Red cardinal ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 6½ in (17 cm) wide and about 4½ in (11 cm) tall, without the hanging loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 9 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 6 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

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

What you need

Yarn A: cardinal red, the body and the head	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: crimson, the wing and the bird tail	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, the mask	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: orange, the beak	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: bark brown, the twig	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: leaf green, the leaves	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 15 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

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

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the body measures about 1½ in (4 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.

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- 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 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The dtr of the body, of the head and of the wing is its point. The point of the head is the crest.
- The tr of the beak is its point. In a leaf the last sc is worked in the chain that holds the first sc; this end is its base, where it is not joined, and its tip is the other end: the hdc of the (sc, hdc, sc), the three stitches worked in one chain.
- The right side of the bird tail faces you in Row 1 and in every other row after it. The right side of the twig is the side that faced you in Row 1; the tops of the sc are its upper edge and the foundation chain is its lower edge, so that its tail hangs at its left-hand end.
- 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.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5½ in (14 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 8¼ in (21 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 10¾ in (27 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **dtr** double treble crochet (UK triple treble), **rem** remaining, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in each of next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarn A, cardinal red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 tr in next st, (tr, dtr, tr) in next st, 2 tr in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(13 sc, 10 hdc, 8 dc, 6 tr, 1 dtr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Head

Yarn A, cardinal red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, (tr, dtr, tr) in next st, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(17 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc, 2 tr, 1 dtr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Wing

Yarn B, crimson.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 3 hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, (tr, dtr, tr) in next st, 2 dc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(11 hdc, 4 dc, 2 tr, 1 dtr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bird tail

Yarn B, crimson.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 7 to 9** 7 8 9	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, hdc in next st, 3 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st	(2 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Mask

Yarn C, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Beak

Yarn D, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (2 sc, hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc, 2 sc) in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 1 tr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Twig

Yarn E, bark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 22.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(21 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf: make 2

Yarn F, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, (sc, hdc, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch	(6 sc, 5 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, right sides up: the body, the head and the wing as drops with one point each, the bird tail with straight sides and a rounded end, and the twig with the tops of its sc along the upper edge, in a gentle upward bend, its middle ¼ in (0.6 cm) higher than its ends. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- The bird faces right, as you look at it. Lay the body down, right side up, turned so that the tip of its point is 1¾ in (4.4 cm) to the left of its magic ring and ¾ in (1.9 cm) below it. All distances are measured from the magic ring of the body, straight across and straight up or down, unless a line names another place.
- Bird tail: lay it behind the body, right side up, its foundation edge hidden, the middle of that edge 1 in (2.5 cm) to the left of the magic ring and 3/8 in (1 cm) below it. It points the same way as the point of the body and stands out beyond it. With a 15 in (38 cm) length of B, sew the hidden part to the back of the body, and from the front sew the edge of the body to it.
- Head: lay it on the body, right side up, its magic ring ¾ in (1.9 cm) to the right of the magic ring of the body and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) above it. The crest points up, its tip 3/8 in (1 cm) to the left of the magic ring of the head. With its tail, sew it down all round where it lies on the body.
- Wing: lay it on the body, right side up, its magic ring ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left of the magic ring of the body and level with it. The tip of its point is 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to the left of its own magic ring and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below it. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Mask: lay it on the head, right side up, its magic ring ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right of the magic ring of the head and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below it. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Beak: lay it on the mask, right side up, its magic ring 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the right of the magic ring of the head and level with the magic ring of the mask, its point straight out to the right, beyond the edge of the head, so that a ring of the mask shows above it, below it and to the left of it. Sew it down where it lies on the mask and the head with its tail.
- Eye: with C, work one large French knot on the head, ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right of the magic ring of the head and 3/8 in (1 cm) above it, so that red shows between the eye and the mask.
- Twig: lay it behind the body and in front of the bird tail, right side up, the tops of its sc along the upper edge and its middle higher than its ends, so that the lowest part of the edge of the body, below its magic ring, covers the upper half of the twig and the twig stands out 2 3/8 in (6 cm) to the right of the magic ring of the body and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) to the left of it, where its end lies on the lower edge of the bird tail. With its tail, which hangs at that end, sew the twig to the front of the bird tail where they touch, take the needle to the back and sew the upper half of the twig to the back of the body where the body covers it.
- Legs: with C, work two legs, each of four straight stitches. One leg is ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left of the magic ring of the body and one is ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right of it. The first stitch of a leg begins on the body, ¼ in (0.6 cm) straight above the lower edge of the body, and ends at that edge. From there work three toes over the twig, each one straight stitch that ends at the lower edge of the twig: the middle toe goes straight down, and the two others end 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the right of the end of the middle toe.
- Leaves: lay the two leaves on the right-hand end of the twig, right sides up. The base of the first leaf is 1¾ in (4.4 cm) to the right of the magic ring of the body, on the twig, and its tip points straight up. The base of the second leaf is ¼ in (0.6 cm) farther to the right, on the twig, and its tip points out to the right and is ½ in (1.3 cm) higher than its base. Sew each leaf down with its tail where it lies on the twig.
- For the hanging loop, join E with a slip stitch in the dtr at the tip of the crest, 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: 9 pieces; 264 stitches (86 in the body, 50 in the head, 26 in the wing, 42 in the bird tail, 8 in the mask, 9 in the beak, 21 in the twig, 11 in each leaf).

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