Crochet Christmas Sweater (Boxy Pattern, Sizes S-2X)

A boxy Cream sweater with a row of Forest Green trees and stars · US terms



In everyday life

Finished size: Chest 42 1/2 in (S) to 58 1/2 in (2X), boxy fit with about 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 in of ease over the largest bust of each range (approximate)

Level: Intermediate: hdc, changing and carrying yarn, seaming. Not a first project

Time: About 30 to 35 hours (S) to 45 to 50 hours (2X), estimated, not timed. Not a first project

Every row of every size, with the yarn color of every stitch, was replayed by software. Counts were checked by software. This pattern has not been crocheted and swatched by a person before publication.

Free pattern online:
https://www.amgroyal.com/crochet-christmas-sweater/?utm_source=pdf&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=crochet-christmas-sweater

Materials, sizes and terms

Materials

Cream (main color and seams): about 2710 yd (size 2X)

Forest Green (tree band): about 60 yd (size 2X)

Yardage above is for the biggest size (2X); the other sizes are in the Sizes cards.

Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers (at least 8), measuring tape.

Pick a soft yarn whose label says it can be washed the way you will wash the sweater.

Sizes

S: to fit bust 32-34 in, finished chest about 42 1/2 in

Yarn needed: Cream 1770 yd · Forest Green 40 yd, about 1810 yd in all (estimated, with a 20 % margin)

Finished size: Chest about 42 1/2 in (108 cm), length about 24 in (61 cm), armhole depth about 8 1/2 in, sleeve length about 17 in, sleeve width around about 17 in, neck opening about 12 in. Positive ease about 8 1/2 in over the largest bust of the range. Approximate.

Counts: Front and back: ch 71, 69 sts, 54 rows each. Band: Rows 29-39 of the front, 6 trees, 6 Cream sts at each end. Sleeves (2): ch 57, 55 sts, 38 rows. Shoulder seams 15 sts each, neck 39 sts. Armhole 19 rows on the front and on the back. About 30 to 35 hours in all, estimated, not timed. Not a first project.

M: to fit bust 36-38 in, finished chest about 46 in

Yarn needed: Cream 1970 yd · Forest Green 40 yd, about 2010 yd in all (estimated, with a 20 % margin)

Finished size: Chest about 46 in (117 cm), length about 25 in (63 cm), armhole depth about 9 in, sleeve length about 17 1/2 in, sleeve width around about 18 in, neck opening about 12 in. Positive ease about 8 in over the largest bust of the range. Approximate.

Counts: Front and back: ch 77, 75 sts, 56 rows each. Band: Rows 31-41 of the front, 7 trees, 4 Cream sts at each end. Sleeves (2): ch 59, 57 sts, 40 rows. Shoulder seams 18 sts each, neck 39 sts. Armhole 20 rows on the front and on the back. About 35 to 40 hours in all, estimated, not timed. Not a first project.

L: to fit bust 40-42 in, finished chest about 50 in

Yarn needed: Cream 2200 yd · Forest Green 50 yd, about 2250 yd in all (estimated, with a 20 % margin)

Finished size: Chest about 50 in (127 cm), length about 26 in (67 cm), armhole depth about 9 1/2 in, sleeve length about 18 in, sleeve width around about 18 1/2 in, neck opening about 12 1/2 in. Positive ease about 8 in over the largest bust of the range. Approximate.

Counts: Front and back: ch 83, 81 sts, 59 rows each. Band: Rows 33-43 of the front, 7 trees, 7 Cream sts at each end. Sleeves (2): ch 61, 59 sts, 42 rows. Shoulder seams 20 sts each, neck 41 sts. Armhole 21 rows on the front and on the back. About 40 to 45 hours in all, estimated, not timed. Not a first project.

