Crochet Christmas Sweater Ornament (Mini Tapestry Sweater)

A tiny Cranberry sweater with a Cream tree, to hang on your Christmas tree · US terms



Front detail

Finished size: Body about 3 1/2 x 3 1/4 in (9 x 8 cm), about 5 3/4 in (15 cm) across the sleeves (approximate)

Level: Advanced beginner: sc, color change, carrying yarn, sewing tiny pieces. Not a first project.

Time: About 2 1/2 to 4 hours for the ornament (sewing tiny pieces is slow if it is new to you), plus about 40 minutes for the swatch. Blocking and drying time are not included. For several ornaments: no time saved, about the same each. Sewing small pieces: allow 1 hour or more if new to you. Estimated, not timed

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Materials, sizes and terms

Materials

Cranberry (main color, seams, loop): about 70 yd (mini size)
Cream (the tree): about 6 yd (mini size)
Yardage above is for the ornament; the swatch needs more (see the Sizes card). Leftover DK yarn is enough.
Tapestry needle (DK size, round tip), scissors, at least 4 stitch markers, measuring tape. No beads, buttons or safety eyes.
Acrylic or wool DK yarn with good contrast between the two colors. Do not steam acrylic.

Sizes

Mini: about 3 1/2 in wide, 3 1/4 in tall (5 3/4 in across the sleeves)
Yarn needed: Cranberry 70 yd (64 m) · Cream 6 yd (5 m) (estimated, with a 30 % margin). One 50 g ball of DK is enough for the ornament. The swatch needs about 20 yd (18 m) more Cranberry and 6 yd (5 m) Cream; you can unravel it afterwards
Finished size: A body width 3 1/2 in (9 cm); B body height 3 1/4 in (8 cm); C armhole depth 1 in (3 cm); D sleeve length, cuff to armhole 1 1/4 in (3 cm); E sleeve edge sewn to the armhole 2 1/4 in (6 cm); F neck opening 1 1/2 in (4 cm); across the sleeves 5 3/4 in (15 cm); hanging loop about 6 in (15 cm) of chain. All approximate.
Counts: Front and back: ch 18, 17 sts, 18 rows each. Tree: Rows 5-13 of the front, 9 sts wide, 4 Cranberry sts at each end. Sleeves (2): ch 7, 6 sts, 12 rows. Shoulder seams 5 sts each, neck 7 sts. Armhole 6 rows on the front and on the back. Loop: ch 30. About 2 1/2 to 4 hours in all, estimated, not timed.

Abbreviations (US)

ch = chain
sc = single crochet
st(s) = stitch(es)
RS = right side
WS = wrong side
yo = yarn over
tch = turning chain (ch 1 here: never counted, never worked into)
Cranberry / Cream = the two colors: Cranberry (main color) and Cream (the tree)

Gauge

Gauge swatch is required, not optional. Suggested only, not swatched: 20 sc and 22 to 23 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in tapestry single crochet with DK yarn and a US D-3 (3.25 mm) hook, colorwork rows included. Your stitches and rows may be fewer or more than we show: measure your swatch.

Notes

- US crochet terms: see the abbreviations above. One size.
- Turning ch (ch 1): it does not count as a st. Work the first sc in the very first st and the last sc in the last st of the row, never in the turning ch.
- Sc: insert the hook under both top loops of the next st (the V), yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through both 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 front as seen from the right side: RS rows are read right to left, WS rows left to right.
- Carrying the yarn: in every tree row, hold the color you are not using along the top of the stitches of the row below and work your sc over it, so it is inside the stitches. Do this for the whole row, also on the stretches where that color is not used, up to the edge. 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, the Cranberry can show through the Cream, and the tree can lean a little between right-side and wrong-side rows. The Cream may show through the Cranberry on the right side. If it does, carry the Cream only across the stitches next to the tree and drop it at the 4th Cranberry stitch from the tree, then pick it up again in the next row (a small loop at the edge is fine: it goes in the seam). We have not tried this: the swatch tells you.
- Changing color: work the sc up to its last step: you have 2 loops on the hook. Drop the old color (it is carried over the next sts) and pull the new color through both 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 tree row starts and ends with at least 4 Cranberry sts (the tree never touches the edges), so the turning ch is always Cranberry. The Cream is joined at the center st of Tree Row 1 (its tail is covered by the sts and cut short) and cut at the edge in Tree Row 9: that end is woven in.
- Tails: leave an 18 in tail at the start and at the end of the front, the back and each sleeve, in Cranberry. You will sew with them: a long tail is easier than new yarn.
- Drop shoulder: the sleeve is sewn to a straight armhole edge, and the shoulder seam sits on top of the arm. Blocking: shaping a finished piece by wetting it or steaming it, pinning it flat to its size and letting it dry. Tapestry needle: a blunt yarn needle, DK size, with a round tip.
- Left-handed: work the same, read the charts in the other direction.



