Crochet Golden Star

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Beginner-friendly | ~2 hours | About 15 cm across

Materials

- Golden-yellow worsted/aran (#4) yarn, approx. 50 g (two panels, joining and loop)
- Black yarn, small amount (embroidered smile and eyelashes)
- Pink yarn, small amount (rosy cheeks)
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- 2 black safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidered eyes)
- Polyester toy stuffing, a small handful
- Gold ribbon, approx. 15 cm (6 in), for the hanging loop
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors and sewing pins

Abbreviations

- MR = magic ring
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in one st)
- dec = decrease (sc 2 sts together)
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- FO = fasten off

Step 1: The Magic Ring Centre



- With golden-yellow yarn, make a magic ring.
- Rnd 1: 10 sc into the ring. Pull tight and join with a sl st. [10]
- Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [20]
- Place a stitch marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you go.
- Keep your tension even - the disc should lie flat, not cup or ruffle.

Step 2: Growing the Star Base



- Work in a continuous spiral, increasing by 10 sts in every round.
- Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x10. [30]
- Rnd 4: (Sc 2, inc) x10. [40]
- Rnd 5: (Sc 3, inc) x10. [50]
- Five rounds give a base about 10 cm (4 in) across.
- Sl st into the next st and fasten off.

Step 3: Shaping the First Star Points



- Join yarn at any st of Rnd 5. Each point is worked over 10 sts.
- Row 1: Sc in the next 10 sts. [10]
- Row 2: Dec, sc 6, dec. [8]
- Row 3: Sc in each st across. [8]
- Row 4: Dec, sc 4, dec. [6]
- Row 5: Sc in each st across. [6]
- Row 6: Dec, sc 2, dec. [4]
- Row 7: Sc in each st across. [4]
- Row 8: Dec, dec. [2]
- Row 9: Dec. [1] FO.
- Turn at the end of every row and ch 1 (does not count as a st).
- Work the second point the same way over the next 10 sts.

Step 4: Finishing the Five-Point Panel



- Work the remaining three points exactly as in Step 3.
- Each point uses the next 10 sts of Rnd 5.
- Fasten off and weave in the end on the back of the panel.
- Check all five points are roughly the same length.
- Make a SECOND panel exactly the same way, from the magic ring through all five points.

Step 5: Joining the Panels and Stuffing



- Place the panels together, wrong sides facing in, points lined up.
- Join golden-yellow yarn at the tip of any point.
- Sc through both layers all the way around the outline.
- Work one st into the end of every row and every st along the edge.
- After three points, pause and push stuffing into each point with the hook end.
- Stuff lightly - plump and soft, not hard or lumpy.
- Work the last sts, sl st to join, FO and weave the tail inside.

Step 6: The Smiling Face and Gold Ribbon Loop



- Fix the two safety eyes on the front panel, about 8 sts apart, just above the centre.
- Embroider a wide curved smile below the eyes with black yarn.
- Embroider a small pink circle below each eye for rosy cheeks.
- Add 2-3 tiny black stitches flicking up from each eye corner.
- Fold the gold ribbon in half and sew it firmly to the top point.
- Weave in all ends and give the star a gentle squeeze. Done!

Tips

- Count the base rounds out loud - you need exactly 50 stitches before the points start.
- Make both panels in one sitting so your tension matches.
- Stuff the points first - empty tips are the most common flaw.