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## Needed materials to make this item:

- crochet hook, size G / 4.0mm
- yarn type: light worsted weight / DK
- yarn colours:
  - light green: 160m/180yd
  - dark green: 72m/80yd
  - light brown: 80m/88yd
  - dark brown: 80m/88yd
  - light grey: 10m/11yd
- tapestry/sewing needle
- fiberfill

## Needed skills to make this item:

- magic ring
- chain stitches
- slip stitches
- single crochet
- half double crochet
- double crochet
- increasing and decreasing
- basic sewing skills

## Unless described otherwise in the pattern description itself:

- ... this pattern is worked in spirals.
- ... the standard stitch required to crochet is a single crochet.

**Overall skill level:** intermediate.

## Size of finished item:

When made with the described yarn and hook size, the bonsai tree will become about 22cm/9" tall and 25cm/10" wide.

## Used abbreviations and terms:

This pattern uses US terminology.

- ch = chain
- slst = slip stitches
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- inc1sc = increase one single crochet; so crochet 2 single crochets in total
- inc2sc = increase two single crochets; so crochet 3 single crochets in total
- inc1dc = increase one double crochet; so crochet 2 double crochets in total
- sc2tog = crochet the next 2 single crochets together
- sc3tog = crochet the next 3 single crochets together
- dc2tog = crochet the next 2 double crochets together
- st = stitch
- repeat 3x(...) = repeat the part between the (brackets) 3 times
- MR6 = make a magic ring with 6 stitches
- FLO = crochet through front loop only
- BLO = crochet through back loop only
- repeat all round = repeat the described section until the end of the round

## Some tips and tricks!

- To keep track of your rounds, use a stitch marker (this can also be a piece of scrap yarn). Place this piece of yarn every time at the beginning of the round, before crocheting the first stitch, so you know when you've reached the end of the round. Move the stitch marker along every time you finish a round.
- Keep this sheet next to the part of the pattern you're working on, so you can easily check the abbreviations list if needed.

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So... let's start!

## The flower pot (in light green) (worked in spirals)

*Please note, these abbreviations look very alike but are slightly different:*

*inc1sc = increase 1 = crochet 2 in next stitch*

*inc2sc = increase 2 = crochet 3 in next stitch*

1. MR4 =4
2. inc2sc in every st. =12
3. Repeat 4x(1sc, inc2sc in next st, 1sc). =20
4. Repeat 4x(2sc, inc2sc in next st, 2sc). =28
5. Repeat 4x(3sc, inc2sc in next st, 3sc). =36
6. Repeat 4x(4sc, inc1sc in next st, 4sc). =40
7. Repeat 4x(5sc, inc1sc in next st, 4sc). =44
8. Repeat 4x(5sc, inc2sc in next st, 5sc). =52
9. Repeat 4x(6sc, inc1sc in next st, 6sc). =56
10. Repeat 4x(7sc, inc1sc in next st, 6sc). =60
  
11. Repeat 4x(7sc, inc2sc in next st, 7sc). =68
12. Repeat 4x(8sc, inc1sc in next st, 8sc). =72
13. Repeat 4x(9sc, inc1sc in next st, 8sc). =76
14. Repeat 4x(9sc, inc2sc in next st, 9sc). =84
15. Repeat 4x(10sc, inc1sc in next st, 10sc). =88
16. Repeat 4x(11sc, inc1sc in next st, 10sc). =92
17. Repeat 4x(11sc, inc2sc in next st, 11sc). =100
18. Repeat 4x(12sc, inc2sc in next st, 12sc). =108
19. Crochet 5 rounds of sc. =108
20. Crochet 1sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
  
21. Repeat 4x(12sc, sc3tog, 12sc). =100
22. Crochet 4 rounds of sc. =100
23. Crochet 1sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
24. Repeat 4x(11sc, sc3tog, 11sc). =92
25. Repeat 4x(11sc, sc2tog, 10sc). =88
26. Repeat 4x(10sc, sc2tog, 10sc). =84
27. Repeat 4x(9sc, sc3tog, 9sc). =76
28. Repeat 4x(9sc, sc2tog, 8sc). =72
29. Repeat 4x(8sc, sc2tog, 8sc). =68
30. Repeat 4x(7sc, sc3tog, 7sc). =60
  
31. Repeat 4x(7sc, sc2tog, 6sc). =56
32. Repeat 4x(6sc, sc2tog, 6sc). =52
33. Repeat 4x(5sc, sc3tog, 5sc). =44
34. Repeat 4x(5sc, sc2tog, 4sc). =40
35. Repeat 4x(4sc, sc2tog, 4sc). =36
36. Repeat 4x(3sc, sc3tog, 3sc). =28
37. Repeat 4x(2sc, sc3tog, 2sc). =20
38. Repeat 4x(1sc, sc3tog, 1sc). =12
39. Repeat 4x(sc3tog). =4
40. Crochet 1slst and fasten off.
  
