



CrochetRooms

Gingerbread Man Plush: Free Crochet Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- **One size:** approximately 9 in (23 cm) tall, measured standing, feet to top of head
- **Skill level:** Intermediate - single crochet in continuous rounds, increases, decreases, simple seaming and embroidery
- **Time:** one weekend

Materials

- **Worsted-weight (#4) 100% acrylic yarn** - gingerbread brown (main color), plus small amounts of white (icing), red (buttons), black (smile), and pink (cheeks)
- **US D (3.25 mm) crochet hook**
- **8 mm safety eyes** (pair) - or embroider the eyes for a baby-safe toy
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker

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

Work a flat circle following the increase sequence 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42 single crochet across rounds 1 to 7. At 6 rounds it should measure 2.5 in (6.5 cm) across. Gauge is not critical for a plush, but keep your stitches firm and even so the stuffing does not show through.

Pattern Notes

- This is an original CrochetRooms pattern. The body and head are worked in one piece, in continuous rounds, from the legs up.
- Do not join rounds unless a round says so. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you go.
- Stuff firmly as you go, especially the head, before the opening gets small.
- All stitch counts are given in parentheses at the end of each round.

Legs (make 2)

With gingerbread brown, start with a magic ring.

Round 1: 6 sc in MR. (6 sc)

Round 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sc)

Rounds 3-6: Sc in each st around. (12 sc)

Fasten off the first leg. Work the second leg the same way but do not fasten off. Stuff both legs lightly. You will join the legs in Round 7.

Body and Head

Round 7 (join): Sc in each st around the second leg (12 sc), then sc in each st around the first leg (12 sc). (24 sc)

Round 8: *Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (30 sc)

Rounds 9-14: Sc in each st around. (30 sc)

Round 15: *Sc in next 3 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Round 16: *Sc in next 2 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (18 sc)

This narrows the neck. Stuff the body firmly.

Round 17: *Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Round 18: *Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (30 sc)

Round 19: *Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (36 sc)

Rounds 20-25: Sc in each st around. (36 sc)

Round 26: *Sc in next 4 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (30 sc)

Round 27: *Sc in next 3 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Round 28: *Sc in next 2 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (18 sc)

Stuff the head firmly, shaping it round as you go.

Round 29: *Sc in next st, dec; repeat from * around. (12 sc)

Round 30: Dec around. (6 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.

Arms (make 2)

With gingerbread brown, start with a magic ring.

Round 1: 6 sc in MR. (6 sc)

Round 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sc)

Rounds 3-9: Sc in each st around. (12 sc)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff each arm lightly, flatten the open end, and sew one arm to each side of the body, centered around Round 11, with the arms pointing slightly downward.

Buttons (make 2)

With red yarn, start with a magic ring.

Round 1: 6 sc in MR. (6 sc)

Round 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sc)

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Sew one button to the center front of the body around Round 10, and the second around Round 12, one above the other.

Icing

With white yarn and a yarn needle, work surface slip stitches to draw the icing. Stitch one wavy line across the top of the head, one wavy band around each wrist, and one wavy band around each ankle. Add three tiny white dots down the front of the body between the buttons if you like. Keep the lines loose and even so they sit on top of the stitches.

Face

Place the 8 mm safety eyes between Rounds 21 and 22 of the head, about 6 stitches apart, before stuffing is complete. With black yarn, embroider a small smiling mouth centered below the eyes, about two rounds lower. With pink yarn, work one small French knot or a few duplicate stitches on each cheek, two stitches out from each eye.

Assembly

Check that the arms sit evenly, the buttons run straight down the center front, and the icing lines are level. Sew in any loose ends and trim.

Finishing

Weave in all remaining ends. Fluff the stuffing with your fingers to even out the shape. Your gingerbread man plush is ready to sit on the mantel, hang on the tree, or head off in a gift bag.