

The Stocking Pals

Three festive friends made from the same continuous body

DESIGNS	HEIGHT	HOOKS	YARN
Reindeer · Snowman · Santa	20-23 cm / 8-9 in	2.75 & 3.75 mm	8/8 cotton

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Before you begin

Make two unstuffed arms first, then two gently stuffed legs. Join the legs, work the body, crochet the arms into round33, and continue directly into the head.

Choose the colour plan for the reindeer, snowman or Santa before starting. The body uses the 3.75 mm hook; the reindeer muzzle and ears use 2.75 mm.

Read the written bobble and magic-circle methods. The nose uses a three-double-crochet bobble. Keep the numbered joining photos beside their instructions.

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Materials

Yarn quality: 8/8 cotton yarn, 100% cotton; 50 g = 75 m.

Reindeer	Snowman	Santa
1 skein of Chestnut (11)	1 skein of White (01)	1 skein of White (01)
1 skein of Caramel (14)	1 skein of Orange (30)	1 skein of Nougat (09)
1 skein of Tomato (40)	1 skein of Jungle Green (111)	1 skein of Sunflower (24)
	1 skein of Black (124)	1 skein of Tomato (40)
		1 skein of Light Gray (117)
		1 skein of Black (124)

Crochet hook 2.75 mm / US C

Crochet hook 3.75 mm / US F

Embroidery Needle

Embroidery Thread, Black & Yellow

Polyester Filling

Sewing Pins

Stitch Markers (if desired)

SIZE One size MEASUREMENTS Height: 20-23 cm / 8-9”



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Stitches & working notes

ABBREVIATIONS

BLO = back loop only	MC = magic circle
bobble = bobble stitch	sc = single crochet
ch = chain	sc2tog = single crochet 2 sts together
dc = double crochet	sl st = slip stitch
FLO = front loop only	st(s) = stitch(es)
hdc = half double crochet	[ ] = repeat instructions within brackets x number of times indicated
inc = increase sts as noted	

INFO AND TIPS

BOBBLE STITCH (bobble): This pattern includes a bobble stitch on the nose of the reindeer and snowman. You will need to change color on the bobble to achieve the look.

To make a bobble stitch for this pattern, work three double crochets into the same stitch: (Yo, insert hook into st, draw up a loop, yo, pull through first two loops on hook) and repeat 2 more times. End with 4 loops on the hook - yo, pull through all 4 loops.

MAGIC CIRCLE (MC): The magic circle is a technique used to begin amigurumi projects. It allows projects to be

worked in the round.

With your yarn, make a loop. Insert your hook through the loop, yarn over with the working strand and pull through the loop. Yarn over with the working yarn and ch 1. Now work the specified number of stitches into the magic circle. Once finished, pull tightly on the shorter strand hanging in the center of the magic circle to close.

INCREASE STITCHES (inc) To increase stitches, place two stitches into the same spot to increase the total stitch count and allow the shape to become wider. In this pattern, increase stitches are used with sc and dc stitch. To do this, complete your first stitch as you typically would. Place a second stitch in the same spot, so that you are left with two stitches where previously you had one stitch.

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MAIN PATTERN

All of the stocking pals are crocheted with the same beginning steps for the body, just using different colors. All pals are worked from the legs, up to the body, adding the arms and finally finishing with the head. Follow the instructions below to work the main body of each stocking pal and then move to the features patterns to add the individual features for each. Stitch counts are included in [ ] at the end of each round or row throughout the pattern.

MAKING THE ARMS

Use a 3.75 mm hook. Make TWO arms and leave the arms unstuffed. The arms can be made in a single color or in two colors to give the appearance of hooves for the reindeer, mittens for the snowman or hands for Santa. Use Colors 11 and 14 for the reindeer, Colors 111 and 01 for the snowman or Colors 09 and 40 for Santa. You can also omit the color changes and make a single colored arm. Start with the accessory color if desired and pay attention to color change required after round 3.

Round 1: Make a magic circle. Place 6 sc in the MC. Do not join. Work in the round [6]

Rounds 2-3: sc x 6 [6]

*Switch to the main color at the end of Round 3, if desired.

