Crochet Hot Cocoa Mug

PATTERN

A cheerful red amigurumi mug of hot cocoa with a swirl of whipped cream, three mini marshmallows and a striped candy cane - a cozy Christmas make for beginners.



The finished Hot Cocoa Mug, about 13 cm (5 in) tall including the candy cane.

Finished size	Approx. 13 cm (5 in) tall incl. candy cane; approx. 9 cm (3 1/2 in) wide incl. handle	**Skill level**	Beginner
Time	About 2 to 3 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This happy little mug is pure winter comfort: a bright red cup with a kawaii smiling face, a dark chocolate top, a fluffy cream swirl, three plump marshmallows and a candy cane to stir it all with. Every piece is a simple circle, tube or flat strip worked in single crochet, so the whole mug 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

- Worsted-weight (aran / #4) yarn in **red**, approx. 50 g - mug body and handle
- Worsted-weight yarn in **white**, approx. 25 g - whipped cream swirl and marshmallows
- Worsted-weight yarn in **dark brown**, approx. 15 g - hot chocolate top
- Small amounts of worsted-weight yarn in **pink** (cheeks) and **black** (smile)
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (embroider the eyes instead if the mug is for a small child)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins
- A short length of chenille stem (pipe cleaner) for the candy cane

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

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 mug stands about 13 cm (5 in) tall including the candy cane and about 9 cm (3 1/2 in) wide including the handle.

Mug Body (red)



Step 1 - the flat round base and the start of the tall sides.

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]**

Rnd 7: (Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[42]**

Rnd 8: Sc in the BACK LOOP ONLY of each st around - this forms the crisp edge where the base meets the sides. **[42]**

Rnds 9-20: Sc in each st around (12 rounds). **[42]**

Rnd 21: Sl st in each st around for a neat rim. **[42]**

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Do NOT close the opening - the mug is stuffed and the hot chocolate disc is sewn across the top rim in assembly.

Handle (red)



Step 2 - the curved handle being sewn to the side of the mug.

Row 1: Ch 16. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[15]**

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[15]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Bend the strip into a gentle C shape and pin both ends to the side of the mug, one near the top rim and one near the base. Sew each end firmly in place, stitching through the strip and the mug wall several times.

Face Details



Step 3 - the kawaii face: safety eyes, embroidered smile and pink cheeks.

- **Eyes:** 8 mm safety eyes, placed between Rnds 14 and 15 of the mug body, about 6 stitches apart. Press the washers on firmly from the inside.

- **Smile:** with black yarn, embroider a small curved smile two rounds below the eyes, using two or three short stitches for a neat curve.

- **Cheeks:** with pink yarn, work 6 sc into a magic ring, join with a sl st and fasten off leaving a tail. **[6]** Make two. Sew one cheek on each side of the smile, just below the eyes.

Finish the whole face before the topper goes on - it is far easier to place everything while you can still check it from a distance. If the mug is for a small child, embroider the eyes instead of using safety eyes.

Hot Chocolate Top (dark brown)



Step 4 - the dark brown hot chocolate disc and the fluffy cream swirl.

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]**

Rnd 7: (Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[42]**

Rnd 8: Sc in each st around. **[42]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing the disc to the mug rim.

Whipped Cream Swirl (white)

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 7-8: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[36]**

Rnd 9: (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. **[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]**

Stuff the swirl lightly as the opening narrows so it holds its soft, piped shape. Fasten off, thread the tail through the front loops of the last 6 stitches, pull to close the hole and weave in the end. Sew the swirl to the centre of the brown disc.

Marshmallows (make 3, white)



Step 5 - three small white marshmallows.

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

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

Rnds 3-6: Sc in each st around (4 rounds). **[12]**

Rnd 7: (Sc in next st, dec) 4 times. **[8]**

Add just a pinch of stuffing before you close the top, so the marshmallow keeps its plump little shape. Fasten off, weave the tail through the last 8 stitches and pull to close. Make three in total.

Candy Cane (red & white)

The cane is a narrow tube worked in 6 stitches, changing colour every two rounds for the stripes. Carry the unused colour up inside the tube or fasten off and rejoin at each change - either way, keep the tails tucked inside.

Rnds 1-2: With RED yarn: 6 sc in a magic ring, then sc in each st around. **[6]**

Rnds 3-4: Change to WHITE yarn: sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 5-6: Change to RED yarn: sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 7-8: Change to WHITE yarn: sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 9-10: Change to RED yarn: sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 11-12: Change to WHITE yarn: sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Rnds 13-14: Change to RED yarn: sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[6]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Slide a chenille stem inside the tube and bend the top into a hook shape - the stem holds the curve.

Assembly



Step 6 - the finished mug, fully assembled.

1. Stuff the mug: push the fiberfill right down to the base so the mug stands up straight without wobbling. Stuff firmly, but not so full that the sides bulge outwards.

2. Hot chocolate disc: lay the brown disc across the top rim of the mug and sew it in place all the way around, catching the rim stitches of the mug as you go.

3. Whipped cream: sew the cream swirl to the centre of the brown disc with a few hidden stitches around its base.

4. Marshmallows: nestle the three marshmallows into the cream swirl and stitch each one down with a few hidden stitches so they stay put when the mug is moved.

5. Candy cane: push the straight end of the cane into the cream swirl and stitch it in place. The chenille stem inside keeps the hook upright.

6. Weave in all remaining ends. Give the mug a final gentle squeeze into shape - and it is finished!

3 Tips for a Perfect Hot Cocoa Mug

1. Count with a stitch marker in every round. The mug body is twelve plain rounds of 42 stitches, and it is easy to drift. Move the marker up at the start of each round and count the first round of every new section out loud so the sides stay perfectly even.

2. Stuff firmly, but not overfull. The mug should feel springy and stand upright on its own. If the sides bulge outwards, pull a little stuffing back out before you sew the topper on.

3. Sew the cream swirl on before the candy cane. Once the swirl is anchored to the hot chocolate disc, the candy cane has something solid to lean into, so it stands upright instead of flopping over.

Happy crocheting! Make one for your mantel, gift one to a friend's stocking - and keep this pattern handy so your next hot cocoa mug is never more than an evening away.