XL: to fit bust 44-46 in, finished chest about 53 1/2 in

Yarn needed: Cream 2440 yd · Forest Green 50 yd, about 2490 yd in all (estimated, with a 20 % margin)

Finished size: Chest about 53 1/2 in (136 cm), length about 27 in (69 cm), armhole depth about 10 in, sleeve length about 18 1/2 in, sleeve width around about 20 1/2 in, neck opening about 13 in. Positive ease about 7 1/2 in over the largest bust of the range. Approximate.

Counts: Front and back: ch 89, 87 sts, 61 rows each. Band: Rows 33-43 of the front, 8 trees, 5 Cream sts at each end. Sleeves (2): ch 62, 60 sts, 46 rows. Shoulder seams 22 sts each, neck 43 sts. Armhole 23 rows on the front and on the back. About 40 to 45 hours in all, estimated, not

timed. Not a first project.

2X: to fit bust 48-50 in, finished chest about 58 1/2 in

Yarn needed: Cream 2710 yd · Forest Green 60 yd, about 2770 yd in all (estimated, with a 20 % margin)

Finished size: Chest about 58 1/2 in (148 cm), length about 28 in (71 cm), armhole depth about 10 1/2 in, sleeve length about 19 in, sleeve width around about 21 1/2 in, neck opening about 14 in. Positive ease about 8 1/2 in over the largest bust of the range. Approximate.

Counts: Front and back: ch 97, 95 sts, 63 rows each. Band: Rows 33-43 of the front, 9 trees, 4 Cream sts at each end. Sleeves (2): ch 64, 62 sts, 48 rows. Shoulder seams 25 sts each, neck 45 sts. Armhole 24 rows on the front and on the back. About 45 to 50 hours in all, estimated, not timed. Not a first project.

Size table

Measure	S	M	L	XL	2X
To fit bust (in)	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50
Finished chest (in)	42 1/2	46	50	53 1/2	58 1/2
Ease over largest bust (in)	8 1/2	8	8	7 1/2	8 1/2
Length (in)	24	25	26	27	28
Armhole depth (in)	8 1/2	9	9 1/2	10	10 1/2
Sleeve length (in)	17	17 1/2	18	18 1/2	19
Sleeve width around (in)	17	18	18 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2
Neck opening (in)	12	12	12 1/2	13	14
Front/back: sts x rows	69 x 54	75 x 56	81 x 59	87 x 61	95 x 63
Sleeve: sts x rows	55 x 38	57 x 40	59 x 42	60 x 46	62 x 48

Inches. Approximate, from our suggested gauge: check them against your swatch.

Abbreviations (US)

ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch
hdc = half double crochet
st(s) = stitch(es)
RS = right side
WS = wrong side
yo = yarn over
tch = turning chain (ch 2 here: never counted, never worked into)
Cream / Green = the two colors: Cream and Forest Green
S (M, L, XL, 2X) = numbers for each size: the first is S, the others follow in order

Gauge

Gauge swatch is required, not optional. Suggested only, not swatched: 13 hdc and 9 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in hdc with US I-9 (5.5 mm), colorwork rows included. Your rows and stitches may be fewer or more than we show: measure your swatch and adjust.

Notes

- US crochet terms: see the abbreviations above. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X. Numbers are written S (M, L, XL, 2X).
- Turning ch (ch 2): it does not count as a st. Work the first hdc in the very first st and the last hdc in the last st of the row, never in the turning ch.
- Hdc: yarn over, insert the hook under both top loops of the next st (the V), yarn over and pull

