



CROCHET CHRISTMAS GNOMES PATTERN

You'll have such a great time tucking these gnomes into the little nooks and crannies of your house: nestled in a bookshelf, peeking out from behind an open door, hiding in amongst the holiday decorations - they make a wonderful and unexpected gift for a host too! Quick to make, even with all those little details, you will find yourself wanting to make more of these than you had planned - they are just so much fun!

### Finished Measurements

Finished gnome measures approximately 8-9" [20.5-23 cm] tall (including hat). Size depends upon the thickness of the yarn.

### Materials

- Worsted weight yarn (CYCA#4), preferably a wool, or acrylic (or a blend of these fibers) in the following amounts: 55 yds [50 m] for body and arms (A), 40 yds [37 m] for hat and mittens (B), 25 yds [23 m] for beard (C), 6 yds [5.5 m] for edgings and embroidery (D)
- US F/5 [3.75 mm] crochet hook or size needed to obtain a firm fabric that will not let the stuffing show through
- Yarn Needle
- Removeable stitch markers
- Piece of cardboard that measures about 3.5" [9 cm] (to cut yarn for beard)
- Small piece of cardboard or thin plastic (such as ice-cream bucket plastic) cut to match shape of Bottom of Body. This helps give the gnome a flat bottom and helps him stand up.
- Approximately 15 glass gems, used to weight the bottom of the gnome. Alternatively, you can use rocks.
- Fiberfill or desired stuffing material
- 1 wooden bead for nose, I used Hildie and Jo brand 3/8" [1 cm] diameter wood beads purchased at JOANN. I opted for the pre-strung beads because they had a smaller hole.
- Sewing thread and needle for attaching bead to gnome

### Yarn Used for Gnomes Shown

#### Gold/Blue Sample

LionBrand Wool-Ease (worsted weight, 80% Acrylic, 20% Wool; 197 yards [180 m]/ 3 oz [85 grams]): Blue Mist #620-115 (A), Arrowwood #620-087 (B), and Grey Heather #620-151 (C), and Fisherman #620-099 (D); partial skein each color



### Abbreviations

- Ch** = chain
- MB** = make bobble (see Special Stitches)
- Rnd(s)** = Round(s)
- SC** = single crochet
- SC2tog** = single crochet decrease (see Special Stitches)
- Sl st(s)** = slip stitch(es)
- St(s)** = stitch(es)
- YO** = yarn over

## Red/Green Sample

WeCrochet Wool of the Andes (worsted weight, 100% Wool; 110 yards [100m]/ 1.75 oz [50 grams]): Grass #23439 (A), and Red #23764 (B); partial skein each color

**And:** Lion Brand Wool-Ease (worsted weight, 80% Acrylic, 20% Wool; 197 yards [180m]/ 3 oz [85 grams]): Fisherman #620-099 (C), and Grey Heather #620-151 (D); partial skein each color

## Gauge

Achieving a firm fabric is much more important than getting gauge.

Make Bottom of Body. Piece measures approximately 1.5-1.75" [4-4.5 cm] in diameter.

## Notes

Arms and Beard Base are made in turned rows. Turning chains in arms and beard do not count as a stitch.

All other pieces are made in continuous rounds, without joining. Use a locking stitch marker to note the beginning of the round.

Be sure to watch the video tutorial on the Creative Crochet Corner for tips.

## Special Stitches

**Reverse SC (also known as crab stitch):** Insert hook in stitch to the right (or left if left-handed), YO and pull up loop, YO and pull through both loops.

**Make Bobble (MB):** \*YO insert hook into stitch, YO and pull up loop, YO and pull through 2 loops, repeat from \* 4 more times working into the same st each time, YO and pull through all 6 loops on hook.

**Single crochet decrease (SC2tog):** Insert hook into stitch, YO and pull up loop, insert hook into following st, YO and pull up loop, YO and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

## Instructions

### Body

**Rnd 1:** With A, make an adjustable loop, 6 SC into loop. Pull on beginning yarn tail to tighten loop. 6 SC. Use a stitch marker to keep track of the first st of round.

**Rnd 2:** [2 SC in next st, SC in each of next 2 sts] twice. 8 SC.

**Rnd 3:** [2 SC in next st, SC in each of next 3 sts] twice. Place a contrasting marker in the first st of the second increase of this rnd. 10 SC.

**Rnds 4-10:** SC around making an increase in each marked st. Move marker to first st of each increase every rnd. 2 sts increased each rnd, 24 sts after working Rnd 10.

**Rnds 11-26:** SC in each st. Place a contrasting stitch marker in Rnd 11 and leave it in place. Sl st to fasten off.



### **Bottom of Body**

**Rnd 1:** With A, make an adjustable loop, 6 SC into loop. Pull on beginning yarn tail to tighten loop. 6 SC. Use a stitch marker to keep track of the first st of round.

**Rnd 2:** 2 SC in each st around. 12 SC.

**Rnd 3:** [2 SC in next st, SC in following st] 6 times. 18 SC.

**Rnd 4:** [SC in each of next 2 sts, 2 SC in next st] 6 times. 24 SC.

Sl st to fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.



