

# Crochet Gingerbread House Free Pattern

A cosy little house in gingerbread brown with white icing trim, a red door, candy cane pillars and a snowy roof — a decoration that comes out year after year.

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## Materials

- Worsted weight (aran) yarn: gingerbread brown (approx. 80 g), white (approx. 40 g), red (approx. 20 g), green (small amount)
- 4.0 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers
- Thin cardboard (optional, to stiffen the walls)
- Small red and green buttons or beads for gumdrop decorations

Finished size: about 16 cm tall, 18 cm wide, 14 cm deep. Gauge is not critical; keep stitches firm so the walls stand straight.

## Abbreviations (US terms)

ch = chain | sc = single crochet | dc = double crochet | sl st = slip stitch | dec = single crochet 2 together | st(s) = stitch(es) | RS = right side

## Side Walls (brown) — make 2

Ch 25. Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and across (24). Rows 2–16: ch 1, sc across (24). Fasten off.



The side walls are simple rectangles: 24 stitches wide, 16 rows tall.

## Front & Back Gable Walls (brown) — make 2

Ch 25. Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and across (24). Rows 2–12: ch 1, sc across (24). Row 13: ch 1, dec, sc to last 2 sts, dec (22). Rows 14–18: repeat Row 13 (20, 18, 16, 14, 12). Rows 19–23: repeat Row 13 (10, 8, 6, 4, 2). Fasten off. The wall now rises to a gable point of 2 stitches.

## Join the Walls

Lay the panels in order — front, side, back, side — and whip stitch the corners together in white yarn, working from the bottom edge upward. Slip a folded piece of thin cardboard inside for extra stiffness, then close the last corner. The bottom edges must stay level so the house stands flat.

## Roof Panels (brown) — make 2

Ch 27. Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and across (26). Rows 2–20: ch 1, sc across (26). Fasten off. Sew the two long top edges together to form the ridge, then stitch the lower edges to the tops of the walls, letting the roof overhang the gables slightly at each end.

Icing trim (white): along each lower roof edge, work a scallop row — [skip 1 st, 3 dc in next st, skip 1 st, sl st in next st] repeated across. This gives the eaves their piped-icing look.



The roof panels go on with a white scallop trim along the eaves.

## Door (red) — make 1

Ch 9. Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and across (8). Rows 2–12: ch 1, sc across (8). Fasten off. Sew to the centre of the front wall.

## Windows (pale blue or cream) — make 4

Ch 7. Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and across (6). Rows 2–6: ch 1, sc across (6). Work one round of white sc around all four edges for the icing frame. Sew two either side of the door on the front, one on each side wall.

## Candy Canes (red & white) — make 2

With red, MR, 8 sc. Work in a spiral tube of 8 sc, changing colour every 2 rounds: 2 rounds red, 2 rounds white, repeated for 20 rounds. Stuff lightly, bend the top into a hook and stitch closed. Sew one cane at each front corner of the house.

## Wreath (green) — make 1

Ch 14, join into a ring. Round 1: sc in each ch around (14). Fasten off. Sew 3 tiny red beads or berries onto the ring, then sew the wreath to the red door.



Icing swirls, gumdrops, candy canes and the little wreath finish the house.

## Assembly & Finishing

- Trim every loose end and straighten the candy canes.
- Embroider white icing swirls, dots and zigzags across the roof and walls with a yarn needle.
- Sew red and green buttons or beads along the roofline as gumdrops.
- Add a few wisps of white yarn fluff to the roof for freshly fallen snow.



The finished house — ready for the mantel.

## Tips

- Count stitches and rows carefully; matching panels are the secret to a house that stands straight.
- Use firm tension for the walls — drop down half a hook size if your fabric feels soft.
- Sew, then decorate: finish all structural seams before adding icing and candy.