Christmas bauble ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (9 cm) wide and about 4 in (10 cm) tall, without the hanging loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 2 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: crimson, rounds 1 and 4 of the bauble	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, round 3 of the bauble, the cap and the loop	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, round 2 of the bauble	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop to the height of a double crochet] 3 times (7 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 7 loops, ch 1 to close; the closing chain is part of the puff and is not counted. It leaves 1 puff for the next row.

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the bauble measures about 2 in (5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Bauble

Yarns in order of use: A, crimson; C, cream; B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 2 (does not count as a st), (puff, ch 1) in each st around, sl st in first puff to join	**(12 puffs, 12 ch-1 sps)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, 2 sc in same sp, 2 sc in each of next 11 ch-1 sps, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Cap

Yarn B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the foundation edge of the cap over the top of the bauble so that it just covers the tops of the last round there, and sew it down.
- For the hanging loop, join B with a slip stitch in the middle of the last row of the cap, ch 12, work a slip stitch in the same place and fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 12 ends to weave in.

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