



CrochetRooms

Crochet Candy Cane Ornament: Free Crochet Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- **One size:** approximately 6 in (15 cm) tall once bent into the classic hook shape
- **Skill level:** Beginner - single crochet in continuous rounds, simple color changes, basic decreases
- **Time:** about 1 hour per cane

Materials

- **Worsted-weight (#4) yarn** in red and white, small amounts of each - scraps are perfect, one cane uses well under one skein total
- **US G-6 (4.0 mm) crochet hook** - slightly smaller than the yarn label suggests, so the stitches stay tight
- **12-inch chenille stem (pipe cleaner)**, folded in half - optional; omit for ornaments meant for young children
- Small amount of polyester fiberfill stuffing, yarn needle, stitch marker, scissors

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain | **st(s)** = stitch(es) | **sc** = single crochet (UK: double crochet)
- **sl st** = slip stitch
- **inc** = increase (2 sc in same st) | **dec** = decrease (sc2tog)
- **MR** = magic ring

Gauge

Gauge is not critical for an ornament, but your fabric should be firm enough that the stuffing does not show through. If you can see fiberfill between the stitches, go down a hook size.

Pattern Notes

- This is an original CrochetRooms pattern. The cane is one striped tube worked in continuous rounds from the bottom tip up.
- Do not join rounds. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you go.
- Change color every 2 rounds: work Rounds 1-2 in red, Rounds 3-4 in white, and keep alternating. Carry the unused color up the inside of the tube so there are almost no ends to weave in.

- Stuff the tube lightly as you go, a little at a time, before the opening gets small.
- All stitch counts are given in parentheses at the end of each round.

Candy Cane Tube

With red, start with a magic ring.

Round 1: 8 sc in MR. (8 sc)

Rounds 2-32: Sc in each st around, changing color every 2 rounds (Rounds 1-2 red, Rounds 3-4 white, Rounds 5-6 red, and so on, ending with Rounds 31-32 in red). You will have 16 stripes total: 8 red and 8 white. (8 sc)

Before closing, slide the folded pipe cleaner into the tube if you are using one, pushing it gently all the way to the bottom tip.

Round 33: *Sc in next 2 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (6 sc)

Round 34: Dec around. (3 sc)

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Thread the tail through the front loops of the remaining stitches, pull to close, and weave in the end.

Shaping the Hook

With pipe cleaner: bend the top 2.5 in (6 cm) of the tube down and around into the classic candy cane hook. The wire holds the curve. Pinch the bend firmly so it keeps a crisp shape.

Without wire (child-safe): pinch the tube where you want the bend, about 2.5 in (6 cm) from the top, and take 3 or 4 small whip stitches through both sides of the tube to lock the curve in place. Knot securely and weave in the end.

Hanging Loop

With white, chain 20. Slip stitch to the first chain to form a ring, or simply knot the ends together. Sew the loop to the top of the hook with the yarn tail, weaving in the end securely.

Finishing

Weave in any remaining ends. Fluff the stuffing with your fingers to even out the tube, adjust the hook curve, and your crochet candy cane is ready for the tree. Make a whole set: one evening of stitching fills a tree branch.