up a loop (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.
- Back bump: the bump on the back of each foundation ch. Row 1 goes in the back bumps. Keep the foundation chain loose: use a hook one size up for it if you tend to chain tight.
- Row 1 of every piece is a right-side (RS) row, so odd rows are RS and even rows are WS. The chart shows the band as seen from the right side: RS rows are read right to left, WS rows left to right.
- Carrying the yarn: in every band row, hold the color you are not using along the top of the stitches of the row below and work your hdc over it, so it is inside the stitches. Do this for the whole row, also on the stretches where that color is not used. Then the yarn is always waiting where the next row needs it and the back stays free of loops. Honest warning: carried yarn makes the fabric thicker and tighter than plain hdc, the Green can show through the Cream, and a tree can lean a little between right-side and wrong-side rows. We have not tried this ourselves: the swatch tells you.
- Changing color: work the hdc before the change up to the last step: you have 3 loops on the hook. Drop the old color (it is carried over the next sts) and pull the new color through all 3 loops. The change happens on that last pull-through, so the new color shows in the next st. Pull the carried yarn gently: tight strands pucker the fabric.
- Every band row starts and ends with Cream (the trees never touch the first or last 3 sts), so the turning ch is always Cream. The Green is joined at the first tree in Band Row 1 (its 6 in tail is worked over, no end to weave) and cut at the edge in Band Row 11.
- [ ] times: do everything inside the brackets as many times as it says. A band row is the same pieces repeated; the numbers for your size are in the first part of each line.



Laid flat

Swatch

Make this first. 21 sts and 14 rows, the same for every size.

Foundation

Ch 35.

Stitch count: 35 ch

Row 1 (RS)

Skip the first 2 ch from the hook (they are the turning ch and do not count as a st). Work a hdc in the back bump of the next ch and of each ch across.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Rows 2 to 6

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each st across. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 7 = Band Row 1 (RS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Join the Forest Green at the first Green st of this row: lay its 6 in tail along the top of the next sts and work over it (no end to weave in). From there carry the Green in every st to the end of the row. Hdc: 6 Cream, [1 Green, 9 Cream] 2 times, 1 Green, 6 Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 8 = Band Row 2 (WS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 3 Cream, [7 Green, 3 Cream] 2 times, 7 Green, 3 Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 9 = Band Row 3 (RS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 4 Cream, [5 Green, 5 Cream] 2 times, 5 Green, 4 Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 10 = Band Row 4 (WS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 5 Cream, [3 Green, 7 Cream] 2 times, 3 Green, 5 Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 11 = Band Row 5 (RS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 4 Cream, [5 Green, 5 Cream] 2 times, 5 Green, 4 Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 12 = Band Row 6 (WS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 5 Cream, [3 Green, 7 Cream] 2 times, 3 Green, 5 Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 13 = Band Row 7 (RS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 6 Cream, [1 Green, 9 Cream] 2 times, 1 Green, 6 Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 14 = Band Row 8 (WS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: in each st across with Cream, carrying the Green. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 15 = Band Row 9 (RS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 11 Cream, [1 Green, 9 Cream] 1 times, 1 Green, 11 Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 16 = Band Row 10 (WS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 10 Cream, [3 Green, 7 Cream] 1 times, 3 Green, 10 Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Row 17 = Band Row 11 (RS)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 11 Cream, [1 Green, 9 Cream] 1 times, 1 Green, 11 Cream. Cut the Green, leaving a 6 in tail. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc

Rows 18 to 23

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each st across. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 33 hdc



Close-up of the stitch

Front

Worked from the hem up in Cream, with the tree band in Forest Green. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X. Numbers are written S (M, L, XL, 2X).

Foundation

Ch 71 (77, 83, 89, 97).

Stitch count: 71 (77, 83, 89, 97) ch

Row 1 (RS)

Skip the first 2 ch from the hook (they are the turning ch and do not count as a st). Work a hdc in the back bump of the next ch and of each ch across.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Rows 2 to 28 (30, 32, 32, 32)

