Crochet Paper-Chain Garland



Edition and sample status

Version 1.0 | October 19, 2026. The complete new reading route below uses US crochet terms. The relevant unchanged reference pages at the end use UK terms. Editorial count corrections, translations, joining interpretations and finishing alternatives are prototype-ready drafts until physically crocheted, finished and checked. No new physical sample, wash, hanging, load or stability test has been made. Existing photographs do not prove these additions have been tested.

Finished-size approach

Reference strip before closing: about 4 cm wide x 8 cm long. Reference estimate: about 20 links per metre. Record your strip dimensions and actual hanging length; linking changes the length.

Materials and starting hook

DROPS Paris, 100% cotton, 50 g / 105 m: Orange 13, Opal Green 11, Red 12, Vanilla 35, Light Turquoise 02, Purple 31. 3.5 mm hook and yarn needle. Original estimate 6-7 links per ball; not newly measured. Also use scissors, a tape measure, removable stitch markers and a blunt yarn needle. Check current yarn labels rather than assuming an old colour or yarn remains available. No substitute is claimed equivalent without a sample.

Gauge, measurements and resizing

No numerical gauge is supplied for this project. Work a generous swatch in the named main stitch with the stated yarn and hook, allow it to rest, and measure the central 10 cm in both directions: stitches/10 cm = ___; rows/10 cm = ___. For spiral pieces, make a small stuffed trial and check that the filling is contained without gaps. For open motifs, make and measure one whole motif; a plain swatch alone will not predict its finished outline.

Record yarn, fibre, hook, actual dimensions, yarn used and care result. Changing yarn or hook changes size and stiffness, not just appearance. For the same stitch construction, new width is approximately old width x old stitch gauge / new stitch gauge; this is a planning estimate, not a verified size. Keep the written counts for shaped figures and trial the entire set of components together. Do not enlarge just the body and expect the old hat or limbs to fit. For motifs, use whole repeated motifs to enlarge a joined piece rather than interrupting the stitch repeat.

US terminology and working rules

The new route uses US terms. The unchanged reference pages use UK terms: UK dc = US sc; UK htr = US hdc; UK tr = US dc; UK dtr = US tr; UK ttr = US double treble. UK FPtr = US fpdc, but UK FPdc = US fpsc. Do not mix the two systems within a round.

MR: adjustable magic ring; ch: chain; sl st: slip stitch; st: stitch; sc: single crochet; hdc: half double crochet; dc: double crochet; tr: treble crochet; BLO: back loop only. Inc means 2 sc in one stitch unless a different stitch is named. Dec means sc2tog over the next two stitches. For sc2tog, insert and draw up a loop in each of two stitches, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops. A repeat in parentheses is worked the stated number of times; the count at its end is the new working count.

For fpdc, yarn over, insert from front to back to front around the next post, draw up a loop, then complete a dc. For fpsc, insert around the post without the initial yarn over and complete a sc. Double treble: yarn over 3 times, insert and draw up a loop, then yarn over and draw through 2 loops four times. Picot, unless otherwise stated: ch2, sl st into the second chain from the hook.

Continuous-round pieces: mark the first real stitch, move the marker every round and do not join or turn. Joined rounds: join to the first actual stitch, except where an initial counted tall chain explicitly replaces that stitch. Flat sc rows: ch1 and turn; the chain never counts. Change colour on the last pull-through of the preceding stitch and weave ends securely into the fabric. An uncounted turning chain does not create another stitch.

1. Make the first strip

Ch7. Row1: sc in the second chain and each remaining chain =6 sc; turn. Row2: ch1 uncounted, sc6; turn. Rows3-27: repeat Row2. Keep6 sc in every row. The reference strip is approximately4 cm wide x8 cm long before it is joined; check your actual fabric rather than forcing those numbers by stretching.

2. Close a ring and link the next one

Bring the final row to the foundation-row edge without twisting the strip. With right side facing outward, ch1 and sl st through corresponding stitches of both ends6 times to close the loop. Fasten and bury the tail inside the join. Use the six foundation positions, not seven chain loops.