41. Do not stuff the flowerpot.

42. Place the last slst you crocheted on top of the MR of step 1 and fold the flowerpot in shape.



43. The supports for the flowerpot: MR6 =6
44. inc1sc in every st. =12
45. 1sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =18
46. 1sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =12
47. Stuff the support a little bit, do not use too much stuffing.
48. sc2tog, repeat all round. =6
49. sc3tog, skip 1st, crochet 1slst and fasten off.
50. Make 4 in total.
51. Sew the supports onto the bottom of the flowerpot underneath every corner, as pictured below. Keep a distance of 8 rounds of sc in between the top of the pot and the outside of the support.



## The soil (in dark brown) (worked in spirals)

1. MR4 =4
2. inc2sc in every st. =12
3. Repeat 4x(1sc, inc2sc in next st, 1sc). =20

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4. Repeat 4x(2sc, inc2sc in next st, 2sc). =28
5. Repeat 4x(3sc, inc2sc in next st, 3sc). =36
6. Repeat 4x(4sc, inc1sc in next st, 4sc). =40
7. Repeat 4x(5sc, inc1sc in next st, 4sc). =44
8. Repeat 4x(5sc, inc2sc in next st, 5sc). =52
9. Repeat 4x(6sc, inc1sc in next st, 6sc). =56
10. Repeat 4x(7sc, inc1sc in next st, 6sc). =60
  
11. Repeat 4x(7sc, inc2sc in next st, 7sc). =68
12. Repeat 4x(8sc, inc1sc in next st, 8sc). =72
13. Repeat 4x(9sc, inc1sc in next st, 8sc). =76
14. Repeat 4x(9sc, inc2sc in next st, 9sc). =84
15. Repeat 4x(10sc, inc1sc in next st, 10sc). =88
16. Repeat 4x(11sc, inc1sc in next st, 10sc). =92
17. Repeat 4x(11sc, sc2tog, 10sc). =88
18. Repeat 4x(10sc, sc2tog, 10sc). =84
19. Repeat 4x(9sc, sc3tog, 9sc). =76
20. Repeat 4x(9sc, sc2tog, 8sc). =72
21. Repeat 4x(8sc, sc2tog, 8sc). =68
22. Repeat 4x(7sc, sc3tog, 7sc). =60
  
23. Repeat 4x(7sc, sc2tog, 6sc). =56
24. Repeat 4x(6sc, sc2tog, 6sc). =52
25. Repeat 4x(5sc, sc3tog, 5sc). =44
26. Repeat 4x(5sc, sc2tog, 4sc). =40
27. Repeat 4x(4sc, sc2tog, 4sc). =36
28. Stuff the soil with fiberfill.

this way little dents will occur. Make two flat knots on top of each other to secure the yarn. Repeat this 16 times, or as much as you like. This will give the soil some strenght and a more natural look.



37. Place the soil in the flowerpot and sew it in place.



29. Repeat 4x(3sc, sc3tog, 3sc). =28
30. Repeat 4x(2sc, sc3tog, 2sc). =20
31. Stuff the soil with fiberfill.
32. Repeat 4x(1sc, sc3tog, 1sc). =12
33. Stuff the soil with fiberfill.
34. Repeat 4x(sc3tog). =4
35. Crochet 1slst and fasten off.
  
36. Get a long strand of dark brown yarn and pull the yarn with your sewing needle or crochet hook through the soil, from top to bottom and back. Tighten the yarn,

## The tree (in light brown) (worked in spirals)

1. ch30, close the chain with a slst. =30
2. 30sc. =30
3. 8sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =27
4. 7sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =24
5. 6sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =21
6. 4sc, 3hdc, 7dc, 3hdc, 4sc. =21
7. 4sc, 3hdc, 7dc, 3hdc, 4sc. =21
8. 4sc, 3hdc, 7dc, 3hdc, 4sc. =21
9. 4sc, 3hdc, 7dc, 3hdc, 4sc. =21
10. 4sc, 3hdc, 7dc, 3hdc, 4sc. =21
  
11. 10sc, sc2tog, 9sc. =20
12. 9sc, sc2tog, 9sc. =19
13. 8sc, sc2tog, 9sc. =18
14. Crochet 10sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.

