Gingerbread house ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ × 4½ in (11 × 11 cm)
About 4½ in (11.5 cm) wide and 4 5/8 in tall (11.4 by 11.5 cm) without its hanging loop

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 7 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

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: gingerbread brown, the house	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: icing white, the icing, round 2 of the windows and rows 7 and 8 of the chimney	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chocolate brown, the door and rows 1 to 6 of the chimney	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter yellow, round 1 of the windows	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: candy red, the candy	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: mint green, some of the pieces	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 20 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.

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.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **rem** remaining, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.

3 sc in next st: **all three in that one stitch**. Sc in next 12 sts: one in each.

The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.

[ ] twice: two times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (2 sc2tog): the row now has 2; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

House

Yarn A, gingerbread brown.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(16 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 12 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 8 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 6 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, [sc2tog in next 2 sts] twice	(2 sc2tog)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Icing

Yarn B, icing white.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 26.	
☐ **Round 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 11 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 11 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, **[**(hdc, dc, hdc) in next ch, sl st in next ch**] 5 times**, sk next 3 chs, **[**sl st in next ch, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next ch**] 5 times**, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(31 sc, 20 hdc, 10 dc)

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 12 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, leave the rest unworked	(29 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail for sewing.	

Door

Yarn C, chocolate brown.

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, [sc2tog in next 2 sts] twice	(2 sc2tog)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Window: make 2

☐ **Start**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join Fasten off D.	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next st, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Chimney

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 Fasten off C.	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Candy

Yarn E, candy red.

☐ **Start**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐	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, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the house down, right side up, its foundation chain at the bottom. The middle line runs from the middle of the foundation chain to the point of the gable.
- Door: lay it on the house, right side up, its foundation chain level with that of the house and its middle on the middle line. Sew it down round its sides and top with its tail, and along its lower edge to the lower edge of the house.
- Windows: lay them one on each side of the door, right side up, one side at the top, their magic rings 1 1/8 in (3 cm) from the middle line and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) above the foundation chain of the house. Sew them down all round with their tails. With B, work two straight stitches on each, one upright and one level, each ½ in (1.5 cm) long, crossing at the magic ring.
- Candy: lay it on the gable, right side up, its magic ring on the middle line and 2¾ in (7 cm) above the foundation chain, and sew it down all round with its tail. With B, work three straight stitches on it, each 5/8 in (1.5 cm) long, crossing at the magic ring like the spokes of a wheel, one of them upright.
- With B, work a line of backstitch round the door, 1/8 in (0.5 cm) outside its edge: up one side, round the top and down the other side. With D, work one large French knot on the door for the knob, ¼ in (0.5 cm) to the right of the middle line and 5/8 in (1.5 cm) above the foundation chain.
- Icing: lay it on the house, right side up, its foundation chain along the two sloping edges of the gable, the scallops on the house and the two lines of sc standing out beyond it, so that the middle chain lies ¼ in (0.5 cm) above the top of Row 18 and both ends stand out the same beyond the walls. Use its tail, taking a new length of B when it runs out: sew the foundation chain to the sloping edges, and the tips of the scallops to the house.
- Candy knots: work eight large French knots on the sc of Round 1 of the outer side of the icing, four on each slope, ½ in (1.5 cm), 1 1/8 in (3 cm), 1¾ in (4.5 cm) and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) from the middle chain, measured along the slope. From the lower end of the left slope to the lower end of the right one they are in E, F, D, E, E, D, F and E.
- Chimney: lay it upright behind the right slope, right side up, its white end at the top, its middle 1 1/8 in (3 cm) to the right of the middle line and its top edge level with the top of the icing. With its tail, sew it to the back of the icing and of the house where they lie over it.
- Hanging loop: with B, ch 16 and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail at each end. Fold it in half and sew its two ends side by side to the back of the top of the icing, 1/8 in (0.5 cm) apart, with their tails.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 pieces.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarns A, B, C, D and E: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn F: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- 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 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.
- 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.

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- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Row 1 and every odd row of the house, the door and the chimney is the right side.
- The foundation chain of the icing is bent into an upside-down V. The 3 sc in one ch halfway along Round 1 are its top. The sc before and after them are its outer, upper side; the scallops on the other side of the chain are its lower side, and the 3 chs skipped there are the inside of the corner. The sc at each end go round the end of the chain: 3 sc at one end, and at the other the last 2 sc beside the first one of the round.
- Row 2 of the icing is worked on the outer side only, with the right side facing: its 3 sc in one st go into the middle one of the 3 sc at the top, and it stops in the first of the 3 sc at the far 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.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.5 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- 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 4 in (10 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 6 in (15 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 cm).

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