Laid flat

Swatch

Make this first. 17 sts and 13 rows.

Foundation

Ch 18 (17 + 1 turning ch).

Stitch count: 18 ch

Row 1 (RS)

Sc in the back bump (the bump on the back of the chain) of the 2nd ch from the hook, and in the back bump of each ch across. The loop on your hook is not a ch, and the ch you skip is the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Rows 2 to 2

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), turn. Sc in each st across: the first sc in the very first st, the last sc in the very last st. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 3 = Tree Row 1 (RS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Join the Cream: work st 8 (the last Cranberry st before the first Cream st) until 2 loops are left on the hook, lay the Cream's 6 in tail along the top of the next sts, and pull the Cream through both loops. The first Cream st is st 9 of the row, the center st. Work over the tail and carry the Cream strand (not the tail). Once the tail is covered, cut it to 1 in (if it pokes out, weave it in). From there carry the Cream in every st to the end of the row. Sc: 8 Cranberry, 1 Cream, 8 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 4 = Tree Row 2 (WS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 8 Cranberry, 1 Cream, 8 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 5 = Tree Row 3 (RS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 4 Cranberry, 9 Cream, 4 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 6 = Tree Row 4 (WS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 5 Cranberry, 7 Cream, 5 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 7 = Tree Row 5 (RS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 6 Cranberry, 5 Cream, 6 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 8 = Tree Row 6 (WS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 7 Cranberry, 3 Cream, 7 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 9 = Tree Row 7 (RS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 6 Cranberry, 5 Cream, 6 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 10 = Tree Row 8 (WS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 7 Cranberry, 3 Cream, 7 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 11 = Tree Row 9 (RS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 8 Cranberry, 1 Cream, 8 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. Cut the Cream, leaving a 6 in tail, and weave this end in at the edge (it goes in the side seam). (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Rows 12 to 13

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), turn. Sc in each st across: the first sc in the very first st, the last sc in the very last st. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Front

Worked from the hem up in Cranberry, with the tree in Cream.

Foundation

Ch 18 (17 + 1 turning ch).

Stitch count: 18 ch

Row 1 (RS)

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Stitch count: 17 sc

Rows 2 to 4

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), turn. Sc in each st across: the first sc in the very first st, the last sc in the very last st. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 5 = Tree Row 1 (RS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Join the Cream: work st 8 (the last Cranberry st before the first Cream st) until 2 loops are left on the hook, lay the Cream's 6 in tail along the top of the next sts, and pull the Cream through both loops. The first Cream st is st 9 of the row, the center st. Work over the tail and carry the Cream strand (not the tail). Once the tail is covered, cut it to 1 in (if it pokes out, weave it in). From there carry the Cream in every st to the end of the row. Sc: 8 Cranberry, 1 Cream, 8 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

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Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 7 = Tree Row 3 (RS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 4 Cranberry, 9 Cream, 4 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 8 = Tree Row 4 (WS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 5 Cranberry, 7 Cream, 5 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

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Stitch count: 17 sc

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Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 7 Cranberry, 3 Cream, 7 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Row 13 = Tree Row 9 (RS)

Ch 1 with Cranberry (does not count as a st), turn. Sc: 8 Cranberry, 1 Cream, 8 Cranberry. Do not work in the turning ch. Cut the Cream, leaving a 6 in tail, and weave this end in at the edge (it goes in the side seam). (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Rows 14 to 18

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), turn. Sc in each st across: the first sc in the very first st, the last sc in the very last st. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc



Size in hand

Back

Same size as the front, all Cranberry.

Foundation

Ch 18 (17 + 1 turning ch).