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15. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18
16. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18
17. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18
18. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18
19. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18
20. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18

21. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18
22. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18
23. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18
24. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18
25. 3sc, 3hdc, 6dc, 3hdc, 3sc. =18
26. 8sc, sc2tog, 8sc. =17
27. 7sc, sc2tog, 8sc. =16
28. 7sc, sc2tog, 7sc. =15
29. Stuff the tree with fiberfill.
30. 7sc, sc2tog, 6sc. =14



31. Crochet 7sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.

32. 2sc, 2hdc, 6dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =14
33. 2sc, 2hdc, 6dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =14
34. 2sc, 2hdc, 6dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =14
35. 2sc, 2hdc, 6dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =14
36. 2sc, 2hdc, 6dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =14
37. 2sc, 2hdc, 2dc, dc2tog, 2dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =13
38. 2sc, 2hdc, 5dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =13
39. Stuff the tree with fiberfill.
40. 2sc, 2hdc, 1dc, dc2tog, 2dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =12

41. 2sc, 2hdc, 4dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =12
42. Stuff the tree with fiberfill.
43. 2sc, 2hdc, 4dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =12
44. 2sc, 2hdc, 4dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =12
45. Stuff the tree with fiberfill.
46. 2sc, 2hdc, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc, 2hdc, 2sc. =11
47. 5sc, sc2tog, 4sc. =10
48. 4sc, sc2tog, 4sc. =9
49. 4sc, sc2tog, 3sc. =8
50. Stuff the tree with fiberfill.

51. 8sc. =8
52. 8sc. =8
53. Crochet 4sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
54. 1sc, 1hdc, 4dc, 1hdc, 1sc. =8
55. 2sc, 1hdc, 2dc, 1hdc, 2sc. =8

56. Stuff the tree with fiberfill.
57. 2sc, 1hdc, 2dc, 1hdc, 2sc. =8
58. 2sc, 1hdc, 2dc, 1hdc, 2sc. =8
59. Stuff the tree with fiberfill.
60. 6sc, sc2tog. =7

61. 5sc, sc2tog. =6
62. Stuff the tree with fiberfill.
63. 4sc, sc2tog. =5
64. 3sc, sc2tog. =4
65. 2sc, sc2tog. =3
66. 1slst and fasten off.
67. Stuff the bottom of the tree some more with fiberfill if needed and sew the tree on top of the soil, right in the middle.



## The stones (in light grey) (worked in spirals)

1. Stone A: MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. 1sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =18
4. 1sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =12
5. sc2tog, repeat all round. =6
6. sc3tog, skip 1st, crochet 1slst and fasten off.
7. Do not stuff the stone with fiberfill.
8. Stone B: MR6 =6
9. inc1sc in every st. =12
10. sc2tog, repeat all round. =6
11. sc3tog, skip 1st, crochet 1slst and fasten off.
12. Stone C: MR6=6
13. sc3tog, sc2tog, 1slst and fasten off.
14. Do not stuff the stone with fiberfill.

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- Place the stones onto the soil, next to the tree. Place stone A a little bit on top of stone B, place stone C next to A and B with 1-2sc in between.



## The leaves (in dark green) (worked in flat)

There are three sizes of leaves: A, B and C.

### Type A: make 2 in total

- ch5, turn.
- Start working in the 2nd ch st as counted from the crochet hook: 3sc, inc2sc in next st. =6
- Continue to work on the bottom of the foundation chain: 3sc, inc2sc in next st. You have now created a new round counting 12 stitches. Continue to work in spirals. =12
- 3sc, repeat 3x(inc1sc in next st), 3sc, repeat 3x(inc1sc in next st). =18
- 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, inc1sc in next st), 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, inc1sc in next st). =24
- 3sc, repeat 3x(2sc, inc1sc in next st), 3sc, repeat 3x(2sc, inc1sc in next st). =30
- 3sc, repeat 3x(3sc, inc1sc in next st), 3sc, repeat 3x(3sc, inc1sc in next st). =36
- 3sc, repeat 3x(3sc, sc2tog), 3sc, repeat 3x(3sc, sc2tog). =30
- 3sc, repeat 3x(2sc, sc2tog), 3sc, repeat 3x(2sc, sc2tog). =24

- 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, sc2tog), 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, sc2tog). =18
- 3sc, repeat 3x(sc2tog), 3sc, repeat 3x(sc2tog). =12
- 3sc, sc3tog, 3sc, sc3tog. =8
- Crochet 1slst and fasten off.
- Do not stuff the leaf with fiberfill but flatten it and sew the remaining hole shut.

