

Christmas Crochet Ornament

A striped, stuffed bauble with a crocheted bow, gold edging and an optional bell. A detailed, photo-inspired pattern for confident beginners and intermediate crocheters.



One ball • Six color sectors • Simple finishing

Approximate ball size: 6-7 cm ($2\frac{3}{8}$ - $2\frac{3}{4}$ in) across. Finished height with bow and bell: 9-11 cm ($3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{3}{8}$ in), excluding the hanging loop.

This written pattern is an original reconstruction from the supplied pictures, not a verified transcription. It has not been sample-tested. Make one sample and check its shape before preparing multiples.

New 3D illustrations explain the construction. The supplied diagram appears by itself on the last page, with the requested footer. Use the written counts as the working instructions.

Materials, size & tension

Item	For one ornament
Yarn	Smooth DK / light #3 cotton: about 15-20 m each in red (A), cream (B) and forest green (C). Allow extra red for the bow; total approximately 55-75 m.
Gold trim	About 2 m fine decorative cord or metallic yarn, plus matching sewing thread.
Hook & tools	3.0 mm crochet hook; adjust to make dense fabric. Tapestry needle, scissors, sewing needle and 6 stitch markers.
Stuffing & details	Approximately 5-8 g polyester stuffing; optional 10-15 mm bell and optional bead. Six small yarn bobbins are useful.

Target tension

Approximately 24 single crochet stitches and 28 rows per 10 cm (4 in), measured without stretching. Make a small swatch in single crochet. The fabric should hide the stuffing.

Check the size during the project

At 48 stitches around the widest point, this tension gives a circumference near 20 cm (7⅞ in), or a diameter near 6.4 cm (2½ in). Finished height depends on row tension and stuffing. Measurements are estimates, not a fixed outcome.

Adjust the hook, not the stitch counts

If the stuffing shows, use a smaller hook. For a larger bauble, choose thicker yarn and a matching hook; for a smaller one, use finer yarn. Keep all six sectors equal and follow the same round counts.

Plan the colors

Around the ball: A red, B cream, C green, A red, B cream, C green. For a red-and-green version, replace the cream sectors with red or green. Use gold only for the surface trim and loop.

Before starting

The ball is worked from bottom to top as ONE complete piece. Do not make two balls or two halves. Decorative beads, bells and hanging cords are for display; keep the ornament away from small children and pets.

Stitches & clean color changes

Term	How to work it
ch / sl st	Chain / slip stitch. A slip stitch joins the round and is not included in the stitch count.
sc	Single crochet: insert hook, yarn over and pull up a loop; yarn over and pull through both loops.
inc	Work 2 sc in the same stitch. One stitch becomes two.
dec	Single crochet 2 together: insert hook in next stitch, pull up a loop; repeat in next stitch; yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.
(...) × 6	Repeat the bracketed sequence once in each of the six color sectors.

Magic ring: Form a loose yarn loop. Insert the hook into it, pull up a loop and ch 1. Work the 6 sc around the ring strands, then pull the starting tail to close the center. Join to the first sc. Secure the tail by weaving it back and forth inside the fabric.



Joined rounds

Work with the outside facing you. At the end of every round, sl st into the first sc, then ch 1. Do not turn. Work the next first sc into that same stitch. Neither the joining sl st nor ch 1 counts.

Change on the last pull-through

Work the last sc of a sector until 2 loops remain. Draw the next color through both loops, then begin its sector. Place a marker in the first stitch of every sector.

Manage the strands

Use two small supplies of each color. Carry the red starting strand loosely up the inside of the round seam. Keep the other strands local to their sectors; do not stretch long floats across the hollow center. Untwist supplies frequently.

Rounds 1-8: increase

Start at the bottom pole. In A (red), make a magic ring. Round 1 is red; the six colored sectors begin in Round 2. Leave a 15 cm (6 in) tail and secure the ring firmly so stuffing cannot escape.

Round	Work in EACH sector, unless stated	Total / sector
1	6 sc in magic ring; close ring and join.	6 / 1
2	inc in each st; colors A, B, C, A, B, C.	12 / 2
3	(1 sc, inc) × 6, changing color per sector.	18 / 3
4	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	24 / 4
5	(3 sc, inc) × 6.	30 / 5
6	(4 sc, inc) × 6.	36 / 6
7	(5 sc, inc) × 6.	42 / 7
8	(6 sc, inc) × 6.	48 / 8

Count before continuing: Round 8 has 8 stitches in each of 6 sectors. The increases stay inside their own color sector. Illustrations show general shape; stitch counts and trim timing follow the text.



The marked sectors widen evenly.



The growing fabric begins to cup.

Rounds 9-21: stuff & close

Round	Instructions for the whole round	Total / sector
9-14	48 sc: 8 sc in each of the 6 color sectors. Repeat for 6 rounds.	48 / 8
15	(6 sc, dec) × 6.	42 / 7
16	(5 sc, dec) × 6.	36 / 6
17	(4 sc, dec) × 6.	30 / 5
18	(3 sc, dec) × 6. Add stuffing.	24 / 4
19	(2 sc, dec) × 6.	18 / 3
20	(1 sc, dec) × 6. Top up stuffing.	12 / 2
21	dec × 6; one decrease per color sector.	6 / 1



Stuff gradually

After Round 18, add small tufts and spread them evenly into the lower half. Keep a finger behind the next stitches so the hook does not catch the filling. Add more after Round 20, until the ball holds its shape without stretched holes.

