

Crocheted Santa Hat ornament



What you'll need

- Small amounts of red and white yarn (I used Red Heart's holiday yarn with the silver fiber running through it)
- Size G crochet hook (or sized needed to obtain size hat you want)

- Plastic craft ornament or ball ornament of your choosing
- Piece of cardboard or pom-pom maker
- Darning needle
- Scissors

What you do

First, the pattern to crochet the hat.

Note: Chain 3 counts as first double crochet throughout

With red, Chain 3 and 6 double crochet in third chain from hook. Join with a slip stitch to the first DC

Rnd. 2: Chain 3 and double crochet in same stitch. 2 DC in each stitch around (12 stitches). Join with slip stitch to third chain in ch3

Rnd 3: Chain 3, *2 DC in next stitch, 1DC in next [repeat from * around] (18 stitches). Join with slip stitch to ch3;

Rnd 4: Chain 3, DC around (18 stitches). Join with slip stitch to ch3;

Rnd 5: Chain 3, DC in next stitch, *2 DC in next stitch, DC in next two stitches [repeat from * around] (24 stitches). Join with slip stitch to ch3;

Rnd 6: Chain 3, DC in next two stitches, 2 DC in next stitch, DC in next 3 stitches [repeat from * around] (30 stitches). Join with slip stitch to ch3;

Rnd 7: Chain 3, DC around (30 stitches). Join with slip stitch to ch3;

Rnd 8: Chain 3, DC in next three stitches, *2 DC in next stitch, DC in next 4 stitches [repeat from * around] (36 stitches). Join with slip stitch to ch3;

Rnd 9-10: DC around (36 stitches each round). Join with slip stitch to chain 3 each time. Break red yarn.

Rnd 11-14 Join white yarn with slip stitch, chain 2 (to count as first half-double) and half double crochet in each stitch, joining in chain 2 at end of each round. Break off yarn. Weave in ends

Pom-pom

If you are fortunate enough to own pom-pom makers in different sizes, by all means use that. Otherwise, I made a pom-pom with one-inch strands. To do this, I looked up how to make a pom-pom and came across a tutorial on knitting.about.com.

Basically, you cut a piece of cardboard twice the length of the size pom-pom you want to make. Fold it in half and wrap the white yarn around it. How many times you do it is up to you. I can tell you that I did 70 wraps and I think it could've used more. Then, take an extra length of yarn, weave it between the folded cardboard and slide it to the open end of the cardboard. Tie it in a knot. Cut the loops at the opposite end from the end you just tied. Slide the tied yarn to the middle of the strands of yarn and tighten. Shake out the pom-pom. At this point, if some ends are longer than others, you can trim them.

Once all that is done, attach the pom-pom to the top of the hat. Because crochet doesn't drape as well as knitting, I decided to tack the end of the hat down to the back of the hat just above where the white starts. Then, slide the hat onto the plastic ornament and pull the ornament string through the stitches on the hat. If the ornament you bought doesn't have string you can always buy some silver or gold cord or ribbon, or any color of your choice and knot it onto the loop of the ball then bring it through the stitches.