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each st across. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 1 (RS) = Row 29 (31, 33, 33, 33)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Join the Forest Green at the first Green st of this row: lay its 6 in tail along the top of the next sts and work over it (no end to weave in). From there carry the Green in every st to the end of the row. Hdc: 9 (7, 10, 8, 7) Cream, [1 Green, 9 Cream] 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) times, 1 Green, 9 (7, 10, 8, 7) Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 2 (WS) = Row 30 (32, 34, 34, 34)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 6 (4, 7, 5, 4) Cream, [7 Green, 3 Cream] 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) times, 7 Green, 6 (4, 7, 5, 4) Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 3 (RS) = Row 31 (33, 35, 35, 35)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 7 (5, 8, 6, 5) Cream, [5 Green, 5 Cream] 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) times, 5 Green, 7 (5, 8, 6, 5) Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 4 (WS) = Row 32 (34, 36, 36, 36)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 8 (6, 9, 7, 6) Cream, [3 Green, 7 Cream] 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) times, 3 Green, 8 (6, 9, 7, 6) Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 5 (RS) = Row 33 (35, 37, 37, 37)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 7 (5, 8, 6, 5) Cream, [5 Green, 5 Cream] 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) times, 5 Green, 7 (5, 8, 6, 5) Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 6 (WS) = Row 34 (36, 38, 38, 38)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 8 (6, 9, 7, 6) Cream, [3 Green, 7 Cream] 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) times, 3 Green, 8 (6, 9, 7, 6) Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 7 (RS) = Row 35 (37, 39, 39, 39)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 9 (7, 10, 8, 7) Cream, [1 Green, 9 Cream] 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) times, 1 Green, 9 (7, 10, 8, 7) Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 8 (WS) = Row 36 (38, 40, 40, 40)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: in each st across with Cream, carrying the Green. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 9 (RS) = Row 37 (39, 41, 41, 41)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 14 (12, 15, 13, 12) Cream, [1 Green, 9 Cream] 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) times, 1 Green, 14 (12, 15, 13, 12) Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 10 (WS) = Row 38 (40, 42, 42, 42)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 13 (11, 14, 12, 11) Cream, [3 Green, 7 Cream] 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) times, 3 Green, 13 (11, 14, 12, 11) Cream. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Band Row 11 (RS) = Row 39 (41, 43, 43, 43)

Ch 2 with Cream (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc: 14 (12, 15, 13, 12) Cream, [1 Green, 9 Cream] 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) times, 1 Green, 14 (12, 15, 13, 12) Cream. Cut the Green, leaving a 6 in tail. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Rows 40 (42, 44, 44, 44) to 54 (56, 59, 61, 63)

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each st across. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Back

Same size as the front, all Cream.

Foundation

Ch 71 (77, 83, 89, 97).

Stitch count: 71 (77, 83, 89, 97) ch

Row 1 (RS)

Skip the first 2 ch from the hook (they are the turning ch and do not count as a st). Work a hdc in the back bump of the next ch and of each ch across.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc

Rows 2 to 54 (56, 59, 61, 63)

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each st across. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) hdc



Crochet Christmas sweater in cream with a band of dark green trees and stars across the ch

Sleeves

Make 2, all Cream. The rows run along the arm.

Foundation

Ch 57 (59, 61, 62, 64).

Stitch count: 57 (59, 61, 62, 64) ch

Row 1 (RS)

Skip the first 2 ch from the hook (they are the turning ch and do not count as a st). Work a hdc in the back bump of the next ch and of each ch across.

Stitch count: 55 (57, 59, 60, 62) hdc

Rows 2 to 38 (40, 42, 46, 48)

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each st across. Do not work in the turning ch. The rows run along the arm: the cuff and the armhole edge are row ends.

Stitch count: 55 (57, 59, 60, 62) hdc

Assembly

Rectangles seam row end to row end, so the counts below match.

Weave in ends

The Green has one end to weave in: the tail you cut at the edge of Band Row 11 (the tail you started with is worked over). Weave it into the side seam later. Weave in the other ends on the wrong side.

Block

Block the swatch AND the pieces, the band especially, to the measurements in the size table, following the yarn label. Rectangles seam much more easily when they are flat.

Pin first

For every seam, pin the first and the last rows (or sts) of the seam and the middle first, then sew between the pins.

