Santa face ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 4¼ in (11 cm) wide and about 6¾ in (17 cm) tall, without the hanging loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 6 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

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

You will need

Yarn A: peach, rounds 1 to 4 of the face	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oat white, rounds 5 and 6 of the face, the brim and the mustaches	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: Santa red, the hat	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, the nose	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: charcoal, the sewn details	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, stiff card for the pompom 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. Yarns A, B, C and D: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn E: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
rem	remaining
st	stitch

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rnd round
RS right side

Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row or round.

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 face measures about 1½ in (4 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- 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.
- 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 unless the line goes on with a skip.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- 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.
- The beard, Rows 5 and 6, is worked on a part of the edge of the face with the right side facing: do not turn. At the end of Row 5 fasten off, and join B again in the first st of Row 5 for Row 6. Row 5 begins in any st of Rnd 4; the 11 sts it leaves unworked are the top of the face and lie under the hat.
- Row 6 has 7 shells; the one in the middle has 7 dc. It ends with a slip stitch in the last st of Row 5.
- The right side of the hat faces you in Row 1 and in every other row after it. From Row 6 on the hat leans to the right: every row loses a stitch at the left-hand edge, as you see the right side, and Rows 7, 9, 11 and 13 each gain one at the right-hand edge.
- The 2 dc of a mustache piece are its tip; the piece is joined at its blunt end.
- 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.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.

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- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 8¾ in (22 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 11 in (28 cm).

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Face

Yarns in order of use: A, peach; B, oat white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 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)**
☐ **Rnd 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.	
☐ **Row 5**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, 2 tr in each of next 2 sts, tr in next st, 2 tr in each of next 2 sts, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, leave the remaining 11 sts unworked	**(4 sc, 2 hdc, 8 dc, 15 tr)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 6**	Join B with sl st in first st, sk next st, 5 hdc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st, [sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st] twice, sk next st, 7 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st, [sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st] twice, sk next st, 5 hdc in next st, sk next st, sl st in last st	**(10 hdc, 6 sc, 27 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Hat

Yarn C, Santa red.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 7 sts	**(1 sc2tog, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(7 sc, 1 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts	**(1 sc2tog, 6 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(6 sc, 1 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(1 sc2tog, 5 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(5 sc, 1 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(1 sc2tog, 4 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(4 sc, 1 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(1 sc2tog, 3 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Brim

Yarn B, oat white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 15.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 12 chs, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 12 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

Mustache: make 2

Yarn B, oat white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (2 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 hdc) in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(2 sc, 4 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn D, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, right sides up: the face in a circle with the beard spread out below it and every shell opened out, and the hat right side up, its foundation edge straight and its sides smooth. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the face down, right side up, with the shell of 7 dc at the bottom. The middle line runs from the middle of that shell straight up through the magic ring. All distances are measured from the magic ring of the face unless a line names another place.
- Hat: lay it on the face, right side up, its foundation edge straight across the face, ¾ in (1.9 cm) above the magic ring, the middle of that edge on the middle line, so that the narrow end leans to the right. The edge is wider than the face there and stands out beyond it at each side. With a 24 in (61 cm) length of C, sew the foundation edge down where it lies on the face; from the back, sew the top edge of the face to the hat.
- Brim: lay it on top, right side up and straight across, its middle on the middle line, 7/8 in (2.2 cm) above the magic ring. It covers the foundation edge of the hat and stands out beyond the hat at each side; its lower edge lies over the two ends of the beard. With its tail, sew it down where it lies on the hat, on the face and on the two ends of the beard; the rest of its two rounded ends has nothing behind it and is left free.
- Mustache: lay the two pieces on the face, right sides up, one to each side of the middle line, the magic ring of each ½ in (1.3 cm) below the magic ring of the face and ¼ in (0.6 cm) from the middle line. Each tip points out to the side and is 1/8 in (0.3 cm) lower than the magic ring of its piece. The two blunt ends meet on the middle line. Sew each piece down all round its edge with its tail.
- Nose: cut a 12 in (30 cm) length of D and wind it into a small ball; this is the stuffing of the nose. Lay the nose on the middle line, right side up, its magic ring ¼ in (0.6 cm) below the magic ring of the face, so that it covers the place where the two pieces of the mustache meet. With its tail, sew it down all round its edge; before the last stitches, push the ball in under the nose, so that the nose stands up.
- Eyes: with E, work two large French knots, ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the magic ring and 3/8 in (1 cm) to each side of the middle line. Cheeks: with D, work two large French knots, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the magic ring and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to each side of the middle line.
- Mouth: with C, work a curve in backstitch from one side of the middle line to the other, below the mustache: each of its two ends is 1 in (2.5 cm) below the magic ring and 3/8 in (1 cm) from the middle line, and its lowest point is 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) below the magic ring on the middle line.
- Pompom: wind B 50 times round a piece of card 1¼ in (3 cm) wide, slide the loops off, tie them tightly round the middle with a 16 in (41 cm) length of B, cut them at both ends and trim the ball to about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) across. With the ends of that length, sew it to the last row of the hat.
- For the hanging loop, join C with a slip stitch in the left-hand end of Row 10 of the hat, as the ornament lies right side up, 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: 6 pieces.

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