Gingerbread man ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ in (11 cm) wide and about 5½ in (14 cm) tall, without the hanging loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 6 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 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: gingerbread, the head, the body and the limbs	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white icing, the icing and the smile	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: red, the buttons and the hanging loop	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the eyes	**about 2 yd (2 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. Yarns B and D: 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)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

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

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Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the head measures about 1¼ in (3 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.
- 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 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, 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 4¾ in (12 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9 in (23 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, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Head

Yarn A, gingerbread.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in 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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 15 in (38 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Body

Yarn A, gingerbread.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, 4 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 2 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(12 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(20 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(28 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Limb: make 4

Yarn A, gingerbread.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 3 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 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.
- Hold the body upright, its round ends at the top and the foot. Lay the head over its top end, so that ¼ in (0.6 cm) of the body is hidden, and sew it down.
- Sew the limbs behind the body, right sides up. The arms go to the sides of the body just below the head, pointing out and a little up; about 1¼ in (3 cm) of each arm shows. The legs go side by side at the foot of the body, their inner sides touching, pointing straight down; about 1 1/8 in (3 cm) of each leg shows at the middle of the foot.
- Icing: with B, work a zigzag across every arm and leg, ½ in (1.3 cm) from its end: four straight stitches that meet in points, from one side of the limb to the other, each about ¼ in (0.6 cm) long.
- Face: with D, work two French knots for eyes, ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the middle of the head and 3/8 in (1 cm) to each side. With B, work a curved smile in backstitch, in stitches ¼ in (0.6 cm) long: it begins 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the middle of the head and 3/8 in (1 cm) to one side, dips to 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle and ends 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the middle and 3/8 in (1 cm) to the other side.
- Buttons: with C and the yarn double, work three large French knots down the middle of the body, the middle one on its center and the others 5/8 in (1.6 cm) above and below.
- For the hanging loop, join C with a slip stitch in the stitch at the top of the head, 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: 6 pieces; 228 stitches (48 in the head, 60 in the body, 30 in each limb); 28 ends to weave in.

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