end on your work a tug for good measure.
2. When working double crochet stitches in ROWS, remember that you are to "skip" what looks like the first stitch immediately following the beg ch-3!! At the base of this beg ch-3 is what looks like your next stitch...but it is actually the base of the ch-3, which is (according to the crochet gods) considered to be the FIRST double crochet stitch! So it will feel like you are skipping the first st and working your next dc in the next stitch. Got that? ©

## Tips \& Tricks

*Changing colors is very simple. When you want to change yarn colors, cut or break the old color yarn 4 inches or so from work. Tie on a new color with this piece, making sure the knot is secured very close to the hook. Begin working with new color. If you do not like having knots in your work, come back later to untie the knot and weave in ends. Personally I do not think knots in a tree skirt will matter at all!

## Walkthrough

Skirt
*You are starting at the center of the round skirt, working out from there in ROWS, not rounds!
Using H hook and first color worsted weight yarn, ch 15 .
Row 1: 2 dc into $4^{\text {th }}$ chain from hook. Work 2 dc in each ch to end. Change colors. See Tips and Tricks. ( 24 dc ) (*Remember that your first ch 3 is considered to be one of these 24 dc .)
Row 2: Ch 3.2 dc in next dc. *Dc in next dc. 2 dc in next dc. Rep from * around.
Change colors. ( 36 dc )
Row 3: Ch 3. Dc in next dc. 2 dc in next dc. *Dc in next 2 dc. 2 dc in next dc. Rep from * around. Change colors. ( 48 dc )

Row 4: Ch 3. Dc in next 2 dc. 2 dc in next dc. *Dc in next 3 dc. 2 dc in next dc. Rep from * around. Change colors. (60 dc)