Stitch count: 18 ch

Row 1 (RS)

Sc in the back bump (the bump on the back of the chain) of the 2nd ch from the hook, and in the back bump of each ch across. The loop on your hook is not a ch, and the ch you skip is the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Rows 2 to 18

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), turn. Sc in each st across: the first sc in the very first st, the last sc in the very last st. Do not work in the turning ch. (17 sc)

Stitch count: 17 sc

Sleeves

Make 2, all Cranberry. The rows run from cuff to armhole.

Foundation

Ch 7 (6 + 1 turning ch).

Stitch count: 7 ch

Row 1 (RS)

Sc in the back bump (the bump on the back of the chain) of the 2nd ch from the hook, and in the back bump of each ch across. The loop on your hook is not a ch, and the ch you skip is the turning ch. (6 sc)

Stitch count: 6 sc

Rows 2 to 12

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), turn. Sc in each st across: the first sc in the very first st, the last sc in the very last st. Do not work in the turning ch. (6 sc) The rows run from cuff to armhole: the two long edges (12 row ends each) are the cuff and the armhole; the two short edges (foundation and last row, 6 sts each) are sewn together under the arm.

Stitch count: 6 sc



Yarn and hook

Hanging loop

A plain chain.

Chain

Ch 30. Cut the yarn, leaving two 8 in tails.

Stitch count: 30 ch

Assembly

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

Weave in ends

The Cream has 1 end to weave in: the tail you cut at the edge of Tree Row 9 (also weave in the short start tail from Tree Row 1 if it pokes out). Weave it into the side seam later. Keep the 18 in Cranberry tails for sewing.

Stitch count: -

Block

Blocking: lightly dampen the swatch AND the four pieces, pin them flat to the measurements in the Sizes card, and let them dry, following the yarn label. Do not steam acrylic: it can melt.

Stitch count: -

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 with a tapestry needle and the Cranberry tails. Row ends: sew with mattress stitch (one row end to one row end).

Stitch count: -

Shoulder seams

Lay the front and the back flat in one line, right sides up: the back is turned upside down so its top edge faces the front's top edge (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 5 sts and the last 5 sts of the top edge. Leave the middle 7 sts open: this is the neck (5 + 7 + 5 = 17 sts). After seaming, fold the back down behind the front: both right sides are outside.

Stitch count: -

Mark the armholes

On each side edge of the front and of the back, count 6 rows down from the shoulder seam and put a marker. This is the armhole (the underarm marker).

Stitch count: -

Attach the sleeves

A sleeve has 6 sts in each of its 12 rows. The rows run from cuff to armhole, so the two long edges, 12 row ends each (about 2 1/4 in), are the cuff and the armhole. Fold the sleeve in half: the fold is between its Row 6 and its Row 7. Put that fold at the shoulder seam and sew one long edge of the sleeve to the armhole: 6 rows on the front and 6 rows on the back, one row end to one row end, with mattress stitch. The other long edge is the cuff: leave it open. Do the same with the other sleeve.

Stitch count: -

Underarm and side seams

Sew the short edge of the sleeve with the foundation ch to the short edge with the last row (6 sts to 6 sts), then continue down the side of the body: 12 rows of the front to 12 rows of the back, with mattress stitch. 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.

Stitch count: -

Hanging loop

Make the loop: ch 30 (about 6 in; it should lie flat without being stretched). Cut the yarn, leaving two 8 in tails. Fold the chain in half. On the wrong side of the back, at the top edge in the middle of the open neck (back st 9 is the center; you sew to st 8 and st 10, one on each side), sew one end of the chain to each of those two sts. Pass the needle through three times and knot firmly. Tug it gently to check. Sewing it inside the back neck helps it hang straight.

Stitch count: -

Finish

Weave in the seaming ends on the wrong side. The neck, hem and cuffs are left as they are (the edge of the sc rows): no border to work. Hang it on a tree hook or a thick branch (the folded loop is about 3 in). Not a toy. Small parts: keep away from young children and pets. Do not use beads, buttons or safety eyes. The chain loop and loose ends can wrap around a neck. Keep away from babies, children and pets (pets chew yarn: hang it out of reach). Yarn burns: keep away from candles and hot lights. Check the loop and seams every year; throw it away if it frays. When giving it, say it is not a toy.

