Crochet Santa Stocking

PATTERN

A cheerful Christmas stocking with a red ribbed cuff, a holly sprig, a smiling Santa face and a striped heel and toe.



The finished Santa stocking, about 40 cm (16 in) long.

Finished size	Approx. 40 cm (16 in) long, 14 cm (5 1/2 in) wide at the leg	**Skill level**	Confident beginner
Time	About 4 to 6 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This festive stocking is worked top-down: a ribbed red cuff, a plain green leg, a striped short-row heel and a rounded striped toe. The Santa face, holly sprig and snowflake are flat applique pieces sewn on at the end, so you can arrange everything perfectly before you stitch. Work in a continuous spiral unless a section says otherwise, and mark the first stitch of every round.

Before you begin

Read the whole pattern through once before you start. The stocking itself uses only single crochet; the shaping comes from short rows at the heel and simple decrease rounds at the toe. The applique pieces are all small and quick, so they are a lovely evening project on their own. If you are new to short rows, practise the heel on a swatch first - once you have turned one heel, the striped stocking heel will feel easy. Keep a stitch marker in the first stitch of every round and count your stitches at the end of each section: the leg, foot and toe all hold 40 stitches until the toe decreases begin.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (aran / #4) yarn in **green**, approx. 70 g - leg and foot
- Worsted-weight yarn in **red**, approx. 60 g - cuff, hat, stripes and berries
- Worsted-weight yarn in **white**, approx. 30 g - beard, brim, pom-pom, snowflake and stripes
- Worsted-weight yarn in **peach / skin tone**, approx. 15 g - face and nose
- Small amount of **pink** yarn - cheeks
- 5.0 mm (US H-8) crochet hook
- 2 black safety eyes or beads, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidered eyes)
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers and scissors
- Sewing pins, for positioning the applique

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	**ch**	chain
sl st	slip stitch	**sc**	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet	**dc**	double crochet
inc	increase - 2 sc in one stitch	**dec**	invisible decrease
BLO	back loop only	**FO**	fasten off
st(s)	stitch(es)	**rnd**	round

Gauge: 14 sc x 16 rounds = 10 x 10 cm (4 x 4 in) with a 5.0 mm hook. Gauge is not critical, but keep your stitches even so the stocking holds its shape when filled.

Step 1 - The Red Ribbed Cuff



Step 1 - working the red ribbed cuff in rows.

The cuff is worked flat, in rows of back-loop single crochet, which creates the vertical ribbing. With red yarn, ch 13.

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[12]**

Rows 2-40: Ch 1, turn. Sc in the BLO of each st across. **[12]**

The strip should measure about 28 cm (11 in). Join the short ends with slip stitches to form a tube, then pick up **40 sc evenly** along one long edge - one stitch into the end of each row. **[40]** Hanging loop: join red yarn at the inside top edge by the seam, ch 12, sl st back into the cuff one stitch over, fasten off.

Step 2 - The Green Leg



Step 2 - the green leg growing from the cuff.

Join green yarn at the seam and work in a continuous spiral.

Rnds 1-16: Sc in each st around. **[40]**

Sixteen rounds give a leg of about 10 cm (4 in). For a longer stocking, add extra rounds here - each round adds about 0.6 cm (1/4 in).

Step 3 - The Striped Short-Row Heel



Step 3 - turning the striped short-row heel.

The heel is shaped with short rows over the first 20 stitches, in two-row stripes: red, white, green, repeating. Work into each turned stitch on the way back up so no holes appear.

Rows 1-8: Sc in the first **19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12** sts respectively, turning after each row (stripes: 2 rows red, 2 white, 2 green, 2 red).

Rows 9-16: Sc in the first **13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20** sts respectively, turning after each row (stripes: 2 rows white, 2 green, 2 red, 2 white).

You are back to **40 stitches** in the round - heel complete.

Step 4 - Foot, Snowflake and Striped Toe



Step 4 - striped toe and snowflake on the green foot.

Rnds 1-10 (green): Sc in each st around. **[40]**

Then the toe, changing colour every round in the order red, white, green:

Rnd 1 (red): (Sc in next 8 sts, dec) 4 times. **[36]**

Rnd 2 (white): Sc in each st around. **[36]**

Rnd 3 (green): (Sc in next 7 sts, dec) 4 times. **[32]**

Rnd 4 (red): Sc in each st around. **[32]**

Rnd 5 (white): (Sc in next 6 sts, dec) 4 times. **[28]**

Rnd 6 (green): Sc in each st around. **[28]**

Rnd 7 (red): (Sc in next 5 sts, dec) 4 times. **[24]**

Rnd 8 (white): (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 4 times. **[20]**

Rnd 9 (green): Dec 10 times. **[10]**

Fasten off, thread the tail through the front loops of the last 10 stitches, pull tight to close and weave in the end.

