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EASY

## SIZE

### Finished Circumference

About 4"

## MATERIALS

- Crochet.com Brava Worsted (worsted weight; 100% premium acrylic; 218 yds / 100g): **1 skein of green yarn; suggested colors are Avocado, Dublin, Peapod, or Grass**
- Pre-made picture frame with backing (glass removed)
- Scissors
- Glue gun and glue sticks
- Gold or silver craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Wooden (or cardstock) star cutout
- Small twig for tree base
- Holiday saying - Cardstock cutout from the scrapbooking section or a wooden cutout from the holiday or ornament section of a craft store
- Optional: Adhesive foam squares for your holiday saying (if using cardstock)

## NOTES

You can use multiple colors of green yarn for a fun effect!

Our instructions are for a natural colored star, but you can also paint your star before starting your project.

You can view a video tutorial here: <https://youtu.be/yIwuNxdWwtE>

## YARN TASSEL CHRISTMAS TREE

Take your pre-made frame apart and remove backing. Paint your cardboard backing with the gold or silver craft paint, using broad strokes. Set aside to dry.

## MAKE TASSELS

Cut 10 strips of yarn approximately 8" long and set aside.

1. With the skein of yarn, lay the yarn end in your non-dominant hand across 3 fingers, with the end at the bottom of your fingers. Pinch the yarn end with your thumb to hold it in place. Using your dominant hand, begin wrapping the yarn from front to back, bottom to top, around your 3 fingers approximately 11 times total. For thinner tassels, wrap fewer times. For thicker tassels, wrap more times. Make sure all of your tassels have the same amount of wraps. Cut working yarn with the end at the bottom of your fingers.
2. Slowly pull the yarn wraps off of your fingers, making sure to pinch the top of the wraps together so your wraps stay in place. Place the wraps perpendicular on one of the 8" strands of yarn. Holding the two ends of the 8" strand, tie a knot around the yarn wraps approximately

1cm from the top of the wraps. If your knot is closer to the center of the wraps or too close to the ends of the wraps, you can make adjustments before tying the knot tight.

3. Cut the ends of the 8" strand so they are even with the bottoms of the wraps. Cut the loops of the wraps at the bottom. Your tassel should now be complete, with loops still intact at the top and the yarn ends hanging loosely at the bottom.
4. Repeat Steps 1-3 until you have 10 tassels.

## MAKE TREE

For this part of the craft, you will be working with your dried cardboard backing. If your cardboard backing is still wet, you can speed the process using a hair dryer.

Reassemble your frame with the backing. You will want to make sure the frame is assembled so you don't create your tree with elements that would be underneath the frame.

Without gluing anything yet, place your star about 2" from the top of the frame and your twig at the bottom of the frame. Our sample is shown vertically with the saying

at the top but you can also position your frame horizontally and place the saying off to the side.

Glue your twig in place (but leave your star unglued).

Again, without gluing, position all of your tassels in a tree formation with approximately 4 tassels at the bottom, 3 tassels in the next row up, 2 tassels in the next row up, and 1 tassel at the very top.

Once you are satisfied with the placement of all of your tassels, begin gluing in place with the knotted ends underneath so they don't show. Only a small amount of hot glue is necessary for each tassel. Begin with the 2 center tassels at the bottom of the tree, one on each side of the twig. Then glue the other 2 tassels next to those tassels. Working from the center out will keep things in alignment.

For the next row, begin with the center tassel, gluing in place while slightly overlapping the row beneath, hiding the very tops of the tassels. Glue the other 2 tassels next to the center tassel.

Glue the 3rd row 2 tassels centered between the tassels on the row below, making sure to overlap the tassels slightly.

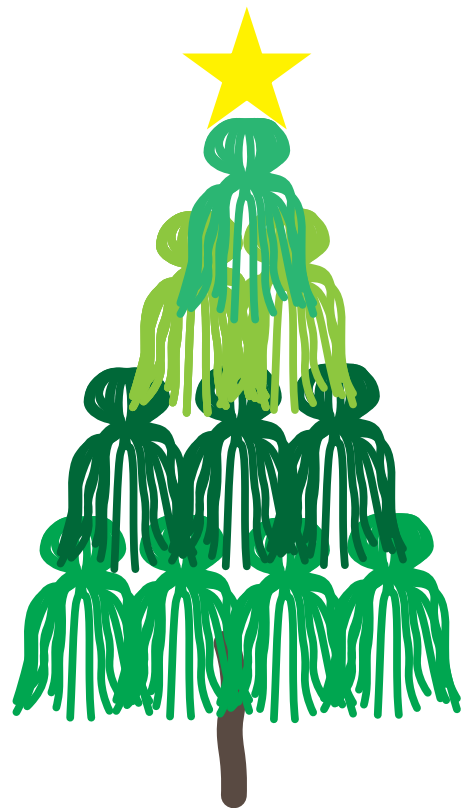
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The top tassel should be centered between the 2 tassels below, slightly overlapping the row below.

Glue your star at the top of the top tassel.

Glue your saying in place. Our sample shows the saying at the top but you could put your saying off to the side if you choose. If you are using a cardstock saying, it's best to use foam adhesive squares. If you are using a wooden cutout saying, it's best to use hot glue.



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