Close the top

After Round 21, fasten off the yarn supplies, leaving a 20 cm (8 in) red sewing tail. Secure and hide the other ends. Thread red through the front loops of the final 6 stitches, pull gently closed and secure. Bury the tail inside.

Shape check: Roll the ball gently between your palms. It should be rounded and softly firm. A slight lean in the color boundaries is normal in joined single crochet; follow those boundaries with the gold trim rather than pulling them straight.

Make, pinch & secure



Main bow rectangle - use red

Ch 20. Row 1: sc in the second ch from the hook and in each remaining ch: 19 sc. Rows 2-6: ch 1, turn, sc in each of the 19 stitches. The turning chain does not count. Fasten off with a 30 cm (12 in) tail.

Fold the center

The rectangle measures approximately 8 × 2 cm ($3\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$ in). Lay it horizontally. Pinch the middle into an accordion fold; wrap the sewing tail around the narrow center 6-8 times. Stitch through the wraps to secure. The finished bow is about 6-7 cm ($2\frac{3}{8}$ - $2\frac{3}{4}$ in) wide.

Optional short tails, shown in the illustration

Make two: ch 8; sc in second ch from hook and each ch across (7 sc). Ch 1, turn, sc in each st (7 sc). Fasten off. Sew one short end of each strip behind the bow center, with the free ends angled downward. Omit these for the compact, tail-free reference style.

Gold center and placement

Wrap fine gold cord over the red center wraps and secure at the back. Sew on an optional bead with several passes of sewing thread. Keep the bow separate until the gold trim and hanging loop are attached on the next page.

Finish neatly: Weave each yarn tail through several stitches in one direction, reverse direction, then trim. Do not rely on glue to secure the bow or hanging loop.

Trim, hanging loop & bell



1. Add six gold lines

Cut six pieces of fine gold cord, about 15 cm (6 in) each. Lay one over each color boundary from bottom to top. With matching thread, take tiny couching stitches over the cord every 0.5-1 cm ($\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$ in). Stitch through the crochet fabric without squeezing the ball.

Tuck and secure both cord ends at the poles. Repeat at all six boundaries. The gold follows the existing color lines; do not tighten it enough to make deep grooves.

2. Make a secure hanging loop

Cut a 20 cm (8 in) length of sturdy gold cord. Fold in half and overlap the ends by about 2 cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in), creating a loop about 8 cm ($3\frac{1}{8}$ in) high before sewing. Sew both ends into several stitches around the top closure. Pull-test gently. If using fine metallic yarn, make a chain about 16 cm ($6\frac{1}{4}$ in) long, fold it, and sew both ends securely at the top.

3. Attach the bow

Place the bow in front of the loop base. Sew through the wrapped bow center and several stitches on the ball at least 4 times. Catch a small stitch behind each wing if needed, keeping the wings soft and full. Hide the finishing thread inside.

4. Add an optional bell

At the bottom pole, use strong sewing thread to stitch through the bell eye and several crochet stitches. Make multiple passes, knot securely and bury the thread. Keep the bell close to the ball with no long dangling thread. Omit it for a lighter ornament.

Final inspection: Check the ring, closure, loop, bow and bell for loose ends. Turn the ornament all the way around and spread the stuffing evenly. The 3D illustrations may show trim before assembly is complete; add the gold after closing the ball, as described here.

Checks, care & diagram notes

If you notice...	Try this
Visible stuffing	Use a smaller hook next time. Remove excess stuffing if the stitches have stretched.
Unequal stripes	Count each sector at the marker. Undo to the first mismatch; do not compensate by adding stitches elsewhere.
A gap at the round join	Join to the first actual sc. Skip the joining slip stitch and turning chain on the next round.
Ball looks angular	Distribute small tufts of stuffing into the edges and gently massage the shape. Avoid overfilling.
Gold trim puckers	Undo the tight couching stitches and reattach with enough slack for the surface curve.
Bow twists or droops	Add a discreet anchoring stitch behind each wing. Keep the loop attachment behind the bow.

Care and storage

Spot-clean with a lightly damp cloth and let air-dry completely. Avoid soaking metallic cord, beads or bells. Store flat in a dry box without crushing the bow. Keep away from heat and open flames.

How to use the last page

The supplied decorative diagram is reproduced on the final page as requested. It illustrates the assembled silhouette, colors and embellishment placement. It is **not a stitch-for-stitch chart for this written pattern**: its decorative symbols and bow construction differ, and it has no verified round sequence.

Follow the round tables on pages 4-5 and the bow instructions on page 6 to make this version. Do not substitute the chart symbols for the written sc instructions. The isolated diagram page is useful for visual reference while arranging the colors and finishing details.

Printing

Print on A4 at Actual Size or 100%. The diagram is not a full-size template, so resizing it will not determine the finished ornament size. The footer phrase is clickable when viewing the PDF digitally.

Project checklist

6 equal sectors • 48 stitches at the widest point • secure top and bottom • even stuffing • six gold lines • firmly sewn loop and bow • optional bell attached securely.