Make another strip in the next colour through Row27. Pass one end through the completed ring before closing its own ends together with6 paired slip stitches. Continue in the same way, alternating the six colours or choosing your own sequence. Inspect that each loop passes through the preceding loop and that no strip is twisted before sewing or crocheting it closed.

3. Length planning and hanging

The reference estimates20 linked rings per metre and6-7 rings per50 g ball; these are source estimates, not newly measured amounts. Make three to five linked rings and measure the relaxed hanging length. If a trial of n links spans L centimetres, estimate desired count as desired length x n / L, rounded up; then remeasure as the chain grows because drape and supports change the span.

To propose a different strip width W using your measured s stitches/cm, choose working stitches approximately W x s, rounded to a whole number, and chain one extra. To propose a different strip length H with r rows/cm, work approximately H x r rows, testing that the strip wraps into an open ring. The demonstrated route stays at6 stitches and27 rows. Width/length changes are untested.

Hang indoors with secure supports outside pet and child reach, with no loop accessible for a neck or limb. Keep it clear of heat and flames. The log-stack scene is styling, not permission to hang yarn by an active fire. Do not use it as a necklace, pet collar or restraint. Check the hanging points and ring joins before display.

Technical points to check on the sample

Thread every new strip through the preceding ring before closing it. Width/length adjustments and hanging support are untested; this is decoration, not a wearable or pet collar. Record the actual stitch counts after each shaping round, measure the finished piece, and check every join. If the fabric or count does not agree, stop and resolve it before continuing. Retain your yarn and gauge record; arithmetic agreement is not a physical test.

Care and intended use

Finish every join and bury the tails. Inspect seams, exposed loops, attached parts and hanging points before use and after care. Follow the actual yarn and trim labels; mixed components may need the gentlest compatible care. First test cleaning on the swatch. No new wash, colourfastness, shrinkage, heat, load or stability test has been performed.

These are indoor gifts and decorative objects, not pet toys. Keep strings, garlands, stuffing, small fittings and gift sweets away from chewing or swallowing. Place decorations where pets cannot reach or pull them down. Remove damaged items promptly. Never use a crochet garland as a collar, tether or restraint. The weighted cats are doorstops for adult-managed display, not stuffed playthings.

Finished-detail reference views

The following are finished photographs, not a step-by-step making sequence. They are alternate views of this same idea. Their props, small fittings and styling are not additional patterns. Use the written route for construction and the unchanged pages for the original chart/layout.



Finished interlinked crochet chain loops in red, green and orange.

Unchanged reference pages

The next 1 pages preserve the relevant supplied instruction/photo pages in their original numbering: 109. The new route above contains its own making steps and term definitions. Read the original UK chart keys as UK terms; do not apply US meanings to those labels. Other magazine projects are outside this eight-idea selection.



Chain reaction

Sara Huntington's paper chain style garland puts a yarny spin on a party time classic.

EASY PEASY

ARAN WEIGHT

3.5MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Paris (100% cotton, 50g/105m), 1 ball of each: Orange (13), Opal Green (11), Red (12), Vanilla (35), Light Turquoise (02), Medium Purple (31)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook

For yarn stockists contact Wool Warehouse 01926 882818 www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS

Each loop is 4cm (1½in) wide and 8cm (3in) long before joining. Approx 20 loops are required to make 1m of bunting. Each ball of yarn makes approx 6-7 loops.

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



Remember to thread each crochet strip through the previous one before joining!

We reckon this simple project is almost as easy to make as its paper counterpart. Pick cheery shades of cotton and get to it!

NOTES

Colours can be used in any order or sequence.

BASIC LOOP PATTERN

Ch7.

Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, turn. [6 sts]

Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st across, turn. [6 sts]

Rows 3-27 Repeat Row 2, 25 more times.

Row 28 (WS) (Joining Row) Ch1 (does not count as st), fold loop so that the last Row meets Row 1, ss across working through each st and into the corresponding st from Row 1 to join.

Fasten off and weave in ends, turn the loop so the RS is facing out.

JOINING LOOPS

After the first loop is made, join the subsequent loops by threading the crochet strip through a finished loop before working Row 28.