Christmas light bulb ornaments

US terms



Finished size
Each about 2¼ in (6 cm) wide and about 4½ in (11 cm) tall with its base, without the loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 15 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 7 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: red, the fronts and the backs	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: amber, some of the pieces	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: green, some of the pieces	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: blue, some of the pieces	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: pink, some of the pieces	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: silver gray, the bases	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: cream, some of the pieces	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 55 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, a little toy stuffing 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. Yarns A, B, C, D, E and F: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn G: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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.

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.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- 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.
- The foundation chain runs up the middle of a bulb: the 3 sc in one ch at the start of Rnd 1 are its point and the 7 dc in the last ch are its wide end. In Rnds 2 and 3 the hdc between two sc, worked in one st, is the point. Front and back are worked alike, with the right side facing.
- Either side of a base may face you. Its rows lie level on the finished bulb, so that their ridges run across it.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 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.
- 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.

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), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.

[ ] twice: work what is inside twice in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(5 sc, 4 hdc, 11 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Front: make 5

Make 1 in each of A, B, C, D and E. The lines say A; use the color named instead.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8.
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, 7 dc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join (5 sc, 4 hdc, 11 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 7 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join (6 sc, 23 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st] twice, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join (8 sc, 29 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

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Back: make 5

Make 1 in each of A, B, C, D and E. The lines say A; use the color named instead.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, 7 dc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(5 sc, 4 hdc, 11 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 7 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 23 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st] twice, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc, 29 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Base: make 5

Yarn F, silver gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st across	(6 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin out the fronts and the backs, right sides up, 2 in (5.1 cm) wide and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) long, the point clear and the wide end round. Spray them with water and let them dry. The bases need no pins.
- Weave in the ends of the fronts and the backs, but not the sewing tails of the bases. For each bulb take a front and a back of one color and a base. Hold a front right side up, its point down. Places are measured from the ch that holds the 7 dc, the top end of the foundation chain, and to the side from the middle line.
- Glint: with a 12 in (30 cm) length of G, used double, work a curved line of three equal backstitches on the front: it begins ½ in (1.3 cm) to the left of the middle line and 3/8 in (1 cm) above the top end of the chain, bows out to 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the left at the level of that end, and ends ½ in (1.3 cm) to the left and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below it.
- Joining: lay the front on its back, wrong sides together, point on point. Both have 37 sts, which lie one over the other. With the front facing you, put the hook through both layers each time, under both loops of each stitch. With the color of the bulb, join with a sl st in the hdc at the point, ch 1, 3 sc in the same st, sc in each of the next 28 sts. Put in stuffing, so that the bulb is about 1 in (2.5 cm) thick in its middle and thin at the edge. Sc in each of the last 8 sts, sl st in the first sc to join (39 sc). Fasten off and weave in the ends.
- Base: fold the base in half between Row 6 and Row 7, so that the fold is the top and the foundation chain and Row 12 are its two lower edges. Put it over the wide end of the bulb, one half in front and one behind, its middle on the middle line, the two lower edges 3/8 in (1 cm) below the top edge of the bulb. With its tail, which hangs at Row 12, sew Row 12 to the back of the bulb from side to side, whipstitch the two halves together up one side from the bulb to the fold, take the needle down between the halves to the same side of the foundation chain, sew the foundation chain to the front from side to side, and whipstitch the other side from the bulb to the fold. (To whipstitch, take the needle over both edges and through both layers again and again, so that the yarn winds round the edges.) Fasten off and hide the end inside.
- Hanging loop: join F with a sl st in the middle of the fold, ch 14 (about 2½ in (6.4 cm) of chain), work a sl st in the same place and fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 15 pieces; 1,220 stitches (86 in each front, 86 in each back, 72 in each base).

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