Candy cane ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 2¾ in (7 cm) wide and about 5¼ in (13 cm) tall, without the hanging loop

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

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: white, the cane and the hanging loop	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the stripes	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: green, the bow and its tails	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). 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. Yarns A and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

hdc2tog: [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 5 loops. It leaves 1 hdc2tog for the next row.

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Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Round 1 of the cane runs from the foot up the outer side, with increases at the bend, and back down the inner side, with decreases at the bend. Where it says hdc2tog in next 2 chs, work the hdc2tog over 2 chains of the foundation.
- The chains of the bow are not counted.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 6¾ in (17 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 8¾ in (22 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Cane

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 34.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 17 chs, **[**hdc in next 2 chs, 2 hdc in next ch**] 4 times**, hdc in next 2 chs, 4 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 2 chs, **[**hdc2tog in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch**] 4 times**, hdc in next 17 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(66 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Bow

Yarn C, green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	**[**Ch 3, 3 dc in ring, ch 3, sl st in ring**] 2 times**	**(6 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, right side up. Pin the plain part of the cane out straight and bend the part with the increases and decreases round to the left into a half circle, with 7/8 in (2.2 cm) between the straight part and the hook. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Stripes: thread a 2 yd (1.8 m) length of B on the yarn needle and fasten it at the back of the cane, at the foot. For each stripe bring the yarn to the front at the left edge, lay it across the front so that it slants up to the right edge, 3/8 in (1 cm) higher up the cane (the right edge is the outer one at the bend, the left edge the inner one), and take it round the back to the left edge again; do this 3 times, the 3 strands side by side. Carry the yarn up the back to the next stripe. Work 10 stripes, measured along the middle of the cane: the middle of the first is ½ in (1.3 cm) from the end at the foot, and each of the others ¾ in (1.9 cm) from the one before, round the bend too; the last is then about as far from the end of the hook as the first is from the foot. With a small stitch through the back, hold every stripe in place, and fasten off.
- For the tails of the bow, with C, ch 6 and fasten off, twice.
- Pin the two loops of the bow flat, one to each side of the ring. With its long tail, sew one end of each chain behind the middle of the bow, then wrap the tail 3 times round the middle and fasten it at the back, leaving enough to sew with.
- Sew the middle of the bow to the front of the straight part, 3/8 in (1 cm) below the beginning of the bend; let the loops and the tails lie free.
- For the hanging loop, join A with a slip stitch in the stitch at the top of the bend, 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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