Crochet Christmas Mouse

PATTERN

A sweet grey amigurumi mouse with big round ears, a pink nose, a red Santa hat and a tiny candy cane - a cozy Christmas make for beginners.



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

Finished size	Approx. 18 cm (7 in) tall, including the Santa hat	**Skill level**	Beginner
Time	About 3 to 4 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This soft grey mouse has big round ears with pink inner circles, a little pink nose, embroidered whiskers and a long curved tail. Every piece is a simple sphere, circle or tube worked in single crochet, so the whole mouse comes together in one relaxed evening. Work in a continuous spiral unless a section says otherwise, mark the first stitch of every round, and stuff firmly as you go.

Materials

- DK or worsted-weight yarn in **soft grey**, approx. 60 g - head, body, ears, arms and tail
- DK or worsted-weight yarn in **cream**, approx. 15 g - belly patch
- Small amounts of yarn in **pink** (inner ears, nose), **red** (approx. 25 g, Santa hat) and **white** (hat brim and pom pom)
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 9 mm
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins
- A tiny ready-made candy cane, or red and white yarn to crochet one

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
hdc	half double crochet	**dc**	double crochet

BLO	back loop only	**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 mouse stands about 18 cm (7 in) tall including the hat.

Head (grey)



Step 1 - starting the round grey head.

Fix the safety eyes after Rnd 9, before the decreases: place them between Rnds 8 and 9, about 7 stitches apart. Stuff the head firmly as the opening narrows.

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

Fasten off, thread the tail through the front loops of the last 12 stitches, pull to close the hole and weave in the end.

Body (grey) and Belly Patch (cream)



Step 2 - the pear-shaped body with its cream belly patch.

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

Rnd 6: (Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[36]**

Rnds 7-11: Sc in each st around (5 rounds). **[36]**

Rnd 12: (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 13: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Stuff the body firmly. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Do NOT close the opening - the 24-stitch opening is sewn to the head in assembly, and you can add a last pinch of stuffing just before the final stitches.

Belly patch (cream)

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

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew the flat circle to the front of the body with a yarn needle, centred, before you sew the head on.

Ears (make 2, grey) and Inner Ears (make 2, pink)



Step 3 - big round ears with pink inner circles, and the long tail.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[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 5-6: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[24]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Do not stuff the ears - they stay flat and floppy, which is exactly how a mouse's ears should look.

Inner ears (pink)

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

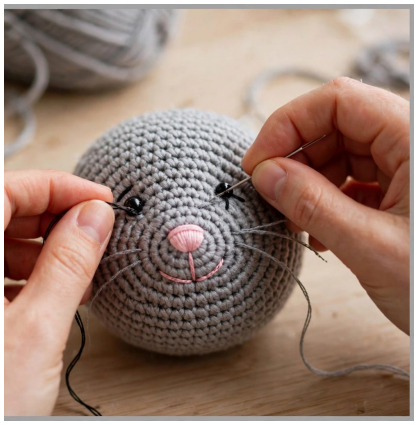
Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. **[12]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail and sew each pink circle flat onto the centre of a grey ear.

Tail (grey)

Row 1: Ch 28. **Row 2:** Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[27]** Fasten off leaving a long tail. The chain naturally curls - let it curve, do not straighten it.

Face Details



Step 4 - the embroidered face: pink nose, smile and whiskers.

- **Eyes:** 9 mm safety eyes, already placed between Rnds 8 and 9 of the head, about 7 stitches apart. For a mouse made for a small child, embroider the eyes with black yarn instead - two small French knots are safe and just as sweet.
- **Nose:** with pink yarn, stitch a small triangle centred between the eyes, one round below them, then one short vertical stitch down from its centre.
- **Mouth:** from the base of the nose, embroider two tiny curved lines outwards for a happy mouse smile.
- **Whiskers:** thread three short strands of grey or white yarn through each cheek and knot them on the inside of the head so they stay put.

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.

Santa Hat (red and white)



Step 5 - the red Santa hat with its white brim and pom pom.

The gentle decreases every third round give the hat its floppy, slightly bent tip. The white rounds at the end form the fluffy brim.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[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 10 sts, dec) 2 times. **[22]**

Rnds 9-10: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[22]**

Rnd 11: (Sc in next 9 sts, dec) 2 times. **[20]**

Rnds 12-13: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[20]**

Rnd 14: (Sc in next 8 sts, dec) 2 times. **[18]**

Rnds 15-16: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[18]**

Rnds 17-19: Change to white. Sc in each st around (3 rounds) - the fluffy brim. **[18]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Make a small white pom pom - wrap white yarn around two fingers about 30 times, tie it tightly in the middle, cut the loops and trim it round - and sew it to the tip of the hat.

Arms (make 2, grey)

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

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Stuff very lightly, or leave flat - the arms sit against the front of the body, holding the candy cane.

Candy Cane (optional, crocheted)

If you prefer to crochet the cane instead of using a ready-made one: with red yarn, ch 12, then sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[11]** Fasten off, then twist a strand of white yarn around the red strip in a spiral and stitch the ends to hold the twist. Bend the top over into a hook shape and stitch it in place.

Assembly



Step 6 - the finished mouse, hat on, candy cane in its paws.

1. Head to body: pin the body's 24-stitch opening to the underside of the head, centred. Whipstitch all the way around with the body's long tail, adding a last pinch of stuffing just before you close the final stitches.

2. Ears: sew one ear to the top of the head on each side, spaced wide apart and tilted slightly outwards. Pin both ears in place first and check they match before you sew.

3. Tail: sew the tail to the back of the body so it curls up behind the mouse; stitch along its first few centimetres to fix the curve.

4. Arms: sew the two arms to the front sides of the body, angled slightly inwards so the paws meet in the middle.

5. Hat: pull the Santa hat down over the head, between the ears, and secure it with a few hidden stitches through the brim into the head.

6. Candy cane: tuck the tiny candy cane into the mouse's paws and stitch it lightly in place so it stays put when the mouse is moved.

7. Weave in all remaining ends. Give the mouse a gentle squeeze all over to even out the stuffing - and it is finished!

3 Tips for a Perfect Christmas Mouse

1. Keep your stitches tight. Tight stitches stop the stuffing from peeking through the grey yarn, and they give the mouse a neat, professional finish. If you can see stuffing, go down half a hook size.

2. Embroider the face after stuffing. The head changes shape slightly once it is stuffed, so sew the eyes and embroidery last, when the head is firm and round, to keep the face even.

3. Sew the ears on symmetrically. Pin both ears in place with the yarn needle before you sew, and step back to check they match - wonky ears are the easiest mistake to make on this mouse.

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