

🌸 Crochet Lily Bud Chain – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

This tutorial will guide you from start to finish in creating a beautiful crocheted lily bud chain with leaves and an adjustable clasp, based entirely on the diagram you provided. It's written for clarity so anyone in the U.S. familiar with basic crochet stitches can follow along.

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1. MAIN ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM (EXPLODED & UNROLLED VIEW)

START KNOT

CHAIN (Ch) STEM
(Gold and Green segments)

LILY BUD (Cranberry) x3

LILY BUD (Ivory) x3

LEAF x6

ADJUSTABLE CLASP AND EXTENDER CHAIN

JOINING METHODS (Sewing)

2. DETAILED EXPLODED MOTIFS

LILY BUD MOTIF (EXPLODED)

ROUND 1: 6 Sc in Magic Ring (Color: C)

ROUND 2: Increase in each Sc (12 Sc) (Color: C)

ROUND 3: Sc in each Sc (12 Sc) (Color: C)

ROUND 4: Close buds (Sc, then Sl st to join)

LEAF MOTIF (EXPLODED)

LEAF (Green):
Ch 7, Sc in 2nd ch from hook, Hdc in next 4, Sc in last, Sl st across to form shape.

STEM & JOINING DIAGRAM

SEWING JOIN (for leaves)

SINGLE CROCHET JOIN (for buds)

3. US STITCH SYMBOL KEY

○	MAGIC RING (MR)	⦿	⋈	HALF DOUBLE CROCHET (HDC)
—	CHAIN (CH)	⋈	⋈	HALF DOUBLE CROCHET (HDC)
•	SLIP STITCH (SL ST)	⋈	⋈	INCREASE (INC) - 2 Sc in 1 St
⋈	SINGLE CROCHET (SC)	⋈	⋈	DECREASE (DEC) - Sc2tog

4. CONSTRUCTION NOTES

- Work main gold chain first.
- Create leaf segments by working SC over chain.
- Work all lily buds and leaves separately.
- Use color change for variegated bud effect (or work separate Cranberry and Ivory buds).
- Ensure secure joining with sewing.
- Adjust length by main chain segments.

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								⋈	JOINING POINT (Sewing, SC)

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Materials You'll Need

- Yarn:
 - Gold (main chain)
 - Green (stem + leaves)
 - Cranberry (buds)
 - Ivory (buds)
- Crochet hook (size appropriate for your yarn, typically 2.5–3.5 mm)
- Yarn needle (for sewing pieces together)
- Scissors
- Clasp + extender chain (optional but recommended)



Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

- MR = Magic Ring
- Ch = Chain
- Sl st = Slip Stitch
- Sc = Single Crochet
- Hdc = Half Double Crochet
- Inc = Increase (2 sc in same stitch)
- Dec = Decrease (sc2tog)



Step 1: Start the Main Chain (Gold)

1. Make a **slip knot**.
2. Begin chaining to create the **main stem base**:
 - This will determine the full length of your piece.
 - A good starting length is **60–80 chains**, depending on desired size.
3. Fasten off loosely at the end for now.



Tip: You will adjust length later with an extender if needed.



Step 2: Create the Wrapped Stem (Green)

1. Attach green yarn near the top of the gold chain.
2. Work **single crochet (sc)** along the gold chain:
 - Insert hook into each chain stitch
 - Yarn over and pull through
 - Complete sc as usual
3. Continue down the chain, wrapping the gold chain entirely in green stitches.

This creates the **natural stem look**.

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Step 3: Make the Leaf Motif (Make 6)

Leaf Pattern:

1. **Ch 7**
2. In the **2nd chain from hook**, work:
 - 1 sc
3. In the next stitches:
 - 1 hdc in each of next 4 chains
4. In the last chain:
 - 1 sc
5. Rotate your work and crochet along the opposite side:
 - Sl st across to shape the leaf
6. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing

Repeat until you have **6 leaves**.



Tip: Slightly pinch the ends to give a natural leaf shape.



Step 4: Make the Lily Bud Motifs (Make 6 Total)

You will make:

- 3 Cranberry buds
- 3 Ivory buds

Round 1:

1. Start with **MR**
2. Work **6 sc into the ring**
3. Join with sl st

Round 2:

1. **Increase in each stitch** (2 sc in each stitch)
2. You now have **12 stitches**
3. Join with sl st

Round 3:

1. Work **1 sc in each stitch (12 total)**
2. Join with sl st

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Round 4 (Closing the bud):

1. Lightly close the shape by:
 - Working sc and finishing with sl st to tighten the opening
2. Fasten off, leaving a tail

💡 Optional: Slightly stuff with yarn scraps for a fuller bud.

Step 5: Color Placement Strategy

To match the diagram:

- Alternate buds along the chain:
 - Cranberry → Ivory → Cranberry → Ivory
- Space evenly along the stem

Step 6: Attach Leaves and Buds

Attaching Leaves (Sewing Method):

1. Thread your yarn needle with the leaf tail.
2. Position leaf along the stem.
3. Sew through the green wrapped stitches securely.
4. Knot and weave in ends.

Attaching Buds (Single Crochet Join):

1. Insert hook through stem stitch and bud base.
2. Pull yarn through both.
3. Complete a **single crochet** to secure.

Repeat for all buds and leaves.

💡 Leaves should angle slightly outward for realism.

Step 7: Add Clasp and Extender Chain

1. At one end:
 - Attach clasp using yarn or jump ring
2. At the other end:
 - Add a short **chain extender** (10–15 chains)
3. Secure all ends tightly

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Step 8: Adjust Length and Final Touches

- Check overall length
- Add or remove chain rows if needed
- Make sure all joins are tight
- Trim and weave in all loose ends



Final Result

You'll have a delicate crochet chain featuring:

- A gold base stem
- Green wrapped detailing
- 6 shaped leaves
- 6 alternating lily buds in cranberry and ivory
- Adjustable clasp for wearability



Extra Tips

- Keep stitches tight for cleaner shapes
- Use stitch markers if needed
- Blocking is optional but can improve leaf shape
- Experiment with colors for different floral styles 🌻

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