



Knit Gifts Around the Tree Skirt

Designed by Ann Regis

Tree skirt measures 51" in diameter.

RED HEART® "Super Saver®": 3 Skeins 319 Cherry Red **A**, 2 skeins 389 Hunter Green **B**, and 1 skein 312 Black **C**.

Knitting Needles: 6mm [US 10].

Crochet Hook: 6mm [US J-10].

2 Stitch markers; yarn needle.

GAUGE: 18 sts = 5"; 20 rows = 4" in St st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION:

ssk (slip, slip, knit) = Slip next 2 sts knitwise, one at a time, to right needle; insert point of left needle into the fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together from this position.

WEDGE (Make 7): With **A**, cast on 68 sts. Knit 1 row.

Row 1 (Right Side): With **C**, Knit.

Row 2: With **C**, K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Rows 3 and 4: With **A**, Knit.

Rows 5 and 6: With **C**, repeat Rows 1 and 2.

Row 7: With **A**, K2, ssk, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2 – 66 sts.

Row 8: With **A**, Knit.

Rows 9 and 10: With **C**, repeat Rows 1 and 2.

Rows 11-18: Rep Rows 7-10 twice – 62 sts.

Rows 19 and 20: With **A**, repeat Rows 7 and 8 – 60 sts.

Row 21: With **A**, Knit.

Row 22: With **A**, K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 23: With **A**, K2, ssk, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2 – 58 sts.

Row 24: Repeat Row 22.

Rows 25-36: Repeat Rows 21-24 three times – 52 sts.

Place a marker each side of the center 20 sts.

Row 37: With **A**, K to marker, with **B**, K20, with a 2nd ball of **A**, K to end.

Row 38: With **A**, K2, P to marker, with **B**, K20, with **A**, P to last 2 sts, K2 – 1 ridge formed on right side of work.

Row 39: With **A**, K2, ssk, K to marker, with **B**, K20, with **A**, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2 – 50 sts.

Row 40: With **A**, K2, P to marker, with **B**, P20, with **A**, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Rows 41-56: Repeat Rows 37-40 four times – 42 sts and 5 ridges in **B** section.

Rows 57 and 58: Repeat Rows 37 and 38 – 6 ridges in **B** section. Cut **B**.

Row 59: With **A**, K2, ssk, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2 – 40 sts.

Row 60: With **A**, K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 61: With **A**, Knit.

Row 62: With **A**, K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Rows 63-74: Repeat Rows 59-62 three times – 34 sts.

Rows 75 and 76: Repeat Rows 59 and 60 – 32 sts.

Rows 77 and 78: With **A**, Knit.

Row 79: With **C**, Knit.

Row 80: With **C**, K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 81: With **A**, K2, ssk, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2 – 30 sts.

Row 82: With **A**, Knit.

Rows 83-98: Repeat Rows 79-82 four times – 22 sts and 5 stripes of **C**. Cut **C** and continue with **A** only.

Rows 99 and 100: Knit.

Row 101: Repeat Row 81 – 20 sts.

Rows 102-104: Knit.

Row 105: Repeat Row 81 – 18 sts.

Rows 106-108: Knit. Bind off.

FINISHING: Sew wedges together, leaving one seam open.

Outer Picot Edge-Row 1: With right side facing and crochet hook, join **B** to cast-on edge at corner of opening; ch 1, work sc evenly along entire cast-on edge of piece.



Fasten off.

Row 2: With right side facing, join **B** in first sc of last row; ch 1, sc in first 3 sc, * ch 3, slip st in 3rd ch from hook for picot, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * across adjusting as necessary at seams and end of row. Fasten off.

Inner Picot Edge: Work same as Outer Picot Edge across inner bound-off edge.

Center Opening Picot Edge: Work same as Outer Picot Edge across each of the 2 open edges EXCEPT work 5 sc and ch-5 (instead of ch 3) for each picot.

Ties (Make about 8): With **A**, ch 50. Fasten off. Thread through every other 5-st picot at side edges and tie into bows to close piece.

Box Decorations-Box 1 (Embellish 4): With **A**, ch 20. Fasten off. Attach horizontally along the center of the **B** box. With **A**, ch 13. Fasten off. Attach vertically across the box.

Box 2 (Embellish 3): With **A**, ch 12. Fasten off. Attach diagonally across one corner. Make a second ch and attach across opposing corner.

Bow (Make 7): With **A**, leaving a long tail, [ch 12, slip st in 12th ch from hook] twice. Fasten off, leaving a long tail again. Wrap one of the tails around the center of the bow to hide the slip st joins. Using remaining tail and, referring to photo, sew a bow to each box.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B, C** = color A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **sc** = single crochet; **St st** = Stockinette stitch (Knit on right side rows; Purl on wrong side rows.); **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.