Mouse in a Christmas stocking

US terms



Finished size
About 7½ in (19 cm) tall without the loop and 4¼ in (11 cm) across from the heel to the toe

Skill
Intermediate
Twelve 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.

You will need

Yarn A: cranberry, stocking leg and stocking foot	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, stocking leg, stocking foot and cuff	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pine green, stocking leg, stocking foot and loop	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: dove gray, several of the pieces	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, inner ear, snout and the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

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, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 8 mm.

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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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.

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.

Before you start

- 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.
- 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.
- Color change: where a line begins "With B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. 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.
- Mouse head: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Stocking leg: the center line runs between stitches 15 and 16 of round 5 (30 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Cuff: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 1 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in black yarn (about 2 yd (2 m), 2 m, not in the list above).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, 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 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall without the loop and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) across from the heel to the toe; eyes 6 mm; 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) tall without the loop and 6 in (15 cm) across from the heel to the toe; eyes 11 mm; 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) tall without the loop and 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across from the heel to the toe; eyes 15 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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 sc is double crochet and sl st is slip stitch.

Stocking leg

Yarns in order of use: C, pine green; B, ivory; A, cranberry.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8

☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	With B, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

9 10

☐ **Rnds 11 to 12**	With A, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 12: tick them off as you go.

11 12

☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	With B, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

13 14

☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	With A, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

15 16

☐ **Rnds 17 to 18**	With B, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 17 to 18: tick them off as you go.

17 18

☐ **Rnds 19 to 20**	With A, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 20: tick them off as you go.

19 20

☐ **Rnds 21 to 22**	With B, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 22: tick them off as you go.

21 22

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☐ **Rnds 23 to 24**	With A, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 23 to 24: tick them off as you go.

23 24

☐ **Rnds 25 to 26**	With B, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 25 to 26: tick them off as you go.

25 26

☐ **Rnds 27 to 28**	With A, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 27 to 28: tick them off as you go.

27 28

☐ **Rnds 29 to 30**	With B, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 29 to 30: tick them off as you go.

29 30

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 32 in (81 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Stocking foot

Yarns in order of use: C, pine green; A, cranberry; B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

6 7

☐ **Rnds 8 to 9**	With A, sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 9: tick them off as you go.

8 9

☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	With B, sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

10 11

☐ **Rnds 12 to 13**	With A, sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

12 13

☐ **Rnds 14 to 15**	With B, sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 15: tick them off as you go.

14 15

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

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Cuff

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 36; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 7: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Mouse head

Yarn D, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 11: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	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.	

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Ear: make 2

Yarn D, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 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)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 7½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn E, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Snout

Yarns in order of use: E, rose; D, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With D, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Paw: make 2

Yarn D, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 3 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 5: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Loop

Yarn C, pine green.

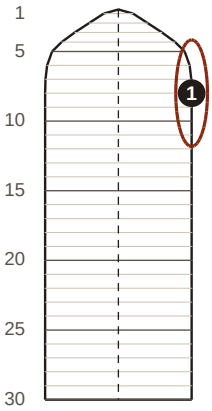
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 18: tick them off as you go.

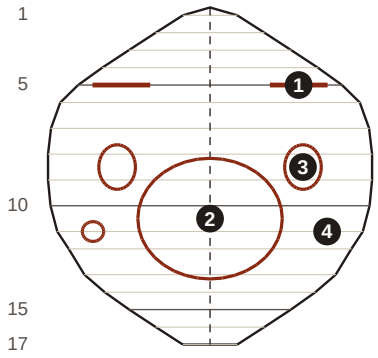
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☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Assembly



Stocking leg: 1 stocking foot



Mouse head: 1 ears, 2 snout, 3 eyes, 4 cheeks

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Pin the stocking foot to the stocking leg: the middle of the open edge lies on round 8, 7½ stitches to the right of the center line. The edge (26 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 12 of the stocking leg. It points to the right. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Slip the cuff over the open end of the stocking leg, right side out, the chain edge first and lower down and the center lines in line, until round 6 of the cuff is level with the open edge of the stocking leg and round 7, the last round, stands above it. With the tail of the stocking leg, sew its open edge (30 sts) to the inside of round 6 of the cuff (36 sts), eased to fit. The chain edge of the cuff stays free.

3. Bend the loop into a ring and sew its open end to its closed end. With the rest of the tail, sew this join to the back of the mouse head: its middle lies on round 3, on the line opposite the center line, and the ring stands up behind the head, one flat side to the front. Sew round the join twice.

4. Set the mouse head in the open cuff, round 1 at the top and its center line in line with the center line of the cuff: rounds 14 to 17 of the head are inside, and the last round of the cuff (36 sts) lies on round 13 of the head (30 sts), eased to fit. Add stuffing under the head if it sinks. With the tail of the cuff, sew the last round of the cuff to the head all the way round.

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5. Pin the two ears to the mouse head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 5, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on round 1 and its lower end on about round 9, 8 stitches from the center line. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 7½-stitch edge with the tail.

6. Sew one inner ear flat to the side of each ear that will face forward, right side out, centered on that side, its middle over round 5 of the ear, all 12 stitches of the edge.

7. Pin the snout to the mouse head: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 10 and 11, on the center line. The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 8 to 13 of the mouse head. It points forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

8. Pin the two paws to the cuff: the middle of each open edge lies on round 7 of the cuff, its last round, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) lies half on the cuff and half on the head. They point forward, then curve until the tip of each points down over the front of the cuff. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew all the way round with the tail.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the mouse head between rounds 8 and 9, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the mouse head on round 11, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- 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: 12 pieces; 2,338 stitches.

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