Crochet Christmas Robin Ornament Pattern

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Confident beginner | ~1 evening | About 8 cm tall

Materials

- Warm chocolate-brown worsted-weight (#4) yarn, approx. 30 g / 55 m
- Bright red-orange worsted-weight yarn, approx. 20 g / 35 m
- Cream worsted-weight yarn, a small amount
- Amber or golden-orange worsted-weight yarn, a small amount
- Gold metallic or gold worsted-weight yarn, a small amount
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- Two 8 mm black safety eyes
- Polyester fiberfill
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in same stitch)
- dec = decrease (sc 2 sts together)
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- MR = magic ring
- Rnd(s) = round(s)

Step 1: Crochet the Magic Ring and Start the Round Body



- Body, brown yarn. 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 3 sts, inc) 6 times. [30]
- Rnd 6: (Sc in next 4 sts, inc) 6 times. [36]
- Rnds 7-12: Sc in each st around (6 rounds). [36]
- Work in continuous rounds and place a stitch marker at the start of each round. The body is now a round ball about 6 cm across. Do not fasten off yet.

Step 2: Work the Bright Red Breast Patch



- Breast patch, red-orange yarn. Ch 8. Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [7]
- Row 2: Ch 1, inc, sc 5, inc. [9]
- Row 3: Ch 1, inc, sc 7, inc. [11]
- Rows 4-5: Ch 1, sc in each st across (2 rows). [11]
- Row 6: Ch 1, dec, sc 7, dec. [9]
- Row 7: Ch 1, dec, sc 5, dec. [7]
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Sew the patch to the front of the body, centred low on the ball, like a little bib.
- Belly patch (optional), cream yarn: Ch 6. Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [5] Row 2: Ch 1, inc, sc 3, inc. [7] Fasten off and sew below the red breast.

Step 3: Crochet the Wings and the Little Tail



- Wing (make 2), brown yarn. Ch 7. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 4 ch, 2 sc in last ch. [14]
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Each wing is about 4 cm long.
- Tail, brown yarn. Ch 6. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working along the other side, sc in next 3 ch, 2 sc in last ch. [12]
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail. The tail is a little shorter and narrower than the wings, with a pointed tip.

Step 4: Add the Amber Beak and the Black Eyes



- Beak, amber yarn. Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring. [4]
- Rnd 2: Sc in each st around. [4]
- Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc) 2 times. [6]
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Sew the beak to the centre of the face, just above the top of the red breast.
- Place the two 8 mm safety eyes on either side of the beak, about 5 stitches apart and a couple of rounds above it. Step back and check they sit level before pushing the washers on.

Step 5: Stuff the Body and Shape Your Robin



- Stuff the body firmly with polyester fiberfill, pushing small tufts in with the blunt end of your hook. Add a little at a time so the stuffing reaches every corner.
- Rnd 13: (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. [30]
- Rnd 14: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. [24]
- Rnd 15: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. [18]
- Add a little more stuffing if needed, then continue:
- Rnd 16: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. [12]
- Rnd 17: Dec 6 times. [6]
- Fasten off, weave the tail through the remaining 6 stitches and pull closed.

Step 6: Sew on the Wings and Tail, Then Add the Gold Hanging Lo



- Sew the two wings to the sides of the body, angling them slightly backwards, and stitch the little tail to the back, pointing down.
- Hanging loop, gold yarn: ch 12, sl st in first ch to form a ring. Fasten off, leaving a tail.
- Sew the ring to the top of the robin's head, hiding the join on the back of the ornament.
- Weave in every end with the yarn needle, fluff the wings into place, and hang your robin on the tree - your handmade bird is ready for Christmas!

Tips

- Count after every round: each body round adds exactly 6 stitches (12, 18, 24, 30, 36...), so a quick count catches a missed increase before the ball starts to wobble or cup.

- Keep the breast patch neat. Work the red patch in tidy rows and change colour at the start of a row - a jagged edge where red meets brown is the one thing that gives a robin away.

- Stuff a little at a time. Push small tufts of fiberfill in with the end of your hook and check the shape as you go - a robin stuffed evenly holds its round shape on the tree all season.