Rounds 4-11: sc x 6 [6]

Round 12: Pinch the top of the arm together (photo 1) and place 3 sc through each side in order to close off the arm (photo 2).

Cut yarn, tie off and weave ends. Set aside to work into the body.





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MAKING THE LEGS

Use a 3.75 mm hook. Make TWO legs and stuff gently as the rounds build. The legs are made in Color 14 for the reindeer, Color 01 for the snowman and started in Color 124 and then color changed to Color 40 for Santa. For Santa legs, pay attention to color change required after round 9.

Round 1: Make a magic circle. Place 5 sc in the MC. Do not join. Work in the round [5]

Round 2: [sc inc] x 5 [10]

Rounds 3-20: sc x 10 [10]

*For Santa, use Color 124 for Rounds 3-9 and switch to Color 40 for Rounds 10-20. For the first leg only, leave a 20-25 cm / 8-10 inch tail, cut yarn and use the invisible fasten technique to tie off. For the second leg, do not cut yarn and continue to body instructions.



MAKING THE BODY

Use a 3.75 mm hook. The body begins with joining the legs together and then working up the body. Make sure the legs are well-stuffed and continue to stuff gently as the body builds. The body is made in Color 14 for the reindeer, Color 01 for the snowman and started in Color 40 for Santa, color changed to Color 124 for the belt and then back to Color 40 for the remainder. For the Santa body, pay attention to color changes required at rounds 24-25.

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*For Santa - if your color change is visible, line the legs up with these spots facing each other so they will be hidden. You may need to work a few additional sc sts on the 2nd leg to line up the color change.

Round 21: Working from the second leg, ch 1 (photo 3). Choose any st on the first leg and sc to connect the first and second legs (photo 4). Sc x 9 around the rest of the first leg. Then sc x 1 across the ch (photo 5). Sc x 10 around the second leg (photo 6). Sc x 1 on the other side of the ch to finish the round [22]

*Use the tail of the first leg to sew up any gaps between the legs, if needed.









Place a st marker in the next st, if desired. This will now become the start of the subsequent rounds. This will be the backside of the body.

Round 22: sc x 6, sc inc, sc x 8, sc inc, sc x 6 [24]

Round 23: sc x 8, [sc inc, sc x 3] x 2, sc inc, sc x 7 [27]

*For Santa, change color to Color 124 for rounds 24-25.

Rounds 24-25: sc x 27 [27]

*For Santa, change color back to Color 40 for the rest of the body.

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Round 26: sc x 8, [sc2tog, sc x 3] x 2, sc2tog, sc x 7 [24]

Round 27: sc x 8, [sc2tog, sc x 2] x 2, sc2tog, sc x 6 [21]

Round 28: [sc2tog, sc x 5] x 3 [18]

Rounds 29-30: sc x 18 [18]

Round 31: [sc2tog, sc x 4] x 3 [15]

Round 32: [sc2tog, sc x 3] x 3 [12]



Round 33: At this point, add the arms to your stocking pal, to avoid having to sew them in later. Both arms should be closed (as written above) with three stitches across. Add in arms as below: sc x 2, For the next three stitches, place your first arm on the outside of the body and sc x 3 through both the arm and the stitches of the body. sc x 3. For the next three stitches, place your second arm on the outside of the body and sc x 3 through both the arm and the stitches of the body. sc x 1 to finish the round [12]

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Round 34: [sc2tog, sc x 2] x 3 [9] Do not cut yarn. Continue to the head instructions.



MAKING THE HEAD

Use a 3.75 mm hook. Continue stuffing gently as you work. The head is continued in Color 14 for the reindeer, Color 01 for the snowman (and Color 30 for the nose) and worked in Color 09 (or desired skin color) for Santa.

Round 35: [sc inc, sc x 2] x 3 [12]

Round 36: [sc inc, sc] x 6 [18]

Round 37: [sc inc, sc x 2] x 6 [24]

Round 38: [sc inc, sc x 3] x 6 [30]

Rounds 39-44: sc x 30 [30]

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*For the snowman, add a nose by working a bobble stitch (color 30) in round 42 as follows:

Round 42: sc x 22, bobble (color 30), sc x 7. Then continue with the pattern as written.