### Type B: make 4 in total

- ch5, turn.
- Start working in the 2nd ch st as counted from the crochet hook: 3sc, inc2sc in next st. =6
- Continue to work on the bottom of the foundation chain: 3sc, inc2sc in next st. You have now created a new round counting 12 stitches. Continue to work in spirals. =12
- 3sc, repeat 3x(inc1sc in next st), 3sc, repeat 3x(inc1sc in next st). =18
- 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, inc1sc in next st), 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, inc1sc in next st). =24
- 3sc, repeat 3x(2sc, inc1sc in next st), 3sc, repeat 3x(2sc, inc1sc in next st). =30
- 3sc, repeat 3x(2sc, sc2tog), 3sc, repeat 3x(2sc, sc2tog). =24
- 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, sc2tog), 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, sc2tog). =18
- 3sc, repeat 3x(sc2tog), 3sc, repeat 3x(sc2tog). =12
- 3sc, sc3tog, 3sc, sc3tog. =8
- Crochet 1slst and fasten off.
- Do not stuff the leaf with fiberfill but flatten it and sew the remaining hole shut.

### Type C: make 3 in total

- ch5, turn.
- Start working in the 2nd ch st as counted from the crochet hook: 3sc, inc2sc in next st. =6
- Continue to work on the bottom of the foundation chain: 3sc, inc2sc in next st. You have now created a new round counting 12 stitches. Continue to work in spirals. =12
- 3sc, repeat 3x(inc1sc in next st), 3sc, repeat 3x(inc1sc in next st). =18
- 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, inc1sc in next st), 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, inc1sc in next st). =24
- 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, sc2tog), 3sc, repeat 3x(1sc, sc2tog). =18
- 3sc, repeat 3x(sc2tog), 3sc, repeat 3x(sc2tog). =12
- 3sc, sc3tog, 3sc, sc3tog. =8
- Crochet 1slst and fasten off.
- Do not stuff the leaf with fiberfill but flatten it and sew the remaining hole shut.

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**The branches (in light brown) (worked in spirals)**  
There are three types of branches, each belongs to the same type of leaf: A, B and C.

Type A: make 2 in total

1. MR6 =6
2. 4sc, sc2tog. =5
3. 3sc, sc2tog. =4
4. Crochet 5 rounds of sc. =4
5. 2sc, sc2tog. =3
6. Crochet 1slst and fasten off.
7. Do not stuff the branch with fiberfill.

Type B: make 4 in total

1. MR6 =6
2. 4sc, sc2tog. =5
3. 3sc, sc2tog. =4
4. Crochet 4 rounds of sc. =4
5. 2sc, sc2tog. =3
6. Crochet 1slst and fasten off.
7. Do not stuff the branch with fiberfill.

Type C: make 3 in total

1. MR6 =5
2. 3sc, sc2tog. =4
3. Crochet 4 rounds of sc. =4
4. 2sc, sc2tog. =3
5. Crochet 1slst and fasten off.
6. Do not stuff the branch with fiberfill.

**How to put all leaves and branches of the tree together:**

*Some things to keep in mind:*

*Divide the tree in three parts.*

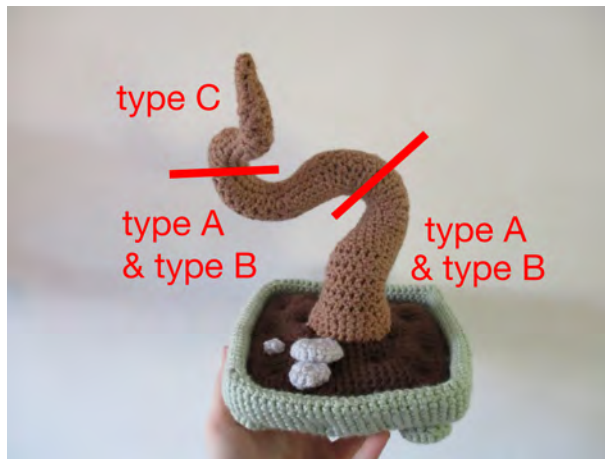
*- Place the heaviest leaves (A) and their branches mostly on the bottom third of the tree, but maybe also one in the middle (depending on how many leaves you want to add yourself).*

*- Place the lightest leaves (C) and their branches on the top third of the tree.*

*- Place the medium weight leaves (B) and their branches on the middle part and bottom third of the tree.*

*...this way the tree will keep its balance and will be able to stand on its own in the end. If you place leaves on the end of the tree that are too heavy, it will tip over.*

*If you want, use some small pins or small skewer sticks to try out some different positions with leaves on the tree trunk. You can adjust them until you are happy with the final composition.*



*Also: When finally sewing all branches and leaves onto the tree, make sure all leaves are pointing in the same direction.*



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First, sew all branches onto the tree, one by one:



And then, sew the matching leaves (type A leaves for type A branches, etc) onto the branches. Keep the edge of the leaf close to the tree itself.



Repeat until all branches and leaves are sewn onto the tree.



**Congratulations!  
Your tree is finished!**

