



CROCHET PATTERN · US CROCHET TERMS

Little Gnome

A standing gnome with a tall hat, a round nose and a pointed beard

SKILL

Easy



FINISHED SIZE

15 cm / 5.8 in tall

YARN

DK (weight 3)

HOOK

3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3)

WELCOME

Hello, maker!

Welcome to Little Gnome, a cheerful little friend for your shelf, your desk or a festive table. He is made from four pieces: a body, a tall hat, a round nose and a pointed beard, plus two little hands if you like.

The hat hides the top of the body, so there is no face to embroider. Make one for every season by changing the hat colour.

With love, YaraDream



● At a glance

SKILL	Easy
TIME	3 to 4 hours
SIZE	About 15 cm / 5.8 in tall to the hat tip (standing hat), with DK yarn and a 3.0 mm hook
YARN	DK (weight 3), about 26 g in 4 colours (amounts per colour on page 3)
HOOK	3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3)
PIECES	Body x1, Beard x1, Hat x1, Nose x1, Hands (optional) x2
WORKED	Body, hat and nose in spiral rounds; beard in rows
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. The face is embroidered, so there are no small parts. If you make this for a baby or a young child, sew every piece on securely and check the seams before each use. Finished toys sold for children must meet your country's toy-safety rules (CPSIA in the US, UKCA / CE in the UK and EU).

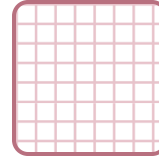
BEFORE YOU START

Materials & tools

Four colours of DK yarn. Soft acrylic or cotton both work.



● 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		Body DK cotton or acrylic	10 g / 21 m
B		Hat DK cotton or acrylic	11 g / 24 m
C		Nose DK cotton or acrylic	2 g / 4 m
D		Beard DK acrylic (fluffs well)	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 20 g
- ☐ Tapestry needle
- ☐ Stitch markers
- ☐ Sewing pins
- ☐ Scissors

● Good to know

- For a fluffy beard, brush it gently with a pet brush after you finish. Acrylic fluffs best.
- A weighted base helps him stand: put a cardboard circle the size of Rnd 6 inside before stuffing.

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)
Rnd	Rnd	round
sc	dc	single crochet
sc2tog	dc2tog	single crochet 2 together: (insert the hook in the next st, yarn over, pull up a loop) twice, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops
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 pattern is the total you need.

● 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.

● Working in rows

Flat pieces are worked back and forth.

1. At the end of each row, chain 1 and turn the work. The chain does not count as a stitch.
2. Work the first stitch of the new row into the last stitch of the row before.
3. Count the stitches at the end of every row.

● **Stuffing**

Firm, even stuffing gives a smooth, round shape.

1. Use small tufts of polyester fibrefill, not one big lump.
2. Fill the far end first and work towards the opening, shaping with your fingers.
3. Stuff firmly: the piece should hold its shape but not stretch the stitches open.

● **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.



● 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 beard is worked in rows. Turn at the end of every row; the ch 1 does not count as a stitch.
- In the beard, sc2tog is the standard flat decrease, not the invisible decrease used in rounds.

● Construction at a glance

1

Body

Make 1 · 23 rounds · colour A

2

Beard

Make 1 · 11 rows · colour D

3

Hat

Make 1 · 28 rounds · colour B

4

Nose

Make 1 · 5 rounds · colour C

5

Hands (optional)

Make 2 · 4 rounds · colour C



LET'S MAKE IT

The pattern

Four pieces and two optional hands. Make the body first, then the beard, so you can check its width against the body.

<div> <div>1</div> <div> Body Worked from the flat base up and closed at the top. </div> <div> <div>A · Body</div> <div>Make 1</div> </div> </div>		
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	Working in back loops only: Sc in each st around.	36
Tip. The back-loop round turns the flat base into the wall, so the gnome stands.		
☐ Rnds 8–17	Sc in each st around.	36
☐ Rnd 18	[sc in next 4 sts, dec] 6 times.	30
☐ Rnd 19	Sc in each st around.	30
☐ Rnd 20	[sc in next 3 sts, dec] 6 times.	24
Tip. Stuff firmly now, pressing the base flat. Keep adding stuffing as you close.		
☐ 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. <i>Fasten off and close the hole.</i>	6

2

Beard

A flat triangle worked in rows from the top edge down.