Snowflake (white)

Ch 4, sl st into the first ch to form a ring. **Rnd 1:** (Ch 5, sl st into the ring) 6 times - 6 loops. **Rnd 2:** In each loop work (sc, ch 3, sc) for 6 points. Fasten off with a long tail and sew the snowflake flat onto the top of the foot.

Step 5 - The Santa Face Pieces



Step 5 - all the applique pieces ready to sew.

Make all the pieces first, so you can arrange the whole face at once.

Face (peach)

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]**

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Beard (white)

Rows 1-2: Ch 17. Sc across (Row 1 in the 2nd ch from the hook). **[16]**

Row 3: Dec, sc in next 12 sts, dec. **[14]**

Row 4: Sc in each st across. **[14]**

Row 5: Dec, sc in next 10 sts, dec. **[12]**

Row 6: Dec, sc in next 8 sts, dec. **[10]**

Fasten off. Brush the surface gently with a clean pet brush for a fluffier beard.

Moustache (white, make 2)

Ch 6. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, hdc in the next ch, 3 dc in the next ch, hdc in the next ch, sc in the last ch. **[7 sts across 5 ch]** Fasten off.

Hat (red, with white brim)

Ch 25. **Row 1:** Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[24]**

Rows 2-12: Ch 1, turn. Dec, sc across to the last 2 sts, dec. **[22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2]**

Row 13: Ch 1, turn. Dec. **[1]** Fasten off.

Brim (white): Join white at the bottom edge of the hat and work 2 rows of sc across. **[24 each row]** Fasten off.

Pom-pom (white)

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

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

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 4: Dec 6 times. **[6]**

Fasten off, close the hole, and sew the pom-pom to the tip of the hat. Fold the tip over to one side and tack it down.

Nose (peach)

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

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

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. **[12]**

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Cheeks (pink, make 2)

6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]** Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Holly leaves (green, make 2)

Ch 9. Working along one side of the chain: sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, hdc with a ch-2 picot in the next ch, dc with a ch-2 picot in the next ch, hdc in the next ch, sc in the next ch, sl st in the last ch. **[8]** Work back along the other side of the chain in mirror image. Fasten off.

Berries (red, make 3)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6] Rnd 2:** Sc in each st around. **[6]** Fasten off and gather the opening closed.

Step 6 - Assembly



Step 6 - sewing the Santa face and holly in place.

Lay the stocking flat and pin everything in place before you pick up your needle - this is the secret to a straight, cheerful face.

1. Face: centre the peach disc on the leg, about 2 cm (3/4 in) below the cuff, and whipstitch it down with its long tail.

2. Eyes: sew the two black beads (or embroider French knots) onto the face between Rnds 3 and 4 of the disc, about 6 stitches apart. If using safety eyes, fix them through the disc before sewing the face on.

3. Beard and moustache: sew the beard so its top edge overlaps the bottom third of the face. Angle the two moustache pieces under the centre of the face, tips pointing down and out.

4. Nose and cheeks: sew the nose in the centre, over the join of the moustache, and a pink cheek just below and outside each eye.

5. Hat: sew the hat above the face so the white brim overlaps the top of the face disc, with the pom-pom tip flopping to one side.

6. Mouth: with red yarn, embroider a tiny smile just peeking out below the moustache.

7. Holly: sew the two holly leaves to the front of the red cuff, angled like a sprig, and cluster the three berries at their base.

8. Snowflake: if you have not already, sew the snowflake onto the top of the foot.

9. Weave in all remaining ends and give the stocking a gentle press under a cloth, avoiding the face. It is ready to hang!

3 Tips for a Perfect Santa Stocking

1. Count the cuff rows. The leg is picked up at one stitch per row end, so exactly 40 rows give you exactly 40 leg stitches - no maths needed later.

2. Pin before you sew. Applique faces love to drift. Pin the whole face first, step back and check it from a distance, and only then pick up your needle.

3. Carry the stripe colours. On the heel and toe, carry the unused colour up the inside for a stitch or two instead of cutting and rejoining every stripe - far fewer ends to weave in.

Happy crocheting! Fill your Santa stocking with treats, hang it by the fireplace, and enjoy it Christmas after Christmas.