Crochet Santa Ornament

PATTERN

A tiny round Santa for your Christmas tree, with a fluffy white beard, a pointed red hat with a pom pom and a black belt with a gold buckle - a quick one-hour make for beginners.



The finished Santa Ornament, about 9 cm (3 1/2 in) tall not counting the hanging loop.

Finished size	Approx. 9 cm (3 1/2 in) tall to the tip of the hat; approx. 6.5 cm (2 1/2 in) wide, not counting the hanging loop	**Skill level**	Beginner
Time	About 1 hour	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This little Santa is pure Christmas charm: a round red body, a fluffy bobble-stitch beard, a tilted red hat with a white brim and pom pom, a black belt with a gold buckle and a hanging loop. Every piece is a simple flat circle, a strip or a tiny cone worked in single crochet, so the whole ornament comes together in about an hour. Work in a continuous spiral unless a section says otherwise, and mark the first stitch of every round.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (aran / #4) yarn in **red**, approx. 25 g - body and hat
- Worsted-weight yarn in **white**, approx. 15 g - beard, hat brim, pom pom and loop
- Worsted-weight yarn in **black**, a small amount - belt
- Small amount of worsted-weight yarn in **peach** - nose
- Small amount of worsted-weight yarn in **gold or yellow** - buckle
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or small black beads - a safer choice for ornaments within reach of small children)
- A small amount of fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins

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
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together	**bobble**	bobble stitch - 5 dc in one st, closed together
FO	fasten off	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
rnd	round		

Size & gauge: Gauge is not critical for this ornament - work tightly so the stuffing does not show through. With the yarn and hook listed, Santa stands about 9 cm (3 1/2 in) tall to the tip of the hat and about 6.5 cm (2 1/2 in) wide.

Body (red - make 2 discs)



Step 1 - the flat round red body disc.

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]**

Make a second identical disc. Hold the two discs together with the wrong sides facing in, and single crochet around the edge through both layers, tucking in just a pinch of stuffing before you close the last few stitches. Fasten off and weave in the end.

Beard (white)



Step 2 - the fluffy white beard piece beside the red body.

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

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog. **[13]**

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog. **[11]**

Row 4: Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog. **[9]**

Row 5: Ch 1, turn. (Bobble st, sc) across - 5 bobbles and 4 sc. **[9]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew the beard to the lower half of the red body, with its straight top edge sitting just below the centre of the disc. Bobble stitch: yarn over, insert the hook, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through 2 loops - repeat 5 times in the same stitch, then yarn over and pull through all 6 loops on the hook.

Santa Hat (red cone, white brim)



Step 3 - the red Santa hat with its white brim and pom pom.

Cone (red)

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

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around. **[6]**

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

Rnd 4: Sc in each st around. **[9]**

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 3 times. **[12]**

Rnd 6: Sc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 7: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 3 times. **[15]**

Rnd 8: Sc in each st around. **[15]**

Rnd 9: (Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 3 times. **[18]**

Rnd 10: Sc in each st around. **[18]**

Rnd 11: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 12: Sc in each st around. **[24]**

Do not fasten off - continue straight into the brim with white yarn.

Brim (white)

Rnd 13: With white yarn, sc in each st around. **[24]**

Rnd 14: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 15: Sc in each st around. **[30]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. For the pom pom, wrap white yarn around three fingers about 30 times, tie it tightly in the middle, cut the loops and trim it into a round ball, then sew it to the tip of the hat. Sew the finished hat to the top of the body, tilted very slightly to one side.

Face



Step 4 - the face: bead eyes, peach nose and white beard.

- **Eyes:** 6 mm safety eyes, placed on the upper part of the body about 4 stitches apart and just under the brim of the hat - or sew on small black beads.

- **Nose (peach):** work the rounds below, fasten off, tuck in a tiny bit of stuffing, and sew the nose to the centre of the face, right above the top edge of the beard.

- **Moustache:** with white yarn, embroider two tiny moustache swirls with a chain stitch on either side of the nose, curling down into the beard.

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

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

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

Belt (black) & Buckle (gold)



Step 5 - the black belt with its gold buckle.

Row 1: With black yarn, ch 30. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[29]**

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[29]**

Fasten off. Wrap the strip around the middle of the body and sew the ends together at the back. For the buckle, with gold yarn, chain 8, slip stitch to join into a ring, then work 8 single crochets around the ring and fasten off. Sew the little gold square to the centre front of the belt.

Hanging Loop (white)



Step 6 - the finished ornament hanging by its loop from a pine branch.

With white yarn, chain 18 and slip stitch into the top of the hat to form a loop, then fasten off and weave in the end inside the hat so the knot is hidden.

Assembly

1. Check the join: make sure the beard is centred and the hat sits tilted just slightly to one side before you knot off any sewing thread.

2. Face first, then belt: the eyes, nose and moustache go on before the belt, so the belt can sit neatly across the middle of the body.

3. Balance check: give Santa a gentle shake - he should hang straight and face forward. If he tilts, move the loop a stitch or two toward the heavy side until he balances.

4. Weave in all remaining ends. Your Santa ornament is ready for the tree, a gift tag or a garland!

3 Tips for a Perfect Santa Ornament

1. Work tight stitches. A slightly tighter tension than usual keeps the stuffing hidden and the flat discs crisp. If you can see stuffing through your stitches, go down to a 3.0 mm hook.

2. Fluff the beard with a brush. After sewing the beard on, gently brush the bobble row with a clean toothbrush or a small pet slicker brush - the white yarn blooms into a soft, fluffy beard that looks twice as full.

3. Sew the hat on before the face. Placing the hat first lets you centre the eyes and nose under the brim, so the face never ends up crooked under a tilted hat.

Happy crocheting! Make a whole Santa family in different belt colours - and keep this pattern handy so your next Santa ornament is never more than an hour away.