Peppermint candy ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and about 3 in (8 cm) tall, without the hanging loop

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

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: oat white, rounds 1 to 4 of the candy	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: peppermint red, round 5 of the candy, the stripes and row 4 of the wrapper fans	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale mint, rows 1 to 3 of the wrapper fans	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 10 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a spray bottle and a tape measure.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the candy measures about 1½ in (4 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.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **tr** treble crochet (UK dtr), **sk** skip, **st** stitch.

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

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first hdc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 7 times: 7 times in all. (24 hdc): the round now has 24; a check, not a step. Not 24? **Pull it back**.

Also: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Candy

☐ **Start**	With A, make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 2.** The candy measures about 1½ in (4 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Round 5**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(40 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Stripe: make 6

Yarn B, peppermint red.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next ch	(1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 1 tr)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Wrapper fan: make 2

☐ **Start**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in each of next 4 sts	(9 dc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 4 times**	(13 dc)
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(4 sc, 15 dc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface: the candy in a circle, and each wrapper fan right side up with its three shells opened out. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the candy down, right side up. Lay the six stripes on it, right sides up, spaced evenly round like the spokes of a wheel, narrow ends toward the magic ring. The chain edge of a stripe, 5 stitches, is about 1 1/8 in (3 cm) long. Pin the wide end first, against the inner edge of the red round and not over it; the narrow end then stops 1/8 to ¼ in (0.3 to 0.5 cm) short of the magic ring. Seen with its wide end at the top, every stripe has its chain edge on the left and the tops of its stitches on the right. Bend the stripe in a gentle curve to the right, so that both corners of its wide end touch the red round: the corner on the left, at the end of the chain edge, lies 1/8 in (0.5 cm) to the right of a straight line from the magic ring through the narrow end, and the corner on the right is the top of the tr. Bend all six the same way and pin them all before you sew; then sew each stripe down all round with its tail.
- Turn the candy so that the middle of the wide end of one stripe is at the top. Lay a wrapper fan behind the left side and one behind the right side, right sides up, straight across from each other, the magic ring of each 1¼ in (3 cm) from the magic ring of the candy and its shells pointing outward. The edge of the candy hides the magic ring of the fan and the lower half of its Row 1, so that the fan spreads out from a narrow neck. With a 15 in (38 cm) length of C for each fan, sew the hidden part to the back of the candy, and from the front sew the edge of the candy to the fan.
- For the hanging loop, join B with a slip stitch in the st of Round 5 at the top of the candy, ch 12, work a slip stitch in the same place and fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 9 pieces; 236 stitches (120 in the candy, 4 in each stripe, 46 in each wrapper fan).

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

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- 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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- A stripe is one row along its chain: its narrow end is the slip stitch, its wide end the tr. The chain is one long edge of the stripe; the tops of the stitches are the other. Its right side is the side that faces you as you work it.

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- A wrapper fan is worked to and fro from a ring and is not joined. In Row 2 the last 2 dc go in the top of the ch-3 that began Row 1, in Row 3 the last dc goes in the top of the ch-3 that began Row 2, and in Row 4 the last sc goes in the top of the ch-3 that began Row 3. Its right side faces you in Row 2 and Row 4.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 8 in (20 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 10 in (25 cm).

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