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Christmas Ornament Trio

A striped bauble, a little tree with a star and a candy cane

SKILL	FINISHED SIZE	YARN	HOOK
Easy	5 to 9 cm / 2 to 3 in	DK (weight 3)	3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3)

Three ornaments · US & UK terms · Printable tracker

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WELCOME

Hello, maker!

Welcome to the Christmas Ornament Trio: three quick makes for your tree, your gift wrap or a little advent table. Each one takes an evening or less and uses small amounts of yarn.

Make them in classic red, cream and green, or in soft pastels to match your home. A set of three in a little box makes a lovely handmade gift.

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At a glance

SKILL	Easy
TIME	1 to 2 hours each
SIZE	Bauble about 5 cm / 1.9 in across, tree about 9 cm / 3.4 in tall, candy cane about 10 cm / 3.9 in tall once bent, with DK yarn and a 3.0 mm hook
YARN	DK (weight 3), about 22 g in 4 colours (amounts per colour on page 3)
HOOK	3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3)
PIECES	Bauble x1, Bauble cap x1, Little tree x1, Star x1, Candy cane x1
WORKED	In spiral rounds; the star is joined
TERMS	US crochet terms; abbreviations on page 4

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Tick as you go

Every round has a box. Tick it when it is done, on paper or on a tablet.

Count your stitches

The number at the end of each round is your stitch total.

US crochet terms

Prefer UK terms? The UK-terms files are in your download.

Safety. These are decorations, not toys. The candy cane has a wire stem inside. Hang them out of reach of babies, young children and pets.

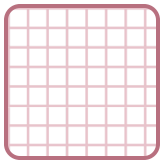
BEFORE YOU START

Materials & tools

Small amounts of four colours make all three ornaments.

Everything you need

Gauge



About 24 sc and 26 rounds = 10 cm (4 in) in single crochet worked in the round. Gauge is not critical for a toy, but the fabric must be tight: if stuffing shows between the stitches, go down a hook size. A thicker yarn or a looser tension makes a bigger piece.

Yarn

A	Berry red	DK cotton or acrylic	**7 g / 14 m**
B	Cream	DK cotton or acrylic	**5 g / 11 m**
C	Pine green	DK cotton or acrylic	**7 g / 14 m**
D	Gold	DK, metallic if you like	**3 g / 5 m**

Amounts come from the stitch totals of this pattern, plus about 25% for tails and tension.

Tools & notions

- [ ] 3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3) crochet hook, or the size that gives a tight fabric
- [ ] Polyester fibrefill, about 15 g
- [ ] One chenille stem (pipe cleaner), 30 cm
- [ ] Tapestry needle
- [ ] Stitch markers
- [ ] Scissors

Good to know

- Use a tight tension so the stuffing does not show. Go down a hook size if you can see gaps.
- A sparkly or metallic DK in colour D makes the cap and star shine.

STITCH GUIDE

Stitches & abbreviations

This copy uses US crochet terms. The UK name of each stitch is shown beside it.

US	UK	WHAT IT MEANS
[ ] n times	**[ ] n times**	repeat the stitches inside the brackets n times
ch	**ch**	chain
dec	**dec**	invisible decrease: insert the hook into the front loops of the next 2 sts, yarn over, pull through both front loops, yarn over, pull through the 2 loops on the hook
inc	**inc**	increase: 2 sc in the same stitch
MR	**MR**	magic ring (also called magic circle)
Pts	**Pts**	the number of points or petals made in the round
Rnd	**Rnd**	round
sc	**dc**	single crochet
sl st	**sl st**	slip stitch
st(s)	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
Sts	**Sts**	the stitch total at the end of the round or row

Magic ring

A closed centre with no hole. Every piece in this pattern starts with one.

1. Wrap the yarn twice around two fingers, crossing it over itself.
2. Insert the hook under both strands, catch the working yarn and pull up a loop.
3. Chain 1 to secure. This chain does not count as a stitch.
4. Work the stitches of round 1 into the ring, over both strands and the tail.
5. Pull the tail firmly to close the centre, then continue with round 2.

Working in a spiral

Amigurumi rounds are not joined, so there is no seam.

1. After the last stitch of a round, go straight on into the first stitch of the next round.
2. Put a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you go.
3. Count the stitches at the end of every round. The number in the pill is the total you need.

Stripes in the round

Change colour without cutting the yarn.

1. Work the last stitch of the round before the stripe until 2 loops are left on the hook.
2. Pull the new colour through both loops. Keep the old colour inside the piece.
3. When you go back to the first colour, pick it up from inside and carry it loosely up the wall.
4. Spiral rounds make a small step where the colours meet. Keep that step at the back.

Invisible decrease (dec)

The neatest way to decrease in amigurumi: it leaves no gap.