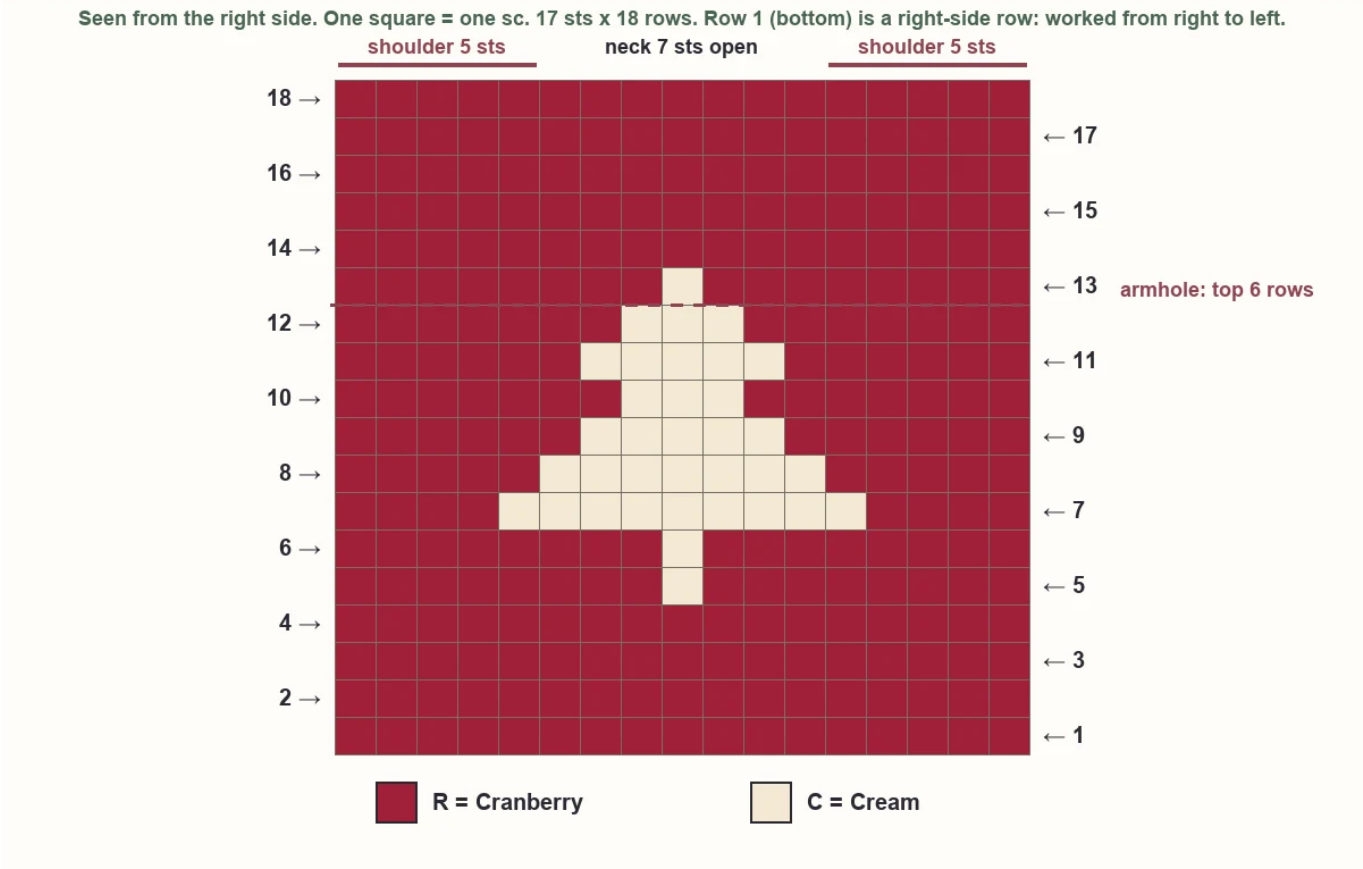
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Chart