Round 45: [sc2tog, sc x 3] x 6 [24]

*If using safety eyes, stop and add now near rounds 42 and 43, about 5 stitches apart.

Round 46: [sc2tog, sc x 2] x 6 [18]

Round 47: [sc2tog, sc] x 6 [12]

Round 48: [sc2tog] x 6 [6] Leaving a bit of a tail, cut and tie off your yarn. Thread a needle and sew under the front loop of each remaining stitch. Cinch tightly together to close the head. Tie off and weave in ends. Move on to the “Feature Patterns” to customize your stocking pal!



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FEATURE PATTERNS

Now, add the features for each body style to turn it into your stocking pal! Features are listed in order below: reindeer, snowman and then Santa.

REINDEER FEATURES

Making the Reindeer Muzzle

Use a 2.75 mm hook. Work with Color 14 and Color 40 for the bobble nose.

Round 1: Make a magic circle. Place 6 sc in the MC. Do not join. Work in the round [6]

Round 2: [sc inc] x 6 [12]

Round 3: sc x 3, sc inc, sc x 2, (switch to color 40) bobble, (switch back to color 14) sc inc, sc x 3, sc inc [15]

Rounds 4-5: sc x 15 [15] Leaving a long tail, cut yarn and tie off. You will use the tail to sew the muzzle to the head.





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Making the Reindeer Ears

Use a 2.75 mm hook. Make TWO ears using Color 14.

Row 1: To begin, ch 3. Working in the second ch from the hook, sc x 2. Ch 1 and turn [2]

Row 2: [sc inc] x 2. Ch 1 and turn [4]

Rows 3-4: sc x 4 across. Ch 1 and turn [4]

Row 5: [sc2tog] x 2 [2] Sc around the ear, about 12 stitches. Sl st and tie off, leaving a long tail to attach to the head.

Making the Reindeer Antlers

Use a 3.75 mm hook. Make TWO antlers using color 11. Work one of each pattern instruction below, to have antlers facing opposite directions. Antler One: Ch 8. Working in the back bumps of the ch, sc x 3. In the fourth ch, sl st and ch 3. Working in the back bumps of the second ch, sc x 2. Now, return to the main ch and sc x 3 to

finish the antler. Leave a long tail for sewing the antler to the head and cut yarn. Antler Two: Ch 6. Working in the back bumps of the ch, sc x 1. In the second ch, sl st and ch 5. Working in the back bumps of the second ch, sc x 4. Now, return to the main ch and sc x 3 to

finish the antler. Leave a long tail for sewing the antler to the head and cut yarn.

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REINDEER ASSEMBLY

Sew the muzzle, centered on the face, across rounds 38-41. Top of the muzzle should be about seven rounds down from the top of the head.

Embroider the eyes across round 42, if you did not use safety eyes.

The antlers should be centered across the head and sewn across round 46-47.

The ears should be placed just below the antlers, across rounds 43-44. Place a few stitches to sew the edge of the ear to the head and allow them to hang off the sides as pictured.



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SNOWMAN FEATURES

Making the Scarf

Use a 3.75 mm hook in desired color. Color 111 pictured.

Row 1: To begin, chain 4. Turn and sc x 3 back across the row, turn.

Rows 2-20: hdc x 3 across. Ch 1 and turn.

*Add rows if additional length is desired.

Row 21: sc x 3 across. Leaving a tail, tie off and cut yarn. Set scarf aside for assembly.





Making the Hat

Use a 3.75 mm hook in desired color. Color 124 pictured.

Round 1: To begin, make a magic circle. Place 6 sc in the magic circle. Do not join. Continue to work in the round [6]

Round 2: [sc inc] x 6 [12]

Round 3: [sc inc, sc] x 6 [18]

Round 4: sc x 18 in the BLO [18]

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Rounds 5-6: sc x 18 [18]

Round 7: sl st to the next st and ch 1. Now, hdc x 18 in the FLO. Final st will be placed in the FLO of the ch created at the beginning of the round [18]

Round 8: working loosely, sl st in each st around. Leaving a tail to sew the hat to the head, cut yarn and tie off. Set hat aside for assembly.