Shoulder seams

Lay the front and the back flat, right sides up, tops of the stitches touching. With the needle, go under the 2 loops of the V of one st on the front, then under the V of the matching st on the back, and repeat across. Seam the first 15 (18, 20, 22, 25) sts and the last 15 (18, 20, 22, 25) sts of the top edge. Leave the middle 39 (39, 41, 43, 45) sts open: this is the neck (15 (18, 20, 22, 25) + 39 (39, 41, 43, 45) + 15 (18, 20, 22, 25) = 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) sts).

Mark the armholes

On each side edge of the front and of the back, count 19 (20, 21, 23, 24) rows down from the shoulder seam and put a marker. This is the armhole (the underarm marker).

Set in the sleeves

A sleeve has 38 (40, 42, 46, 48) rows (the rows run along the arm, so the armhole edge and the cuff are row ends). Fold the sleeve in half: the fold is between its Row 19 (20, 21, 23, 24) and its Row 20 (21, 22, 24, 25). Put that fold at the shoulder seam and sew the armhole edge of the sleeve to the armhole: 19 (20, 21, 23, 24) rows on the front and 19 (20, 21, 23, 24) rows on the back, one row end to one row end. Do the same with the other sleeve.

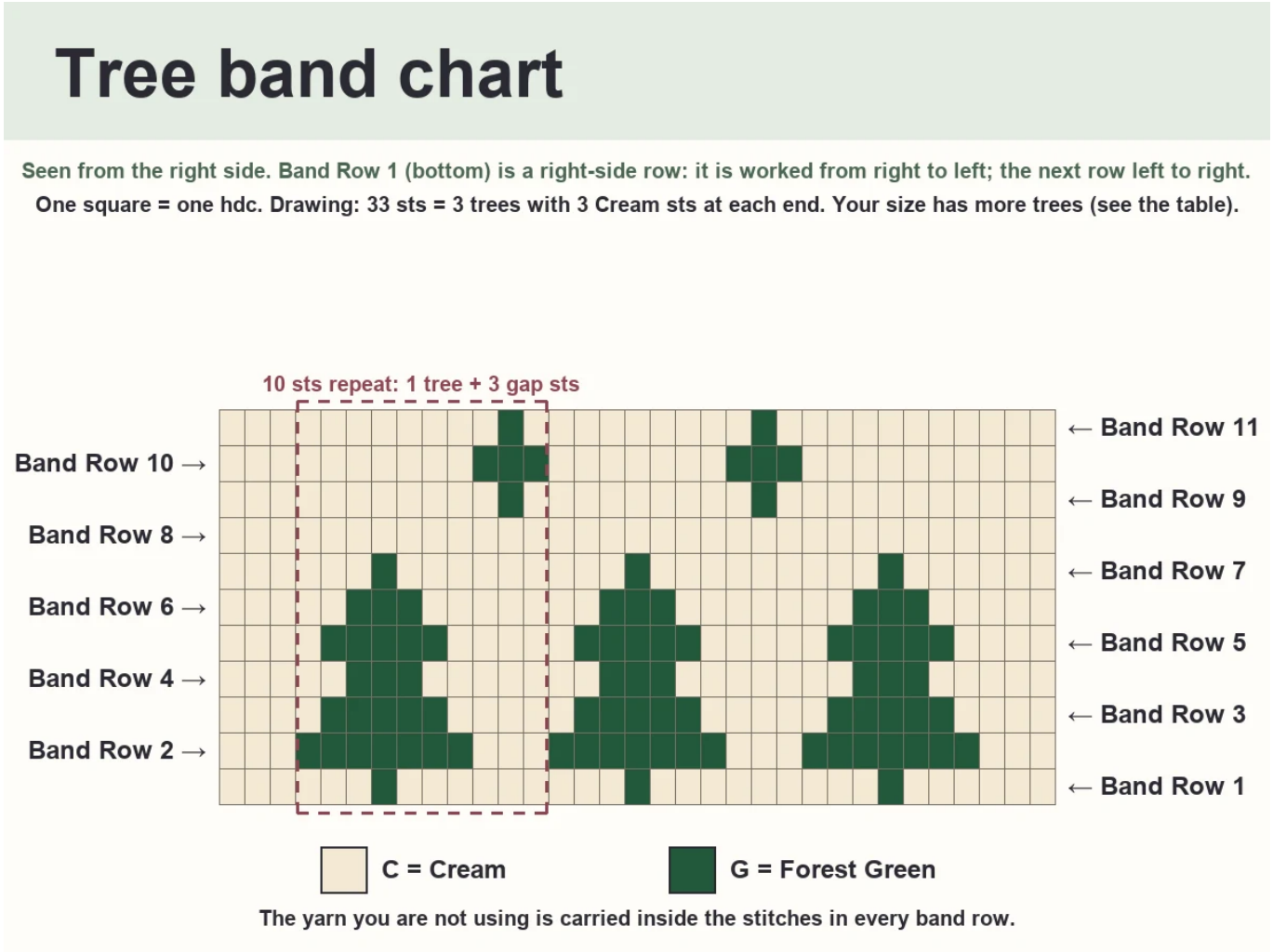
Underarm and side seams

Sew the foundation-ch edge of the sleeve to its last-row edge (55 (57, 59, 60, 62) sts to 55 (57, 59, 60, 62) sts), then continue down the side of the body: 35 (36, 38, 38, 39) rows of the front to 35 (36, 38, 38, 39) rows of the back. The sleeve seam and the side seam meet at the underarm marker; sew them as one seam from cuff to hem. Repeat on the other side.

Finish

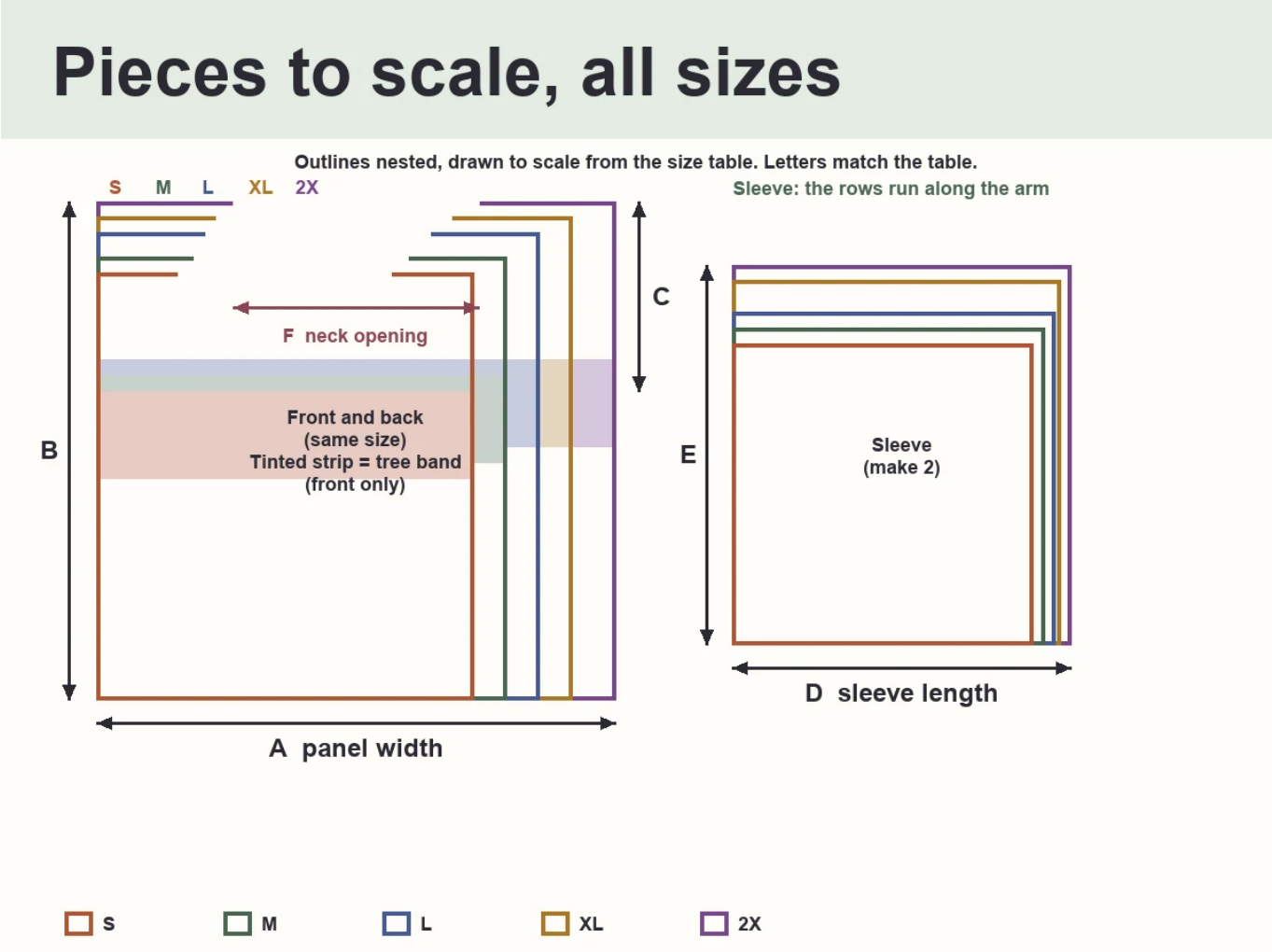
Weave in the seaming ends. The neck, hem and cuffs are left as they are (the edge of the hdc rows): no border to work.

