



CrochetRooms

Crochet Grinch Amigurumi: Free Crochet Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- **One size:** approximately 9 in (23 cm) tall, including the Santa hat
- **Skill level:** Intermediate - single crochet in continuous rounds, color changes, and multi-part assembly with embroidered details
- **Time:** one weekend

Materials

- **Worsted-weight (#4) acrylic yarn** - Grinch green (about 120 yds / 110 m), red (about 50 yds / 45 m), white (about 30 yds / 27 m), and a small amount of black for the face
- **US E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook** - slightly smaller than the yarn label suggests, so the stitches stay tight
- **9 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 | **BLO** = back loop only

Gauge

Worked in the round, gauge is not critical, but your fabric should be firm enough that stuffing does not show through. As a check, rounds 1 to 6 of the body (36 sc) should measure about 2.75 in (7 cm) across. If yours is larger, try a smaller hook.

Pattern Notes

- This is an original CrochetRooms pattern. The body and head are worked in one piece, in continuous rounds, from the bottom 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.

- Change colors on the last yarn-over of the final stitch before the color change.
- Stuff firmly as you go, especially the body, before the opening gets small.
- All stitch counts are given in parentheses at the end of each round.

Body and Head (one piece)

With green, start with a magic ring.

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

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

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

Round 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Round 5: *Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (30 sc)

Round 6: *Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (36 sc)

Rounds 7-12: Sc in each st around. (36 sc)

Round 13: With red, sc in each st around. (36 sc)

Round 14: Sc in each st around. (36 sc)

Round 15: With white, sc in each st around. (36 sc)

Round 16: With green, sc in each st around. (36 sc)

Round 17: *Sc in next 4 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (30 sc)

Round 18: *Sc in next 3 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Round 19: *Sc in next 2 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (18 sc)

This narrows the neck. Stuff the body firmly.

Round 20: *Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Round 21: *Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (30 sc)

Round 22: *Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (36 sc)

Round 23: *Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (42 sc)

Rounds 24-29: Sc in each st around. (42 sc)

Place the 9 mm safety eyes between Rounds 28 and 29, about 8 stitches apart, before stuffing is complete.

Round 30: *Sc in next 5 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (36 sc)

Round 31: *Sc in next 4 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (30 sc)

Round 32: *Sc in next 3 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Round 33: *Sc in next 2 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (18 sc)

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

Round 34: *Sc in next st, dec; repeat from * around. (12 sc)

Round 35: 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 green, start with a magic ring.

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

Round 2: *Sc in next st, inc in next st; repeat from * 3 times. (9 sc)

Rounds 3-4: Sc in each st around. (9 sc)

Round 5: With red, sc in each st around. (9 sc)

Rounds 6-9: Sc in each st around. (9 sc)

Round 10: With white, sc in each st around. (9 sc)

Round 11: Sc in each st around. (9 sc)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Flatten each arm and work 4 sc through both layers to close. Sew one arm to each side of the body, centered around Round 16, angled slightly downward.

Legs (make 2)

With green, start with a magic ring.

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

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

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

Round 4: BLO sc in each st around. (18 sc)

Rounds 5-7: Sc in each st around. (18 sc)

Round 8: *Sc in next st, dec; repeat from * around. (12 sc)

Rounds 9-10: Sc in each st around. (12 sc)

Stuff lightly. **Round 11:** Dec around. (6 sc)

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Close the opening and sew the legs to the base of the body toward the front, about 1.5 in (4 cm) apart, so the Grinch sits upright.

Santa Hat

Start with the white brim. Chain 37 and join with a sl st to form a ring, being careful not to twist.

Round 1: Sc in each ch around. (36 sc)

Round 2: Sc in each st around. (36 sc)

Round 3: With red, sc in each st around. (36 sc)

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

Round 5: Sc in each st around. (30 sc)

Round 6: *Sc in next 3 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Round 7: Sc in each st around. (24 sc)

Round 8: *Sc in next 2 sts, dec; repeat from * around. (18 sc)

Round 9: Sc in each st around. (18 sc)

Round 10: *Sc in next st, dec; repeat from * around. (12 sc)

Round 11: Sc in each st around. (12 sc)

Round 12: Dec around. (6 sc)

Round 13: Sc in each st around. (6 sc)

Fasten off and close the tip in the same way as the head.

Pompom

With white, start with a magic ring.

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

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

Rounds 3-4: Sc in each st around. (12 sc)

Round 5: Dec around. (6 sc)

Stuff lightly, fasten off, and close. Sew the pompom to the tip of the hat, then sew the hat to the head at a jaunty angle, tilting it slightly to one side.

Face

The embroidered face is what makes him the Grinch, so take your time here.

- **Eyebrows:** With black yarn and a yarn needle, embroider two straight lines above the eyes, each about 4 stitches long, slanting steeply down toward the center. The steeper the angle, the grumpier he looks.
- **Smirk:** With black yarn, embroider a sideways smile below and slightly to one side of center, about 5 stitches wide and curving up at one end only.
- **Nose:** Work 2 or 3 small black stitches in a tiny triangle between and just below the eyes.

Pin the eyebrows in place and step back to check the expression before sewing anything permanently.

Assembly

Check that the arms sit evenly, the legs let him sit upright, and the hat tilts with character. Sew in any loose ends and trim. Fluff the stuffing with your fingers to even out the shape.

Finishing

Weave in all remaining ends. Give him one last look: eyebrows steep, smirk sideways, hat jaunty. Your crochet Grinch is ready to steal Christmas.

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