### **Hat**

**Rnd 1:** With B, make an adjustable loop, 5 SC into loop. Pull on beginning yarn tail to tighten loop. 5 SC. Use a stitch marker to keep track of the first st of round.

**Rnds 2-3:** SC around.

**Rnd 4:** 2 SC in next st, SC in each of next 4 sts. 6 SC.

**Rnds 5-6:** SC around.

**Rnd 7:** 2 SC in next st, SC in each of next 5 sts. 7 SC.

**Rnd 8:** SC around.

**Rnd 9-29:** 2 SC in next st, SC to end. 1 st increased each rnd, 28 SC after working Rnd 29.

**Rnd 30:** [2 SC in next st, SC in each of next 6 sts] 4 times. 32 sts.

**Rnd 31:** [2 SC in next st, SC in each of next 7 sts] 4 times. 36 sts.

Sl st to fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

### **Hat Edging**

Pull up loop of color D in first st of rnd of hat. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), Reverse SC in each st around. Fasten off. Weave in color D ends.

### **Beard Base**

With C and leaving long tail for sewing, ch 9.

**Row 1:** Beginning with the second ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, 1 SC into each of the next 8 sts. 8 SC

**Row 2:** Ch 1 (turning ch does not count as st here and throughout), turn, SC2tog, SC in each of the next 4 sts, SC2tog. 6 SC.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, turn, SC2tog, SC in each of the next 2 sts, SC2tog. 4 SC.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, turn, SC2tog twice. 2 SC.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, turn, SC2tog. 1 SC.

Fasten off.

### **Adding fluff to beard**

Wrap C around 3.5" [9 cm] piece of cardboard 26 times. Cut loops making 26 pieces of yarn that measure 7" [18 cm]. Holding two pieces at a time, tie strands of yarn in a knot around each of the 8 SC sts in the first row of Beard Base. It looks best if the ends are offset by about 0.5" [1.25 cm] or so - do not try to make the ends match up perfectly. Skip the next row of Beard Base and attach strands of yarn to each of the 4 sts in the next row in the same manner. Skip the next row, and tie 2 strands of yarn to the stitch in the last row of Beard Base (the stitch at the tip of beard). Trim beard into a pleasing shape, then comb and/or brush the beard until it gets fluffy. Be sure to watch the video for tips.

### **Arms (Make Two)**

With A, ch 11.

**Row 1:** Beginning with second ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, 1 SC in each st. 10 SC.

**Rows 2-4:** Ch 1 (turning ch does not count as a stitch here and throughout), turn, SC in each st across. 10 SC.

**Seaming Row:** Ch 1, turn as if to work another row. Bring foundation edge directly in front of last row worked and slip stitch layers together as follows: Insert hook through front loop of stitch in front, then insert hook into back loop of row behind, YO and bring loop through to front, continue to pull loop through loop on hook (one sl st made). Continue working sl sts across row until each st has been worked. 10 sl sts.

**Note:** making the sl sts tightly will create a bend in the arm, which is very cute!  
Fasten off, leaving long yarn tail for sewing arm to body later.

### **Mittens (Make Two)**

**Rnd 1:** With B, make an adjustable loop, 6 SC into loop. Pull on beginning yarn tail to tighten loop. 6 SC. Use a stitch marker to keep track of the first st of round.

**Rnd 2:** [SC in the next st, 2 SC in the next st, SC in the next st] twice. 8 SC.

**Rnds 3-4:** SC in each st around. 8 SC.

**Rnd 5:** MB in next st, SC in each of next 7 sts.

**Rnd 6:** SC in each st.

**Rnd 7:** SC in each of the next 5 sts and fasten off leaving long tail for sewing (leave remaining sts of rnd un-worked). Weave in beginning yarn tail.

### **Mittens Edging (Work on Each Mitten)**

Pull up loop of color D in last st of rnd. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), Reverse SC in each st around. Fasten off. Weave in color D ends.

### **Finishing**

Stuff body with fiberfill until it is about 2/3 of the way full. Add 15 glass gems (or whatever weight you are using) to body, tucking stuffing around edges to help the body keep its shape. Cut a circle of plastic or cardboard to the shape of bottom of body, then place circle, then Bottom of Body on top of glass gems. Using yarn tails and yarn needle, sew Bottom of Body to the opening in Body. Weave in ends. Slip end of arm into mitten and stitch in place using B yarn tails. Remember that the end with the color A yarn tails will get stitched to body, so slip opposite end into mitten. Sew Beard onto Body along marked rnd. Sew arms to sides of body along the rnd just below the marked rnd. With needle and thread, sew wooden bead just below top edge of beard to make the nose. With B yarn tails, sew hat to body, stitching through the last B rnd worked (just above the reverse SC line). Using D, embroider small snowflakes onto hat if desired. Each snowflake is made of 3 intersecting lines. Weave in ends.