Chart



The 11 band rows drawn from our row model (33 sts, 3 trees so it fits on a phone); your size has more trees. One square is one hdc, drawn about 1.4 times taller than wide like a real hdc; your trees may look taller or shorter with your tension. A computer drawing.

Plan of the pieces



Front/back panels and sleeves of all sizes to scale, with the tree band as a thin box. The letters match the size table. A computer drawing.

The tree band, row by row

S front: where the band is

Hem	Rows 1-28: Cream
Tree band	Rows 29-39: Cream and Forest Green
Above the band	Rows 40-54: Cream

M front: where the band is

Hem	Rows 1-30: Cream
Tree band	Rows 31-41: Cream and Forest Green
Above the band	Rows 42-56: Cream

L front: where the band is

Hem	Rows 1-32: Cream
Tree band	Rows 33-43: Cream and Forest Green
Above the band	Rows 44-59: Cream

XL front: where the band is

Hem	Rows 1-32: Cream
Tree band	Rows 33-43: Cream and Forest Green
Above the band	Rows 44-61: Cream

2X front: where the band is

Hem	Rows 1-32: Cream
Tree band	Rows 33-43: Cream and Forest Green
Above the band	Rows 44-63: Cream



On a hanger

Finishing

Try the sweater on before you block it. Check that every end is woven in, that the seams are

flat and that the Green strands inside the band lie flat. Wash and dry the sweater as the yarn label says. You can lightly block it; follow the yarn label, and block the band especially.