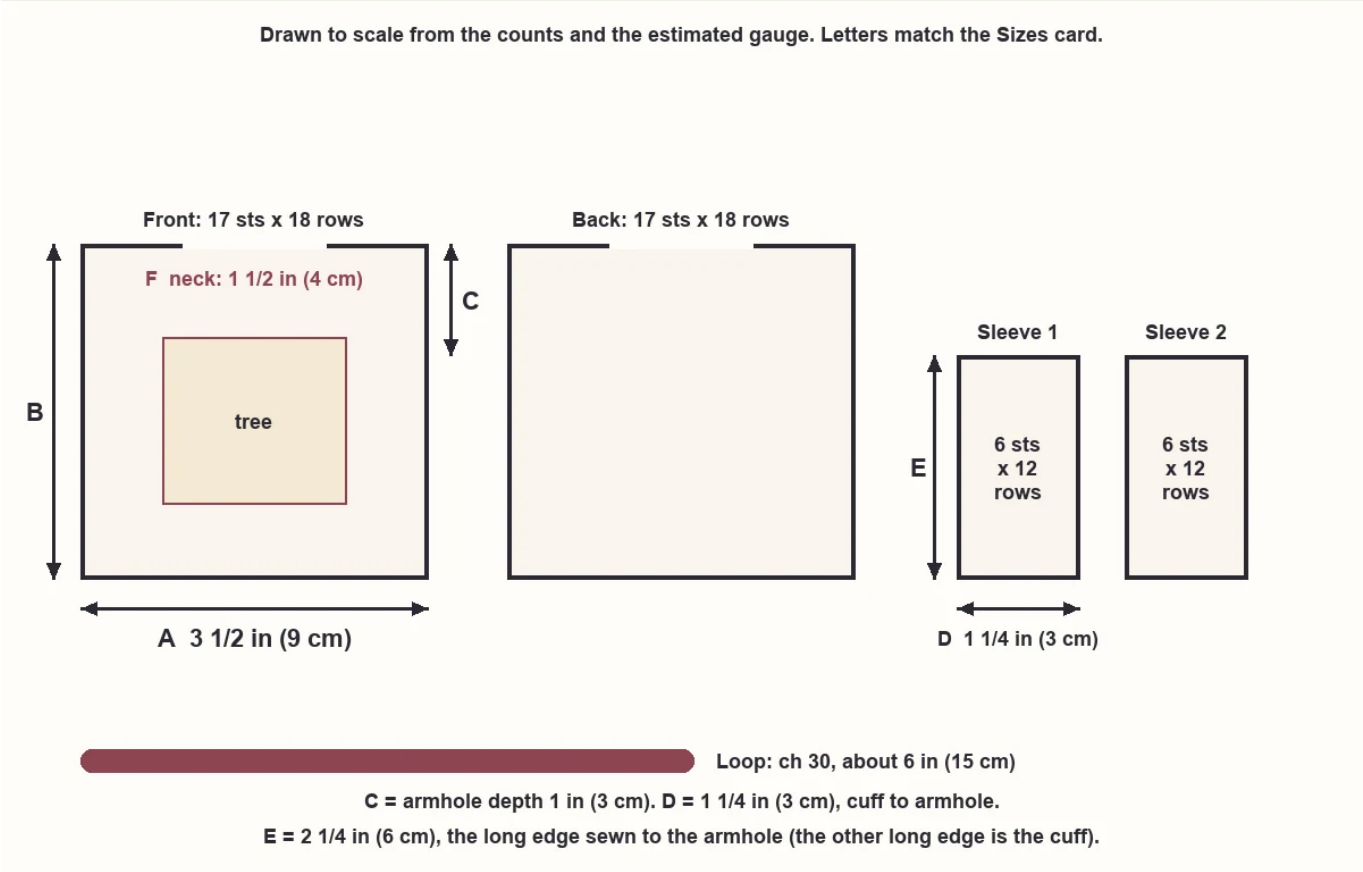
Front chart



The whole front, 17 sts x 18 rows, drawn from our row model. One square is one sc. Your tree may look taller or shorter with your tension. A computer drawing. Tap the chart to enlarge.

