Christmas gnome with dangling legs

US terms



Finished size

About 7½ in (19 cm) from the seat to the top of the bent hat, and 12¼ in (31 cm) from there to the soles with the legs hanging down

Skill

Intermediate

Eight pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

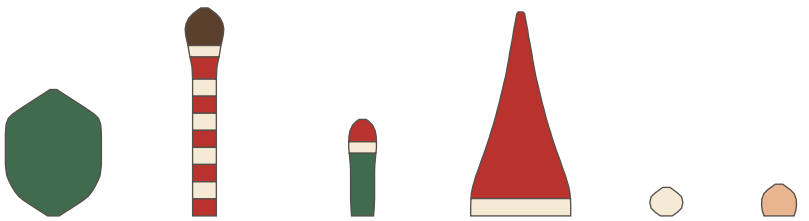
What you need

Yarn A: pine green, body, arm and the details	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cherry red, leg, arm, hat and the details	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, several of the pieces	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: peach, nose	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: chocolate, leg	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 150 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

The pieces



Body | **Leg x 2** to the body | **Arm x 2** to the body | **Hat** to the body | **Pompom** | **Nose**

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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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.

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Body

Yarn A, pine green.

Round 1 is the middle of the seat.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 24 and 25 of round 8. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.	
☐ **Rounds 9 to 18**	Sc in each st around 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	(45 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts**] 3 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(39 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
	Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Round 25**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)

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☐ **Round 26**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Leg: make 2

Begin with yarn E, chocolate.

Rounds 1 to 8 are the boot, rounds 9 and 10 its fur cuff. Stuff as you go, every few rounds: the boot firmly, rounds 9 to 26 lightly. Leave rounds 27 to 32 empty (the knee), and put only a little stuffing in the last rounds.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(17 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rounds 5 to 6** 5 6	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	With C, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 12 to 14** 12 13 14	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 15 to 17** 15 16 17	With C, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 18 to 20** 18 19 20	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 21 to 23** 21 22 23	With C, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 24 to 26** 24 25 26	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 27 to 29** 27 28 29	With C, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 30 to 32** 30 31 32	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)

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☐ **Rounds 33 to 35** 33 34 35	With C, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 36 to 38** 36 37 38	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Front line of the leg: put a pin between stitches 8 and 9 of round 10 (16 sts) and, from there, run the line straight by eye down to round 6 and up to the open edge. Mark it at the open edge with a scrap of yarn. Do not follow the place where the rounds begin: in a spiral it drifts to one side. Ankle: with a new length of C (cream), take running stitches along the front line from round 6 to round 12, over the fur cuff, to and fro twice. Hold the leg upright, the boot at the bottom, and draw the stitches up until the boot points forward and down. Fasten off inside the leg.	

Arm: make 2

Begin with yarn B, cherry red.

Rounds 1 to 5 are the mitten, rounds 6 and 7 its cuff. Stuff as you go, every few rounds: the mitten firmly, rounds 6 to 16 lightly. Rounds 17 and 18 stay empty.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rounds 4 to 5** 4 5	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rounds 6 to 7** 6 7	With C, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	With A, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 9 to 17** 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 18**	Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(11 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Hat

Begin with yarn B, cherry red.

Rounds 1 to 9 are too narrow to stuff: leave them empty.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(7 sc)

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☐ **Round 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(19 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 17**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Round 18**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(23 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(25 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	Sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st	(26 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in next st	(31 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(33 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	(35 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st	(37 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(39 sc)
☐ **Round 28**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts	(41 sc)
☐ **Round 29**	Sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st	(43 sc)
☐ **Round 30**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(45 sc)
☐ **Round 31**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts	(47 sc)
☐ **Round 32**	Sc in next 46 sts, 2 sc in next st	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 33**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	(50 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 25 and 26 of round 33. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Round 34**	Sc in each st around	(50 sc)

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☐ **Rounds 35 to 37** 35 36 37	With C, sc in each st around	(50 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing. Work the snow dots now (see Finishing). Then stuff lightly from round 10 to round 32. Leave rounds 33 to 37 empty: the top of the body goes in there.	

