

Crochet Christmas Elf

PATTERN

A cheerful little helper with a tall red pointy hat, a gold jingle bell and a green tunic - a cozy one-evening Christmas make for confident beginners.



The finished Christmas Elf, about 18 cm (7 in) tall including the hat.

Finished size	Approx. 18 cm (7 in) tall, including the hat	Skill level	Confident beginner
Time	About 2 to 3 hours	Terms	US crochet terms

This merry elf is built from simple spheres and cones worked in single crochet: a round skin-tone head with pointy ears, a green tunic with a red scalloped collar, and a long red cone hat finished with a jingle bell. Work in a continuous spiral unless a section says otherwise, mark the first stitch of every round, and stuff firmly as you go.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (aran / #4) yarn in **skin tone (beige)**, approx. 40 g - head and ears
- Worsted-weight yarn in **green**, approx. 45 g - tunic body and arms
- Worsted-weight yarn in **red**, approx. 35 g - hat, collar and shoes
- Small amount of **brown or dark thread** - embroidered smile
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 10 mm (embroider eyes for children under 3)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- 1 small gold jingle bell, approx. 12 mm
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins
- Optional: pink blush powder or pink yarn - rosy cheeks

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch	sc	single crochet
inc	increase - 2 sc in one stitch	dec	invisible decrease

FO	fasten off	st(s)	stitch(es)
rnd	round		

Size & gauge: Gauge is not critical for amigurumi - work tightly so the stuffing does not show through. With the yarn and hook listed, the elf stands about 18 cm (7 in) tall including the hat.

Head (skin tone)



Step 1 - starting the round head in skin-tone yarn.



Step 2 - shaping and stuffing the round head.

Insert the safety eyes between Rnds 7 and 8, about 7 stitches apart, before Rnd 12. Stuff the head firmly as the opening narrows.

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

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnds 6-9: Sc in each st around (4 rounds). **[30]**

Rnd 10: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 11: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 12: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 13: Dec 6 times. **[6]**

Fasten off, thread the tail through the front loops of the last 6 stitches, pull to close the hole and weave in the end.

Ears (make 2, skin tone)

Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring (skin tone). **[4]**

Rnd 2: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 2 times. **[6]**

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. **[6]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[8]**

Rnd 5: Sc in each st around. **[8]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Flatten each ear (no stuffing) and sew them to the sides of the head at Rnds 7-8, sticking out sideways like a classic Christmas elf.

Tunic Body (green)



Step 4 - the green tunic with its red collar trim.

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

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnds 5-7: Sc in each st around (3 rounds). **[24]**

Rnd 8: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 9: Sc in each st around. **[18]**

Rnd 10: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 11: Dec 6 times. **[6]**

Stuff the body firmly. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Scalloped collar (red)

Join red yarn in the **front loops** of Rnd 9 of the body. Work **[ch 2, skip 1 st, sl st in the next st]** all the way around the round for a little scalloped collar. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Arms (make 2, green) & Shoes (make 2, red)

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

Rnds 2-5: Sc in each st around (4 rounds). **[6]**

Stuff very lightly. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Shoes (red)

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

Rnd 2: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 3 times. **[9]**

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[9]**

Stuff lightly. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Pointy Hat (red)



Step 5 - the tall red cone hat with its gold bell.

The hat alternates gentle increase rounds with plain rounds, which forms the long, floppy cone. Do not stuff it - the cone holds its shape on its own.

Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring (red). **[4]**

Rnd 2: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 2 times. **[6]**

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. **[6]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[8]**

Rnd 5: Sc in each st around. **[8]**

Rnd 6: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[10]**

Rnd 7: Sc in each st around. **[10]**

Rnd 8: (Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[12]**

Rnd 9: Sc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 10: (Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[14]**

Rnd 11: Sc in each st around. **[14]**

Rnd 12: (Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[16]**

Rnd 13: Sc in each st around. **[16]**

Rnd 14: (Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[18]**

Rnd 15: Sc in each st around. **[18]**

Rnd 16: (Sc in next 8 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[20]**

Rnd 17: Sc in each st around. **[20]**

Rnd 18: (Sc in next 9 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[22]**

Rnd 19: Sc in each st around. **[22]**

Rnd 20: (Sc in next 10 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[24]**

Rnds 21-22: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[24]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew the gold jingle bell to the tip of the hat with several passes of thread so it jingles but never comes loose.

Face Details



Step 3 - placing the safety eyes and embroidering the smile.

- **Eyes:** 10 mm safety eyes, already placed between Rnds 7 and 8 of the head, about 7 stitches apart. For children under 3, embroider the eyes with dark yarn instead.
- **Smile:** with brown or dark thread, stitch a small curved line centred below the eyes.
- **Cheeks:** work 3-4 loose horizontal stitches of pink yarn on either side of the smile, or dab a little pink blush powder on for the festive glow.

Finish the whole face before the hat goes on - it is far easier to place everything while you can still check it from a distance.

Assembly



Step 6 - all pieces laid out, ready for final assembly.

- 1. Head to body:** pin the body to the underside of the head, centred, and whipstitch all the way around with the body's long tail.
- 2. Arms:** sew one arm to each side of the body at Rnd 8, angled slightly forwards.

3. Shoes: sew the two red shoes under the body, pointing slightly outwards, so the elf stands steadily.

4. Hat: set the red hat on the head at a jaunty sideways angle and stitch around its base so it cannot slip off.

5. Weave in all remaining ends. Give the elf a gentle squeeze all over to even out the stuffing - and your little helper is finished!

3 Tips for a Perfect Christmas Elf

1. Use invisible decreases on the hat. A regular decrease leaves a small bump; the invisible version keeps the cone smooth so the point stays crisp from tip to base.

2. Stuff the head firmly before the final decreases. A well-packed head gives the ears something solid to sit on and keeps them perky and even, exactly like a classic Christmas elf.

3. Pin everything before sewing. Ears, arms, shoes and hat all shift as you stitch. Pin the full assembly first, check the balance from the front, and only then pick up your needle.

Happy crocheting! Make one for your mantel, gift one to your favourite Christmas lover - and keep this pattern handy so your next elf is never more than one cozy evening away.