D · Beard

Make 1

ROW	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Start	Ch 17.	17
☐ Row 1	Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	16
☐ Rows 2–4	Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across.	16
☐ Row 5	Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog.	14
☐ Row 6	Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog.	12
☐ Row 7	Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog.	10
☐ Row 8	Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog.	8
☐ Row 9	Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog.	6
☐ Row 10	Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog.	4
☐ Row 11	Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog, sc2tog.	2

Fasten off and leave a 30 cm tail. The foundation chain is the top edge.

3

Hat

A tall cone worked from the tip down.

B · Hat

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

☐	Rnd 10	Sc in each st around.	18
☐	Rnd 11	[sc in next 5 sts, inc] 3 times.	21
Tip. Add a little stuffing to the tip now if you want the hat to stand up. Leave it empty for a floppy hat.			
☐	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	[sc in next 9 sts, inc] 3 times.	33
☐	Rnd 20	Sc in each st around.	33
☐	Rnd 21	[sc in next 5 sts, inc, sc in next 5 sts] 3 times.	36
☐	Rnd 22	Sc in each st around.	36
☐	Rnd 23	[sc in next 11 sts, inc] 3 times.	39
☐	Rnd 24	Sc in each st around.	39
☐	Rnd 25	[sc in next 6 sts, inc, sc in next 6 sts] 3 times.	42
☐	Rnds 26–28	Sc in each st around. <i>Fasten off and leave a 50 cm tail for sewing.</i>	42

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Nose
A small ball, left open at the back.

C · Nose

Make 1

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
☐ Rnds 3–4	Sc in each st around.	12

☐ **Rnd 5**

Dec around.
Stuff, then fasten off, leaving a 25 cm tail. Do not close the hole: it is sewn against the beard.

6

5

Hands (optional)
Two small round hands that peek out beside the beard.

C · Nose

Make 2

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ Rnd 2	[sc in next st, inc] 3 times.	9
☐ Rnd 3	Sc in each st around.	9
☐ Rnd 4	[sc in next st, dec] 3 times. <i>Stuff lightly, then fasten off, leaving a 20 cm tail. Make 2.</i>	6

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

Putting your gnome together

- **Placement guide**
 - Beard: the top edge (the foundation chain) sits along Rnd 16 of the body, centred at the front. It covers about 16 stitches.
 - Hat: pulled down over the top of the body so the brim sits on Rnd 17 all the way round, just covering the top edge of the beard.
 - Nose: centred at the top of the beard, half under the hat brim.
 - Hands (optional): one at each side, on Rnd 10 of the body, tucked just under the edge of the beard.

☐

1

Sew on the beard. Pin the top edge along Rnd 16 at the front and sew it with small stitches. Leave the pointed end free.



- ☐ **2 Add the hat.** Pull the hat over the top of the body. Turn it until the start of the round is at the back. Pin the brim on Rnd 17 and whipstitch all around. If you made the hands, sew one at each side on Rnd 10, tucked just under the edge of the beard.



- ☐ **3 Sew on the nose.** Hold the open side of the nose against the beard, just under the brim, and sew around the opening.



● **Finishing & care**

- Weave in all the ends and hide them inside the body.
- For a bent hat, fold the tip to one side and hold it with two small stitches.

HELP IS HERE

Troubleshooting

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

My gnome will not stand.

Press the base flat while you stuff, and use a cardboard circle inside the base.

The hat is too loose.

Pull it down further over the body, or work it one hook size smaller.

The beard edges curl.

That is normal for single crochet rows. Pin it flat, spray with water and let it dry before sewing.

The beard is too narrow for the body.

Your rows are tighter than your rounds. Work the beard with a hook 0.5 mm bigger.

The hat tip falls over.

Stuff the top third lightly, or fold it on purpose and tack it down.

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	Body	Make 1	☐
2	Beard	Make 1	☐
3	Hat	Make 1	☐
4	Nose	Make 1	☐
5	Hands (optional)	Make 2	☐ ☐

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 Little Gnome as much as we enjoyed designing it.

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Forest

Sage body, rose hat, cream beard.



Winter

Ice blue with a white hat.



Christmas

Pine body and a red hat.

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