Santa boot centerpiece

Tall, sole 7 in (18 cm) long · US terms



Finished size

The sole is about 7 in (18 cm) long and about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide; the opening is about 11 in (28 cm) round. The leg is about 4¾ in (12 cm) tall (rounds 20 to 40 of the boot), and the fleece above it about 1 in (2.5 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: boot black, the sole, the lower edge and the belt	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: santa red, the boot and the berries	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: fleece white, the fleece	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: gold, the buckle	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: holly green, the leaves	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a sheet of thin card, if the boot has to be stiffened.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Ornament, sole 3½ in (9 cm) long	3½ in (9 cm) long, 1¼ in (3 cm) wide	about 65 yd (59 m)
Tall, sole 7 in (18 cm) long (this file)	**7 in (18 cm) long, 2¾ in (7 cm) wide**	**about 200 yd (183 m)**

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Abbreviations

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

BLO	back loop only: of the two loops at the top of the stitch, work under the one farther from you
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Special stitches

sc2tog (Single crochet 2 together (UK dc2tog)): Insert the hook in the next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, insert the hook in the st after it, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

dc2tog (Double crochet 2 together (UK tr2tog)): Yarn over, insert the hook in the next st, draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops; do the same in the st after it; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

straight stitch: With the yarn needle, bring the yarn up at one end of the line and take it down at the other.

picot: Picot: ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from the hook. It stands on the stitch before it, is not counted among the stitches and is not worked into.

loopst: Loop stitch, a single crochet (UK double crochet) with a loop on the side away from you: insert the hook in the st; lay the yarn over the forefinger of the hand that holds it, so that a loop about ¾ in (2 cm) long lies round the finger behind the work; with the hook catch both strands of this loop close to the st and draw them through the st (3 loops on the hook); take the finger out; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops. It counts as 1 st; the next round is worked into its top.

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

After Rnd 6, the last round of the sole, the sole is about 7 in (18 cm) long and about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide.

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

- Work firmly, so that the boot stands by itself. If your fabric is soft, use a hook one size smaller, or stand a roll of card inside.
- The boot is worked from the sole up in one spiral: the rounds are not joined, and the first stitch of a round is worked into the first stitch of the round before. The first stitch of each round is at the back, a little to one side of the middle of the heel. Keep one marker in it and move it up every round.
- The right side, which is the outside, faces you and the work is not turned as far as the fleece, where it is turned once. A ch 1 at the start of a row or of a joined round is not counted and is not worked into. The small parts are worked as each of them says; the berries are spirals.

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- To change color, work the last stitch before the change until its last loops are on the hook, then draw the new color through them. A color that rests for 4 rounds or fewer can wait on the inside and be drawn up again; cut one that rests longer, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The boot is a decoration. Set food into it in its wrapper, or in a small glass or bag.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers to make a loop, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.

Instructions

Chosen: Tall, sole 7 in (18 cm) long. 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 sl st is slip stitch, hdc is half treble, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Boot

Yarns in order of use: A, boot black; B, santa red; C, fleece white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 19.	

Sole

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 16 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 16 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(50 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(62 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(68 sc)**

The sole, laid flat, is now about 7 in (18 cm) long and about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide. The middle of the heel lies between the last 2 stitches of Rnd 6, stitches 67 and 68; the middle of the toe lies opposite, between stitches 33 and 34: that leaves 34 stitches from the one to the other on each side.

Sides

The next round is worked in the back loops only, which turns the sole up into the sides.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**

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Toe

The middle of the toe lies between stitches 33 and 34 of Rnd 10 too, when the rounds stand straight one above another. A spiral may lean. Before you go on, fold the boot in half along its length, with the middle of the heel at one fold: if the fold at the toe comes 1 or more stitches later in the round than that, work that many more stitches before the first hdc of every toe round and that many fewer after the last hdc.

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 27 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 29 sts	**(56 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 25 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 27 sts	**(52 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 23 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 25 sts	**(48 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 23 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 25 sts	**(48 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 22 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 24 sts	**(46 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in next 21 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 23 sts	**(44 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 20 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 22 sts	**(42 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 19 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 21 sts	**(40 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 18 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 20 sts	**(38 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)**

Leg

☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 21 to 40**	Repeat rnd 20. (44 sc)	

A box for each round, 21 to 40: tick them off as you go.

☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40

Fleece

Sl st in the next st to level the round, drawing C through the st and the loop on the hook. Turn, so that the inside of the boot faces you, ch 1, which does not count, and go on in a spiral the other way round, as the loops form on the far side, which is the outside of the boot. Do not work into the sl st: the first stitch of Rnd 41 goes into the last sc of Rnd 40, and its last stitch into the sc that holds the sl st.

☐ **Rnd 41**	With C, loopst in each st around	**(44 loopsts)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	Loopst in each st around	**(44 loopsts)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	Loopst in each st around	**(44 loopsts)**
☐ **Rnd 44**	Loopst in each st around	**(44 loopsts)**
☐ **Rnd 45**	Loopst in each st around	**(44 loopsts)**

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☐ **Rnd 46**	Sl st in each st around	**(44 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off. Open the loops with the fingers.	

Belt

Yarn A, boot black.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 47, leaving a tail of 38 in (96.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(46 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with.	

Buckle

Yarn D, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 16, taking care not to twist it, and sl st in the first ch to make a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 chs, 3 sc in next ch**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with. The 3 sc in one ch make the corners: pull the frame square.	

Holly leaf: make 2

Yarn E, holly green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 8.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, hdc in next ch, sl st in last ch	**(6 sc, 4 hdc, 4 picots, 4 dc, 1 sl st)**
☐ **End**	Do not join. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with. The end with the 3 sc is the tip of the leaf.	

Berry: make 3

Yarn B, santa red.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(4 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm); run it through the 4 stitches of the last round, push the tail of the ring inside to fill it, and draw the stitches together.	

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Finishing

- Belt: lay it round the leg, right side outward, with the edge of its last row up, over Rnds 23 to 25, and bring its two short ends together at the middle of the back. With the tail of the last row sew the 3 row ends of one end to those of the other. With the long tail sew the edge with the foundation ch to the boot all round, one stitch to every second ch.
- Holly: below the fleece, toward the side of the boot that will be seen, sew the two leaves by their bases and along their middles, right side out, 6 stitches from the middle of the front, their bases touching and their tips up and apart like the hands of a clock at ten to two, with the bases on the 9th round below the fleece. Sew the three berries close together over the two bases, gathered ends down.
- The boot is hollow. Set it on its sole and push out the toe and the heel from inside. The middle of the front is found by folding the boot flat along its length, with the middle of the heel at one fold.
- Buckle: lay it on the belt at the middle of the front, right side up and standing square, with the belt across its middle, and sew its outer corners and sides to the belt and the boot. With D, work the tongue: 3 straight stitches side by side, from the middle of one upright side of the frame to the middle of the other, across the opening.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 8 pieces.

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