

Crochet Candy Cane

PATTERN

A sweet red-and-white striped Christmas ornament with a little green bow - a quick one-hour make for beginners, using only basic stitches.



The finished candy cane ornament, about 12 cm (5 in) long.

Finished size	Approx. 12 cm (5 in) long, including the hook	Skill level	Beginner
Time	About 1 hour per candy cane	Terms	US crochet terms

This little candy cane is worked as one simple striped tube - 30 rounds of 6 single crochet, alternating red and white every two rounds - then bent into the classic hook shape and finished with a tiny green bow and a hanging loop. There are no increases or decreases anywhere in the pattern, so it is a genuinely relaxing evening make. Work in a continuous spiral, mark the first stitch of every round, and change colors on the last yarn-over of the round for crisp stripes.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (aran / #4) yarn in **red**, approx. 25 g - stripes
- Worsted-weight yarn in **white**, approx. 20 g - stripes and hanging loop
- Small amount of worsted-weight yarn in **green** - bow
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- Yarn needle and scissors
- Stitch marker
- Optional: a pinch of fiberfill stuffing

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch	sc	single crochet
FO	fasten off	st(s)	stitch(es)
rnd	round		

Size & gauge: Gauge is not critical - work tightly so the fabric holds its shape. Approx. gauge: 10 sc x 10 rounds = 6 x 4.2 cm (2 1/4 x 1 3/4 in). With the yarn and hook listed, the cane measures about 12 cm (5 in) long.

Candy Cane Tube (red & white)



Step 2 - the red base of the striped tube.

Work every round in the back-and-forth spiral: do not join rounds with a slip stitch. On every color change, complete the last yarn-over of the round with the NEW color so the stripe lines up neatly. Carry the unused color up the inside of the tube.

Rnd 1 (red): 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

Rnds 2-3 (red): Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 4-5 (white): Change to white on the last yarn-over of Rnd 3. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 6-7 (red): Change to red. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 8-9 (white): Change to white. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 10-11 (red): Change to red. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 12-13 (white): Change to white. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 14-15 (red): Change to red. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 16-17 (white): Change to white. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 18-19 (red): Change to red. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 20-21 (white): Change to white. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 22-23 (red): Change to red. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 24-25 (white): Change to white. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 26-27 (red): Change to red. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 28-29 (white): Change to white. Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnd 30 (red): Change to red. Sc in each st around (1 round). **[6]**

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing the hook curve. If you like a plumper cane, add a pinch of fiberfill before bending - but do not overstuff, or the tube will be too stiff to shape.



Step 3 - the finished red-and-white striped tube.

Bow (green)

Row 1: Ch 14. Join with a sl st into the first ch to form a ring.

Loop 1: Ch 14. Sl st into the ring.

Loop 2: Ch 14. Sl st into the ring.

Wrap the centre of the loops 4 times with green yarn, pulling snug to cinch the bow, and knot the ends. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. You now have a bow with 3 loops - the ring plus two loops.



Step 5 - the little green bow.

Hanging Loop (white)

Row 1: Ch 12. Sl st into the first ch to form a loop. **[12 ch]**

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Assembly

1. Bend the hook: fold the top of the striped tube down to form the classic candy cane curve. Hold it in place and whipstitch the touching edges together with the red tail, using a yarn needle. A few small, firm stitches are enough.

2. Sew on the bow: pin the green bow just below the curve of the cane and stitch it firmly in place with the bow's long tail.

3. Attach the hanging loop: sew the white loop to the top of the cane, just above the bow, with a few secure stitches so it can carry the ornament's weight.

4. Weave in all remaining ends, trim, and hang your candy cane on the tree - or tie it to a gift, or string several together into a garland!



Step 6 - the finished candy cane ornament, ready to hang.

3 Tips for a Perfect Candy Cane

1. Change colors on the last yarn-over. This keeps the stripe edges sharp and the jog line in the same place every time. Give the new yarn a gentle tug on the first stitch of the new round.

2. Do not overstuff. A whisper of fiberfill is plenty - too much makes the tube too stiff to bend into the hook shape. Many makers skip the stuffing entirely for a flat ornament.

3. Batch them up. Once you know the rhythm, each cane takes about an hour and uses only scraps of red, white and green. Make a set in an evening for gifts, craft fairs or a whole mini garland.

Happy crocheting! Make one for the tree, gift a set to your favourite craft lover - and keep this pattern handy so your next candy cane is never more than an afternoon away.