Pompom

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rounds 4 to 5** 4 5	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
	Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches and pull it tight to close the hole. Leave the rest of the tail outside, for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn D, peach.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rounds 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Assembly

1. Set the hat on the body with the center lines in line: its open edge (50 sts) lies on round 18 of the body (48 sts), eased to fit. Sew the edge down all the way round with the tail, topping up the stuffing before the last stitches. From about round 18 upward bend the hat over to the right, so that its tip (round 1) points to the right. Hold the bend with a new length of B (cherry red): take running stitches down the right side of the hat, a quarter of the way round from the center line, from round 5 to round 20, to and fro twice, and draw them up until the bend stays. The right-hand snow dot of round 17 lies on this line: pass the needle behind it, under the fabric, so that no stitch crosses it.

2. Sew the pompom, by the closed hole at its end, to round 1 of the hat with its tail, going round twice.

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3. Pin the nose over the front edge of the hat, on the center line: the middle of its open edge lies on round 37 of the hat, so that its upper half lies on rounds 35 to 37 of the hat and its lower half on rounds 16 and 17 of the body. The edge has 15 sts. It points forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches.

4. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 15, one to each side, 12 stitches from the center line (24 stitches apart), half way between the front and the back, with the tail at the back of the edge. The edge (11 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 17 of the body. They point out to the side and down. Sew all the way round with the tail; no more stuffing goes in. Then curve each arm forward: with a new length of A (pine green), take running stitches along the front of the arm, from the middle of the front on round 16 straight by eye to round 8, to and fro once. Set the gnome upright on a table and draw the stitches up until the mitten points to the front and lies on the table beside the body. Fasten off inside the arm.

5. Sew the two legs to the body by their open edges (12 sts), one to each side, the front line of the leg on top, so that the ankle stitches are on top too: the middle of each edge lies on round 8, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). Each edge covers about rounds 6 to 10. The legs point forward. Sew all the way round with the tail. Nothing holds the knees: on the edge of a shelf they bend down by themselves, and the boots then point forward.

Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Snow, before the hat is stuffed: with C (cream), in satin stitch, 22 round dots, each about ¼ in (6 mm) across, on the front and the sides of the hat. Their middles are on round 9, one on the center line; on round 13, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line; on round 17, one on the center line and one to each side, 6 stitches from it; on round 21, two to each side, 3½ and 10 stitches from the center line; on round 25, one on the center line and one to each side, 7½ stitches from it; on round 29, two to each side, 4 and 12½ stitches from the center line; and on round 33, one on the center line and two to each side, 8½ and 17 stitches from it.
- Beard: 96 loops of C (cream) on the body, at the stitches listed below. Take the needle under a stitch from right to left, leave a loop hanging down, then take the needle once more under the same stitch, from right to left, and pull that turn tight, so that the loop cannot slip. Go on to the next stitch with the same yarn. Begin and end each length of yarn inside the body. How far the loops hang down: on rounds 17 and 16 ¾ in (19 mm), on round 15 1 in (25 mm), on rounds 14 and 13 1¼ in (32 mm), on rounds 12, 11 and 9 1 3/8 in (35 mm). The stitches, counted from the center line to each side (stitch 1 is the one beside it): round 17, stitches 3 to 8; round 16, stitches 3 to 8 (the nose covers stitches 1 and 2 of both rounds); round 15, stitches 1 to 8, with two loops at each of stitches 1 and 2 (both 1 in, 25 mm, long); round 14, stitches 1 to 7; round 13, stitches 1 to 7; round 12, stitches 1 to 6; round 11, stitches 1 to 4; round 9, stitches 1 and 2. The loops stay uncut; those that meet the legs lie over them.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 8 pieces; 3,563 stitches (948 in the body, 496 in each leg, 219 in each arm, 990 in the hat, 90 in the pompom, 105 in the nose).

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.

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- Color change: where a line begins "With C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 8 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Hat: the center line runs between stitches 25 and 26 of round 33 (50 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the gnome. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 5½ in (14 cm) from the seat to the top of the bent hat, and 9 in (23 cm) from there to the soles with the legs hanging down; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 10¾ in (27.5 cm) from the seat to the top of the bent hat, and 17¼ in (44 cm) from there to the soles with the legs hanging down; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 13¾ in (35 cm) from the seat to the top of the bent hat, and 22 in (56 cm) from there to the soles with the legs hanging down; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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