1. Insert the hook into the front loop only of the next stitch, then the front loop only of the stitch after it.
2. Yarn over and pull through both front loops (2 loops left on the hook).
3. Yarn over and pull through both loops. One stitch made from two.

Joined rounds

Some small pieces are joined at the end of each round instead of worked in a spiral.

1. At the end of the round, slip stitch into the first stitch of the round.
2. The slip stitch does not count as a stitch. Begin the next round as written.

Closing the last round

Pieces that end with 6 stitches are closed like a drawstring.

1. Fasten off, leaving a 15 cm tail.
2. Thread the tail on a tapestry needle and pass it through the front loop of each remaining stitch.
3. Pull tight to close the hole, then push the needle through the piece and out the other side.
4. Squeeze the piece, trim the tail close and let it disappear inside.

French knot

A small raised dot for eyes, berries and ornaments.

1. Bring the needle up where the knot will sit.
2. Hold the yarn taut and wrap it twice around the needle.
3. Keeping the wraps snug, push the needle back down right beside where it came up.
4. Pull through slowly, holding the wraps with your thumb until the knot forms.

Sewing pieces together (whipstitch)

A neat, strong seam for ears, arms and heads.

1. Pin the piece in place first and check it from every side.
2. With the long tail on a tapestry needle, go under one stitch of the piece, then under the stitch beside it on the body.
3. Repeat all around, pulling each stitch snug so the seam hides.
4. Knot the tail, push it into the body and trim.

READ THIS FIRST

Pattern notes

Before you start

- Rounds are worked in a continuous spiral unless the round says to join. Mark the first stitch of each round.
- The number in the pill at the end of a round is the stitch total for that round. Count before you move on.
- Work into both loops of each stitch unless the round says back loop (BLO) or front loop (FLO) only.
- Brackets [ ] are repeated the number of times shown after them.
- Leave a long tail (about 30 cm) when you fasten off a piece that will be sewn on.
- The star is the only joined piece. Everything else is worked in a spiral.
- The pill in the Star table counts points, not stitches.

Construction at a glance

1. **Bauble**
   Make 1 · 17 rounds · colour A, B
2. **Bauble cap**
   Make 1 · 4 rounds · colour D
3. **Little tree**
   Make 1 · 23 rounds · colour C
4. **Star**
   Make 1 · 2 rounds · colour D
5. **Candy cane**
   Make 1 · 35 rounds · colour B, A

All the pieces, ready to put together

LET'S MAKE IT

The pattern

Five small pieces. Each ornament is finished on the next pages.

1 Bauble

A round bauble with a wide cream stripe. Worked from the bottom up.

A · Berry red | B · Cream | Make 1

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ **Rnd 1**	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ **Rnd 2**	Inc in each st around.	12
☐ **Rnd 3**	[sc in next st, inc] 6 times.	18
☐ **Rnd 4**	[sc in next 2 sts, inc] 6 times.	24
☐ **Rnd 5**	[sc in next st, inc, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times.	30
☐ **Rnd 6**	[sc in next 4 sts, inc] 6 times.	36
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around.	36
	Tip. Change to colour B in the last stitch of this round (see "Stripes in the round").	
☐ **Rnd 8**	With colour B: Sc in each st around.	36
☐ **Rnds 9–10**	Sc in each st around.	36
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around.	36
	Tip. Change back to colour A in the last stitch of this round.	
☐ **Rnd 12**	With colour A: Sc in each st around.	36
☐ **Rnd 13**	[sc in next 4 sts, dec] 6 times.	30
☐ **Rnd 14**	[sc in next st, dec, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times.	24
	Tip. Start stuffing now. Fill the ball firmly and evenly as you close it.	
☐ **Rnd 15**	[sc in next 2 sts, dec] 6 times.	18

☐	**Rnd 16**	[sc in next st, dec] 6 times.	**12**
☐	**Rnd 17**	Dec around. *Fasten off and close the hole.*	**6**

2 Bauble cap

The little cap and hanging loop for the bauble.

D · Gold · Make 1

	RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐	**Rnd 1**	6 sc in a magic ring.	**6**
☐	**Rnd 2**	Inc in each st around.	**12**
☐	**Rnd 3**	Working in back loops only: Sc in each st around.	**12**
☐	**Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around. *Fasten off and leave a 20 cm tail.*	**12**

3 Little tree

A cone worked from the tip down, with a flat base so it can stand.

