Mini Christmas bells

US terms



Finished size

The gold bell about 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) wide at the rim, the two others about 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm), each about 2½ in (6.4 cm) tall without its clapper and loop; the cord about 12 in (30 cm) long

Skill

Easy

Worked in rows and rounds, with 9 pieces and color changes.

Yarn

Fine (2), 4 colors

Hook

3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge

21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: gold, the gold bell and the clappers	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: Christmas red, rows 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12 and 13 of the striped bell, rows 12 and 13 of the green bell and the bows	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, rows 3, 4, 7, 8 and 11 of the striped bell	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: pine green, rows 1 to 11 of the green bell	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 15 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Row 6 of a bell, 7 sc, measures about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) across.

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.

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.
- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- A bell is worked from the top down. Its right side is the side that faces you in Row 1. The first stitch after a turn goes in the first stitch of the row before. The bow is worked in three plain rows; either side of it may be its right side.
- In Row 12 of the gold bell every sc but the first stands in the second stitch after a shell: sk next st, sc in next st. The 13 sts of Row 11 hold three shells of 5 dc and four sc.
- In Row 12 of the striped bell and of the green bell B is joined in the first st of Row 11, the first 2 sc are worked in that same st, and the last 2 sc go together in the last st.
- 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.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(3 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Gold bell

Yarn A, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 9** 8 9	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	(13 sc)

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☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(4 sc, 15 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Striped bell

Yarns in order of use: B, Christmas red; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st Fasten off B.	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across Fasten off C.	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across Fasten off B.	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across Fasten off C.	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st Fasten off B.	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st Fasten off C.	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Green bell

Yarns in order of use: D, pine green; B, Christmas red.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 9** 8 9	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 11** Fasten off D.	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Clapper: make 3

Make 2 in A and 1 in B. The line says A; use B in the same way.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 7 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(7 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bow: make 3

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

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 10 chs	(11 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the bells out right side up, the gold bell 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) and the two others 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) wide at the rim, all three 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) wide at Row 6, the sides in a smooth curve and the rim bowed down 1/8 in (0.3 cm) in the middle, with a pin in the middle dc of every shell. Spray them with water and let them dry. Weave in the ends but the sewing tails.
- Lay each bell right side up with its foundation chain at the top. Distances are measured from the middle of the foundation chain.
- Dots: with C used double, work six large French knots on the green bell, each wrapped three times: one 1 in (2.5 cm) straight below the middle of the foundation chain and one 1½ in (3.8 cm) below it; one 1¼ in (3.2 cm) below it and ½ in (1.3 cm) to each side of the middle line; and one 1¾ in (4.4 cm) below it and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to each side.
- Clappers: the clapper in B belongs to the gold bell, the two in A to the striped and the green bell. Lay each one, right side up, behind the middle of the rim, its magic ring on the lower edge of the bell, so that its lower half shows below the rim. Sew its upper half to the back of the bell with its tail.
- Loops: with the color of the bell (B for the striped bell) join the yarn with a slip stitch in the middle one of the three foundation chains, ch 10 (about 1½ in (3.8 cm) of chain, a loop ¾ in (1.9 cm) tall), work a slip stitch in the same chain and fasten off.
- Bows: the bow in B is for the gold bell, the one in D for the striped bell and the one in A for the green bell. For the two hanging ends of a bow, make a separate chain of 13 stitches (about 2 in (5.1 cm)) in the color of that bow and fasten off. Fold this chain in half and lay the fold behind the middle of the bow. The tail of the bow hangs at the end of Row 3: run it under the stitches of Row 3, without drawing them in, to the 6th of the 11 sts, the middle. From there wind it tightly round the middle of the bow four times, across the three rows, taking in the fold of the chain, so that the bow is drawn together there, and fasten the tail on the back. Sew the middle of the bow with the rest of the tail over the top of the bell, its long way across, the middle of the bow 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the foundation chain. The two ends of the chain hang down, 3/8 in (1 cm) to each side of the middle line at their lower ends; fasten each with one stitch of its own end.
- Cord: cut a 50 in (127 cm) length of B and a 50 in (127 cm) length of C. Fold each in half and link the two folds, so that you have one long strand, B on one side of the link and C on the other. Pin one end down and twist the other end until the strand kinks by itself. Bring the two ends together, keeping the strand tight, hold the link, and let the two halves wind round each other into a cord of one red and one cream ply. Knot the ends and cut the cord to 17 in (43 cm), with a new knot close to the cut end. At each end fold 2 in (5.1 cm) of the cord back and tie the doubled cord in one overhand knot, so that a small loop stands at the end. Each end takes up about 2½ in (6.4 cm), so about 12 in (30 cm) are left from loop to loop.
- Thread the cord through the loops of the bells, the gold bell first, then the striped bell, then the green bell, all right side toward you. Set the striped bell in the middle of the cord and the two others 3½ in (9 cm) from it, measured along the cord, and fasten each loop to the cord with two small stitches in its own color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 9 pieces; 460 stitches (106 in the gold bell, 117 in the striped bell, 117 in the green bell, 7 in each clapper, 33 in each bow).

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