How to make it

1. Make a swatch first

A gauge swatch is required, not optional. Our gauge is a guess, not a measurement. With Cream, make the swatch of the Swatch section: ch 35, 33 sts, 23 rows, with the 3-tree band in the middle rows and the Green carried like in the sweater. Block the swatch AND the pieces, the band especially: block the swatch the way you will block the sweater, then measure 13 hdc x 9 rows in the plain rows AND in the band rows, separately. We assumed 13 hdc and 9 rows. If you get more sts, go up a hook size; fewer, go down. Hold the swatch up to a window: if the Green shows through the Cream stitches, use a Green that is lighter or a Cream that is thicker, or choose a lighter second color. The band should lie as flat and wide as the plain hdc around it: if it puckers or is narrower, go up a hook size for the band rows only. Colorwork in hdc with carried yarn gives a thicker, tighter fabric than plain hdc, and a tree may lean a little between right-side and wrong-side rows: we have not tried this ourselves. Then check your size: your finished chest = 2 x the stitches of the panel / your sts per inch. Example: size M has 75 sts; at 13 sts per 4 in (3.25 per in) the chest is about 46 in, at 12 sts per 4 in (3 per in) it would be about 50 in. For length, rows per inch work the same way. Weigh your swatch in grams. Yards needed = (swatch grams / swatch area in sq in) x sweater area / grams per yard of your yarn; the sweater area is about 1590 (S), 1770 (M), 1980 (L), 2210 (XL), 2450 (2X) sq in (front, back and 2 sleeves). Our yardage is an estimate: buy one skein more than the card says.

2. Choose your size

Pick the size from your bust measurement plus the ease you like, or measure a boxy sweater you love, laid flat, and compare it with 'A panel width' x 2 in the size table. The sweater is meant to be loose: about 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 in of ease over the largest bust of each range. If you are between sizes, take the smaller one for a closer fit.

3. Work the front

Chain, work Row 1 and the plain rows in Cream. Start the band at the row shown for your size. Join the Green at the first tree in Band Row 1, carry it through all 11 band rows and cut it at the end of Band Row 11. Carrying the yarn: in every band row, hold the color you are not using along the top of the stitches of the row below and work your hdc over it, so it is inside the stitches. Do this for the whole row, also on the stretches where that color is not used. Then the yarn is always waiting where the next row needs it and the back stays free of loops. Honest warning: carried yarn makes the fabric thicker and tighter than plain hdc, the Green can show through the Cream, and a tree can lean a little between right-side and wrong-side rows. We have not tried this ourselves: the swatch tells you.

4. Work the back and the sleeves

The back is the same as the front without the band. Each sleeve is a rectangle: its rows run along the arm, so the cuff and the armhole edge are row ends; the foundation-ch edge and the last-row edge are sewn together into the underarm seam.

5. Seam the pieces

Pin first: For every seam, pin the first and the last rows (or sts) of the seam and the middle first, then sew between the pins. Shoulder seams: Lay the front and the back flat, right sides up, tops of the stitches touching. With the needle, go under the 2 loops of the V of one st on

the front, then under the V of the matching st on the back, and repeat across. Seam the first 15 (18, 20, 22, 25) sts and the last 15 (18, 20, 22, 25) sts of the top edge. Leave the middle 39 (39, 41, 43, 45) sts open: this is the neck (15 (18, 20, 22, 25) + 39 (39, 41, 43, 45) + 15 (18, 20, 22, 25) = 69 (75, 81, 87, 95) sts). Mark the armholes: On each side edge of the front and of the back, count 19 (20, 21, 23, 24) rows down from the shoulder seam and put a marker. This is the armhole (the underarm marker). Set in the sleeves: A sleeve has 38 (40, 42, 46, 48) rows (the rows run along the arm, so the armhole edge and the cuff are row ends). Fold the sleeve in half: the fold is between its Row 19 (20, 21, 23, 24) and its Row 20 (21, 22, 24, 25). Put that fold at the shoulder seam and sew the armhole edge of the sleeve to the armhole: 19 (20, 21, 23, 24) rows on the front and 19 (20, 21, 23, 24) rows on the back, one row end to one row end. Do the same with the other sleeve.

6. Weave in and wash

Weave in the ends on the wrong side. Wash and dry as the yarn label says.

Care: Follow the washing and drying instructions on the label of your yarn.

Thank you!

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