Itty-Bitty Tree Skirt

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Approx Size:
7½” diameter

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MATERIALS
Bedspread Weight Cotton Thread (size 10) [400 yards per ball (White) or 350 yards per ball (all other colors)]:
- White - 1 ball
- Red - 1 ball
- Green - 1 ball
Steel crochet hook, size 2 (2.25 mm) or size needed for gauge
1/8” wide Ribbon - ½ yard

GAUGE: 5 dc = ¾”; 4 rows = 1¼”

Note: Entire Tree Skirt is worked holding two strands of thread together.

With White, ch 55.

Row 1: Working in back ridge of ch, dc in fourth ch from hook (3 skipped chs count as first dc) and in next 2 chs, ch 6, * skip next 6 chs, dc in next 4 chs, ch 6; repeat from * 3 times more, skip next 6 chs, dc in next 2 chs, 2 dc in last ch: 24 dc and 5 loops.

Row 2 (Right side): Ch 3 (counts as first dc, now and throughout), turn; dc in same st and in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across; finish off: 36 dc.

Note: Mark last row as right side and top.

Row 3: With wrong side facing, join Red with slip st in first dc; ch 3, dc in same st and in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across: 48 dc.

Row 4: Ch 3, turn; dc in same st and in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across; finish off: 60 dc.

Row 5: With wrong side facing, join White with slip st in first dc; ch 3, dc in same st and in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across: 72 dc.

Row 6: Ch 3, turn; dc in same st and in next 10 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 10 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across; finish off: 84 dc.

Row 7: With wrong side facing, join Green with slip st in first dc; ch 3, dc in same st and in next 12 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 12 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across: 96 dc.

Row 8: Ch 3, turn; dc in same st and in next 14 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 14 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across; finish off: 108 dc.

Row 9: With wrong side facing, join White with slip st in first dc; ch 3, dc in same st and in next 16 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 16 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across: 120 dc.

Row 10: Ch 3, turn; dc in same st and in next 18 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 18 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across; finish off: 132 dc.

Row 11: With wrong side facing, join Red with slip st in first dc; ch 3, dc in same st and in next 20 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 20 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across: 144 dc.

Row 12: Ch 3, turn; dc in same st and in next 22 dc, 2 dc in next dc, * ch 6, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 22 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across; finish off.

With right side of first set of loops facing and working from bottom to top, insert hook behind first loop and catch loop on next row, pulling it down and then up over first loop; * pull next free loop through loop on hook; repeat from * across (one loop will remain at top).

Repeat to braid each remaining set of loops.

With right side facing, weave ribbon from back to front between first two dc on Row 1; weave ribbon through each loop along top of Skirt and then from front to back between last two dc on Row 1.
**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

### ABBREVIATIONS

- **ch(s)** chain(s)
- **dc** double crochet(s)
- **mm** millimeters
- **st(s)** stitch(es)

**★** — work instructions following **★** as many **more** times as
indicated in addition to the first time.

- () or [] — work enclosed instructions **as many** times as specified
by the number immediately following **or** work all enclosed instructions
in the stitch or space indicated **or** contains explanatory remarks.

- **colon (:)** — the number(s) given after a colon at the end of a
row or round denote(s) the total number of stitches on
that row or round.

### GAUGE

Exact gauge is **essential** for proper size. Before beginning
your project, make a sample swatch in the stitch, thread, and
hook specified in the individual instructions. After completing
the swatch, measure it, counting your stitches and rows
carefully. If your swatch is larger or smaller than specified,
**make another swatch, changing hook size to get the correct gauge.** Keep trying until you find the size hook
that will give you the specified gauge. Once proper gauge is
obtained, measure your piece periodically to be sure the gauge
remains consistent.

### BACK RIDGE

Work only in the loops indicated by arrows *(Fig. 1).*

![Fig. 1](image-url)