SNOWMAN ASSEMBLY

Embroider the eyes across round 43-44 if you did not use safety eyes. The bobble nose should be centered between the eyes. Embroider a mouth, if desired, below the nose across round 39.

Sew the hat to the top of the head, slightly off center. Use the tail of the hat to sew to the top of the head. Sew around the base of the hat (round 6) rather than the brim to help the hat maintain shape. Lightly stuff the hat, if desired.

Add the scarf around the neck of the snowman. Wrap the scarf around the neck, leaving one end hanging longer than the other. Sew the shorter end along the side of the scarf to secure it in a wrapped position around the neck. Weave ends.



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SANTA FEATURES

Making the Hair/Beard

Use a 3.75 mm hook. Color 01 pictured. The hair and beard are crocheted in one piece which is then placed over the head and secured with sewn stitches.

Round 1: To begin, make a magic circle. Place 6 sc in the magic circle. Do not join. Continue to work in the round [6]

Round 2: [sc inc] x 6 [12]

Round 3: [sc inc, sc] x 6 [18]

Round 4: [sc inc, sc x 2] x 6 [24]

Round 5: [sc inc, sc x 3] x 6 [30]

Rounds 6-11: sc x 30 [30]

Round 12: [skip 1 st, sc, 3 hdc in the same stitch, sc, skip 1 st, sl st] repeating x 5 [30]





Now we will begin to work back and forth in rows to add the beard to the hair. This portion can be tricky! See the original photos below. Slip stitch over x 4 st to begin.

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Row 1: Ch 11. Skip 10 sts on the hair and join the ch to the next st with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn [11]

Row 2: sc x 4. ch 3 and skip 3 st. sc x 4. Sl st to the hair line. Ch 1 and turn [11]

Row 3: sc, hdc x 2, dc, place 3 dc across the chain space from prior row, dc, hdc x 2, sc. Slip stitch to join to the hair line. Ch 1 and turn.

Row 4: Sl st in the first stitch. Then sc, hdc, dc inc, dc, dc inc, dc, dc inc, hdc, sc, sl st. Slip stitch to join to the hair line. Ch 1 and turn.

Row 5: Sc across x 14. Tie off and leave a long tail to sew the piece onto the head.







Making the Hat

Use a 3.75 mm hook. Hat is worked from the top down.

Start with Color 40 and switch to color 117 when indicated.

Round 1: To begin, make a magic circle. Place 4 sc sts in the magic circle. Do not join. Continue to work in the round [4]

Rounds 2-3: sc x 4 [4]

Round 4: sc inc, sc x 3 [5]

Round 5: sc x 5 [5]

Round 6: sc inc, sc x 4 [6]

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Round 7: sc x 6 [6]

Round 8: [sc inc, sc] x 3 [9]

Round 9: sc x 9 [9]

Round 10: [sc inc, sc x 2] x 3 [12]

Round 11: sc x 12 [12]

Round 12: [sc inc, sc] x 6 [18]

Round 13: sc x 18 [18]

Round 14: [sc inc, sc x 2] x 6 [24]

Rounds 15-16: sc x 24 [24]

Round 17: [sc inc, sc x 3] x 6.

Round 18: sc x 30 [30] Switch to brim colored yarn (color 117).

Rounds 19-20: hdc x 30 [30] Tie off and leave a long tail to sew the hat to the head of your Santa.



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SANTA ASSEMBLY

Sew hair/beard to the head. Work around the hairline first and then across the top portion of the beard. Leave the bottom portion unsewn to hang off of the face.

Embroider eyes in an upside-down "V" shape across on the face. Leave 2-3 stitches between the eyes. Exact placement of the eyes will vary based on how the hair piece is sewn to the head. If desired, add a small mouth in the small open space in the beard.

Sew the hat to the top of Santa's head. Stuff the hat lightly if desired, or leave unstuffed and shape it to fold over slightly.

Embroider a yellow belt buckle across rounds 24-25 in the center of the body. Weave in any remaining ends and enjoy your new pals!



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