Ice skate ornaments

US terms



Finished size
Each skate about 2½ in (6 cm) long and 4½ in (11 cm) tall with its blade

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with 8 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: white, rows 2 to 19 of the boots	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the loop strips	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, row 1 of the boots	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 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, 2 silver paper clips 2 in (5 cm) long and a spray bottle.

Before you start

- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

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, **sl st** slip stitch, **rem** remaining, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 8 sts: one in each.
(10 sc): the row now has 10; a check, not a step. Not 10? **Pull it back**.
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.

sc3tog (UK dc3tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

Boot: make 4

☐ **Start**	With C, make a slip knot and ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1** Fasten off C.	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 9 chs	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 4** 3 4	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 8 sts	(1 sc3tog, 8 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, leave the remaining 2 sts unworked	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts	(1 sc2tog, 5 sc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 19** 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Loop strip: make 4

Yarn B, red.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in next st, **[**ch 5, sl st in next st**] 13 times**	(14 sl sts)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the four boots to the same shape, with a rounded toe and a smooth curve from the toe up the front. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Skate with its toe to the right: lay one boot down, the sole at the bottom and the toe at the right, for the back layer, and take another, laid the same way, for the front layer. Skate with its toe to the left: turn the other two boots over, so that their toes are at the left, and take them as its back and front layer. In each skate both layers show the same side: their right sides where the toe is at the right and their wrong sides where it is at the left (the other way round if you are left-handed).
- Laces: with B, work three crosses on each front layer, one above the other, each of two straight stitches. They lie in the part of the boot above the foot, where every row has 6 sts and the front edge is upright. The first cross reaches from the top of Row 7 to the top of Row 9, the second from the top of Row 9 to the top of Row 11 and the third from the top of Row 11 to the top of Row 13. In each cross one stitch goes from the lower left corner to the upper right corner and the other from the lower right corner to the upper left corner. The two corners at the front are 1/8 in (0.5 cm) from the front edge of their own row, and the other two are 5/8 in (1.5 cm) from it.
- Bow: draw a 10 in (25 cm) length of B under the two stitches where the top ends of the third cross are, and tie it in a bow in the middle between them. The two loops of the bow are about ½ in (1.5 cm) long; trim its ends to ½ in (1.5 cm) and tie them down with a stitch if they curl.
- Blade: lay the front layer on the back layer, edge on edge. Slip a paper clip between the layers at the sole, so that one long side of it lies along the foundation chains, between them, and the other long side is 3/8 in (1 cm) below them. The clip begins ¼ in (0.5 cm) from the heel and its other end comes level with the toe end of the sole. With a 20 in (51 cm) length of C, sew the two foundation chains together in whip stitch, over the edge, one stitch through each of the 10 chains of both, and take the clip in. Sew the ends of the two Rows 1 together at the heel and at the toe with one stitch each, and take a second stitch round the clip at each end.
- Edge: with A, work sl st through both layers. Back edge: 1 sl st in the end of each of Rows 2 to 19 (18 sl sts). Toe and front edge: 1 sl st in the end of each of Rows 2 to 5, 1 in each of the 2 sts that Row 6 left unworked and 1 in the end of each of Rows 6 to 19 (20 sl sts). Fasten off each edge. On the skate with its toe to the right work the front edge from the sole up and the back edge from the top down; on the other skate work the back edge from the sole up and the front edge from the top down (the other way round if you are left-handed). The top stays open.
- Cuff: take two loop strips for each skate and hold them with their right sides out and their loops hanging down. Lay the first strip round the outside of the skate, its foundation chain ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the top edge, its two ends meeting at the back edge. The tail hangs at the loop edge: run it along the end of the strip to the foundation chain, and with it sew the strip on along the foundation chain only, one stitch over the edge in each of its 14 chains, each stitch going through the one layer of the boot that lies behind it. Sew the second strip on in the same way, its foundation chain level with the top edge and its ends meeting at the back edge too, so that its loops hang over the first strip. The strips go round both layers; the top stays open.
- Chain: with B, leaving 6 in (15 cm) tails, ch 25 (about 4½ in (11.5 cm)) and fasten off. With the tails, sew one end to each skate, inside the back layer at the top, ¼ in (0.5 cm) from the back edge. Hang the pair by the middle of the chain.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces.

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.

Notes

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.

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- 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; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- In another yarn the paper clip must be another length too: choose one about as long as 8¾ sts of the sole, or bend a narrow loop of that length from silver craft wire. That is about 1 5/8 in (4 cm) in fine yarn, 2½ in (6.5 cm) in medium yarn and 3¼ in (8.5 cm) in bulky yarn.
- Odd-numbered rows of the boot are worked with the right side facing. Row 1 is the sole. With the right side facing and the sole at the bottom, the toe is at the right and the heel is at the left (the other way round if you are left-handed).
- In a loop strip the 13 loops of 5 ch stand along one edge; the foundation chain is the other edge. Row 1 of a loop strip is worked with the right side facing.
- 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.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7¼ in (18 cm).

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