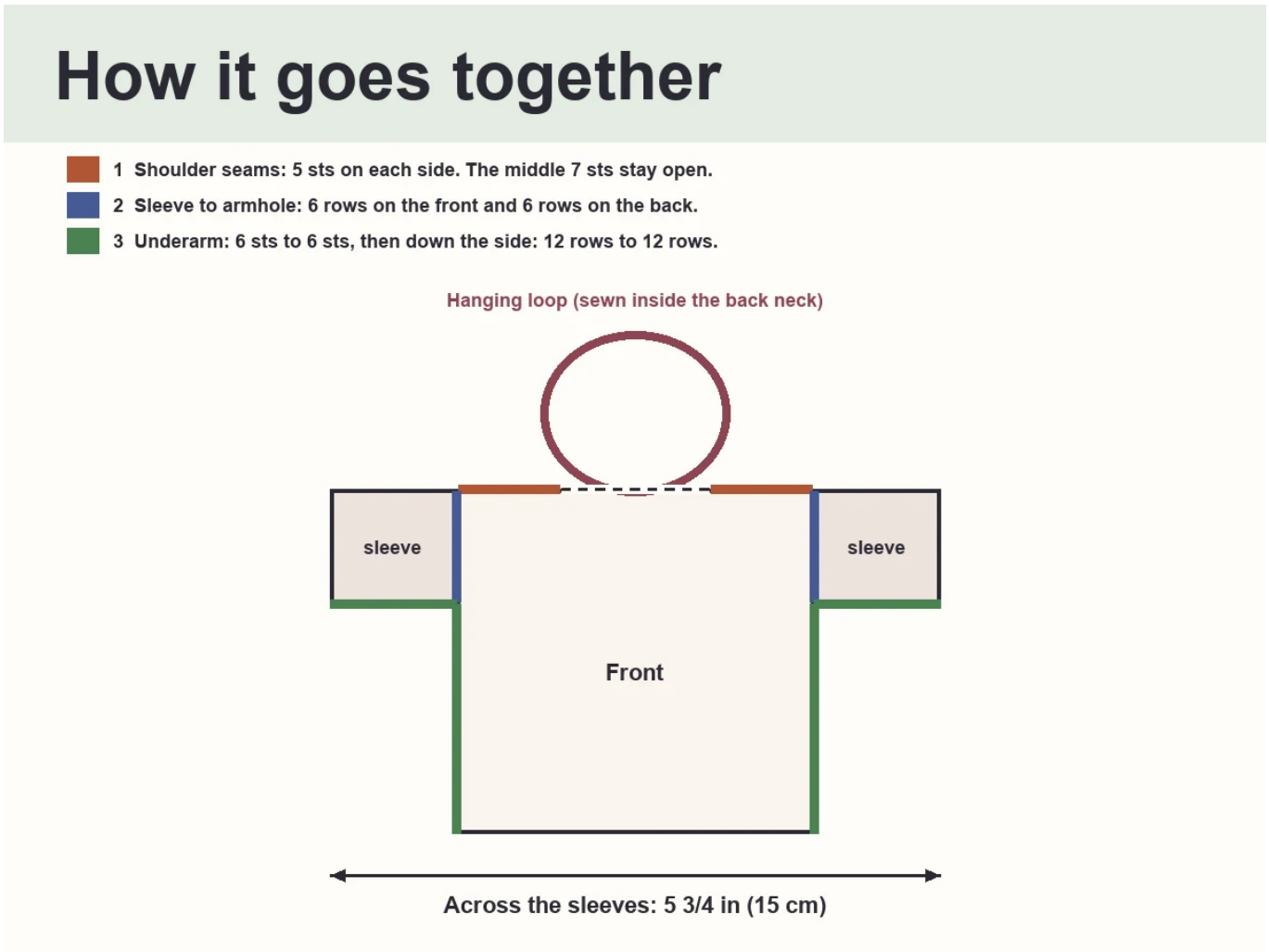
Plan of the pieces

Pieces to scale



The pieces to scale from the counts and the estimated gauge. Letters match the Sizes card. A computer drawing. Tap the plan to enlarge.

Assembly plan



How the pieces go together, with the three groups of seams. Each sleeve is folded in half over the shoulder: only half is visible here. A computer drawing. Tap the plan to enlarge.

The tree, row by row

Mini front: where the tree is

Hem	Rows 1-4: Cranberry
Tree	Rows 5-13: Cranberry and Cream
Above the tree	Rows 14-18: Cranberry

Finishing

Check that every end is woven in, that the seams are flat and that the loop is firmly sewn. Store flat in tissue. Do not wash; spot clean. Not a toy. Small parts: keep away from young children and pets. Do not use beads, buttons or safety eyes. The chain loop and loose ends can wrap around a neck. Keep away from babies, children and pets (pets chew yarn: hang it out of reach). Yarn burns: keep away from candles and hot lights. Check the loop and seams every year; throw it away if it frays. When giving it, say it is not a toy.

Care: Store flat in tissue. Do not wash; spot clean.



Back view

Thank you!

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