C · Pine green · Make 1

	RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐	**Rnd 1**	6 sc in a magic ring.	**6**
☐	**Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around.	**6**
☐	**Rnd 3**	[sc in next st, inc] 3 times.	**9**
☐	**Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around.	**9**
☐	**Rnd 5**	[sc in next st, inc, sc in next st] 3 times.	**12**
☐	**Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around.	**12**
☐	**Rnd 7**	[sc in next 3 sts, inc] 3 times.	**15**
☐	**Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around.	**15**
☐	**Rnd 9**	[sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in next 2 sts] 3 times.	**18**
		Tip. Start stuffing the tip with small tufts. Keep adding as the tree grows.	
☐	**Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around.	**18**
☐	**Rnd 11**	[sc in next 5 sts, inc] 3 times.	**21**

☐	**Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around.	**21**
☐	**Rnd 13**	[sc in next 3 sts, inc, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times.	**24**
☐	**Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around.	**24**
☐	**Rnd 15**	[sc in next 7 sts, inc] 3 times.	**27**
☐	**Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around.	**27**
☐	**Rnd 17**	[sc in next 4 sts, inc, sc in next 4 sts] 3 times.	**30**
☐	**Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around.	**30**
☐	**Rnd 19**	Working in back loops only: Sc in each st around.	**30**

Tip. The back-loop round makes the edge of the flat base. Finish stuffing before the hole gets small.

☐	**Rnd 20**	[sc in next 3 sts, dec] 6 times.	**24**
☐	**Rnd 21**	[sc in next st, dec, sc in next st] 6 times.	**18**
☐	**Rnd 22**	[sc in next st, dec] 6 times.	**12**
☐	**Rnd 23**	Dec around. *Fasten off and close the hole.*	**6**

4 Star

A tiny star for the top of the tree. The round is joined.

D · Gold · Make 1

	RND	INSTRUCTIONS	PTS
☐	**Rnd 1**	5 sc in a magic ring, sl st to the first st to join.	**5**
☐	**Rnd 2**	[ch 3, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, sl st in the next st] 5 times. *Five points made. Fasten off and leave a 20 cm tail.*	**5**

5 Candy cane

A thin striped tube with a bendy stem inside.

B · Cream | A · Berry red | Make 1

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ **Rnd 1**	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ **Rnd 2**	[sc in next 2 sts, inc] 2 times.	8
☐ **Rnd 3**	With colour A: Sc in each st around.	8
	Tip. Stripes: work 2 rounds in each colour, A then B, to the end of Rnd 34. Change colour in the last stitch of every second round and carry the colour you are not using up the inside of the tube.	
☐ **Rnds 4–34**	Sc in each st around.	8
☐ **Rnd 35**	Dec around. *Before you close: fold a chenille stem (pipe cleaner) in half, twist the ends together and push it into the tube. Close the hole, then bend the top 4 cm into a hook.*	4

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

Finishing your ornaments

Placement guide

- Bauble cap: centre it over the closed top of the bauble (the end with the last round).
- Hanging loops: thread a 20 cm length of colour D through the top of each ornament and knot the ends together.
- Star: sew it upright to the tip of the tree, through the back of the star.
- Tree ornaments: French knots in colours A, B and D, spaced over the tree, about 3 rounds apart.

☐ 1 **Bauble.** Pull the cap over the top of the bauble and sew all around the last round of the cap. Thread the hanging loop through the centre of the cap.

☐ 2 **Tree.** Sew the star to the tip. Add French knots for ornaments. For a garland, chain 60 in colour D, wind it around the tree and stitch it down in a few places.

☐ 3 **Candy cane.** Bend the top into a hook and tie a hanging loop or a little bow at the bend.

Finishing & care

- Weave in all ends and hide them inside each piece.
- Steam lightly (do not touch the yarn with the iron) to even out the stitches.

HELP IS HERE

Troubleshooting

The questions makers ask most, answered before you need to ask.

My stripe has a step in it.

That is the spiral. Keep the step at the back, or use a slip stitch at the colour change to soften it.

The tree leans.

Stuff the base firmly and press it flat. The back-loop round makes a crisp edge to stand on.

The candy cane will not hold its hook.

Fold the chenille stem in half before you insert it, so there are two wires inside.

My star points curl.

Pin the star flat, spray lightly with water and let it dry.

I can see stuffing.

Use a smaller hook or a tighter tension.

My stitch count is off.

Count from the marker. Frog back to the last round that matched its pill.

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Project tracker

Keep this page next to your work. Tick off each piece and round.

YARN USED _____ HOOK SIZE _____

STARTED _____ FINISHED _____

MADE FOR _____ FINISHED SIZE _____

Pieces

1	Bauble	Make 1	☐
2	Bauble cap	Make 1	☐
3	Little tree	Make 1	☐
4	Star	Make 1	☐
5	Candy cane	Make 1	☐

Round counter

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

My notes

Thank you for making with us!

We hope you enjoyed making Christmas Ornament Trio as much as we enjoyed designing it.

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