Crochet Ugly Sweater Ornament

PATTERN

A tiny red sweater for your Christmas tree, with green and white Fair Isle stripes, a white snowflake motif, two little sleeves, a ribbed hem and collar, a gold bell and a hanging loop - a quick one-hour make for beginners.



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

Finished size	Approx. 9 cm (3 1/2 in) tall from hem to collar; approx. 8 cm (3 in) wide across the body, not counting the sleeves or the hanging loop	**Skill level**	Beginner
Time	About 1 hour	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This little sweater is pure Christmas cheer: a deep red body, a cheeky green and white stripe band, a white snowflake on the chest, tiny sleeves, white ribbing at the hem and collar, and a gold bell that jingles when the tree moves. Every piece is a simple flat panel worked in single crochet, so the whole ornament comes together in about an hour. Work in rows, turning at the end of each row, and carry the unused stripe colour loosely up the inside edge.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (aran / #4) yarn in **red**, approx. 20 g - body, sleeves and loop
- Worsted-weight yarn in **white**, approx. 10 g - stripes, snowflake, ribbing
- Worsted-weight yarn in **green**, approx. 5 g - stripes
- One small gold jingle bell, approx. 12 mm
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- A small amount of fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins

Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch	chain	**sc**	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet	**dc**	double crochet

fpdc	front post double crochet	**bpdc**	back post double crochet
sl st	slip stitch	**MR**	magic ring
FO	fasten off	**st(s)**	stitch(es)

Size & gauge: Gauge is not critical for this ornament - work tightly so the stuffing does not show through. With the yarn and hook listed, the sweater stands about 9 cm (3 1/2 in) tall and about 8 cm (3 in) wide.

Body Panel (make 2)



Step 1 - the flat red body panel, just started.

Row 1: With red yarn, ch 22. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[21]**

Rows 2-5: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[21]**

Row 6: With white yarn, ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[21]**

Row 7: With green yarn, ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[21]**

Row 8: With white yarn, ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[21]**

Row 9: With green yarn, ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[21]**

Rows 10-13: With red yarn, ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[21]**

Fasten off the second panel leaving a long tail for sewing. Carry the unused stripe colour loosely up the inside edge at every colour change, so you do not have a dozen ends to weave in. The two panels should match row for row - work them at the same time if you can, so the stripes line up exactly.

Snowflake Motif (white)



Step 3 - the white snowflake being sewn onto the striped chest.

Rnd 1: With white yarn, 6 sc in a magic ring. Sl st to join. **[6]**

For each of the six arms: ch 4, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, hdc in the next ch, then sl st into the next sc of the ring. Repeat around until you have six pointed arms, then fasten off. Sew the snowflake to the centre of the front panel, right over the stripe band, with a few small stitches through the back of the motif so they stay invisible from the front.

Sleeves (red - make 2)



Step 4 - the tiny red sleeves being attached to the body.

Row 1: With red yarn, ch 10. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[9]**

Rows 2-6: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[9]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Fold the little rectangle in half lengthwise and sew the long edge closed to make a tube, then sew one end of the tube to the top side edge of the body panel, just below the shoulder. Make a second sleeve the same way and attach it to the other side.

Joining the Panels & Ribbing (white)



Step 5 - the white ribbed hem and collar being worked.

Hold the two body panels together with the wrong sides facing in and the stripes lined up. Single crochet around the sides and shoulders through both layers, leaving the bottom edge open. Tuck in a small pinch of stuffing so the sweater keeps its shape without getting puffy.

Ribbed hem & collar (white)

Row 1: Join white yarn at the edge. Ch 2 (counts as first dc), (fpdc in next st, bpdc in next st) across. **[21]**

Row 2: Ch 2, turn. (Fpdc in next st, bpdc in next st) across. **[21]**

Work the two ribbing rows across the bottom edge of the body for the hem, then repeat the same two rows around the neck opening at the top for the collar. The post stitches pull in slightly, giving the hem and collar that neat, stretchy sweater look. Fasten off and weave in all the ends inside the ornament.

Hanging Loop & Gold Bell



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

With red yarn, chain 16 and slip stitch into the top of the collar to form a loop, then fasten off and weave in the end inside the collar so the knot is hidden. Sew the little gold bell to the bottom corner of the hem with a few strong stitches - it should dangle just below the ribbing and jingle when the ornament moves.

Assembly

1. Check the join: make sure the stripes line up on the front and back and the snowflake is centred before you knot off any sewing thread.

2. Snowflake first, then sleeves: the motif goes on before the panels are joined, so the sewing stitches stay hidden inside the sweater.

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

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

3 Tips for a Perfect Ugly Sweater Ornament

1. Keep the stripes lined up. Work both panels at the same time, row by row, or count carefully - stripes that sit at different heights on the front and back are the one thing that gives this ornament away.

2. Carry the yarn up the side. Instead of cutting the yarn at every colour change, carry the unused colour loosely up the inside edge. It saves a forest of ends to weave in and the inside stays tidy.

3. Sew the snowflake on before joining the panels. It is much easier to hide your sewing stitches when the back panel is not in the way yet, and the motif sits flatter on a single panel.

Happy crocheting! Make a whole wardrobe of ugly sweaters in different colour combinations - and keep this pattern handy so your next ugly sweater ornament is never more than an hour away.