Crochet Santa Ornament: Free Pattern for a Flat Santa Face

Crochet a small peach circle for the face, edge the lower part with white scallops for the beard, then sew on a red triangle hat with a white brim, a mustache and a bobble nose. Every piece is worked flat, so it is quick, and a few Santas use up the ends of your red and white yarn. In DK cotton on a 3 mm hook he is about 9 cm tall from the beard to the tip of the hat, without the loop.

This is our own design. A script checks every round and row against the one before it, and the sizes and yarn amounts are worked out from a gauge, so they are estimates. Check your face circle against the parts table first.

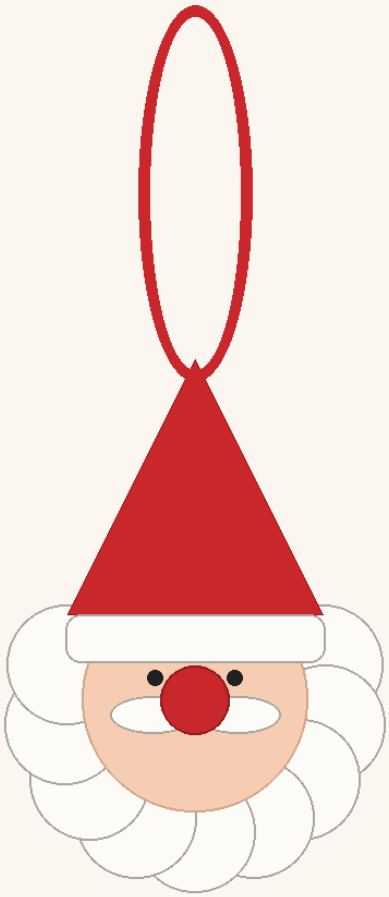
The parts

Part	Rows	Stitches	Size
Face	rounds 1–5	6 to 30 sts	about 4 cm across
Beard	1 round	12 sc and 9 scallops	about 6 cm across
Hat	rows 1–11 and 2 brim rows	11 to 1 sts	about 4.5 cm wide, 4.5 cm tall
Mustache	1 row	7 sts	about 3 cm across

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Santa ornament from the front

Drawn to scale: a 30-stitch face, 9 beard scallops and a triangle hat.



About 6.0 cm across the beard; the hat is 4.5 cm wide and 4.5 cm tall. The loop is drawn at its length, about 6.2 cm.

Measurements from the parts table in this article **crochetbabygifts.com**

Two numbers make the pieces fit. The hat starts 11 stitches wide, so it is a little wider than the face and its brim covers the top of the face. The beard round has 12 sc and 9 scallops, and since each scallop uses 2 stitches, that is all 30 stitches of the face's last round.

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What you need

Every tool our patterns use is on the Crochet essentials (https://crochetbabygifts.com/essentials/) page.

- DK (#3) cotton yarn in red (hat, loop and nose), white (beard, brim and mustache), peach (face) and a little black (eyes). One Santa takes about 5 m of red, 7 m of white and 4 m of peach, so leftover ends are enough.
- A 3 mm crochet hook. The hook size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-hook-size-chart/) gives the US letters near it.
- A blunt tapestry needle, scissors and a stitch marker.

Gauge and abbreviations

Gauge: about 24 single crochet and 24 rows to 10 cm (4 in) on a 3 mm hook, the same planning gauge as our snowman in a mug (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-snowman-in-a-mug/). We have not measured it on this ornament yet. After round 5 the face should lie flat and be about 4 cm across.

US crochet terms throughout. The UK name is in brackets.

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into that loop, then pull the tail to close the hole.
- ch: chain. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).
- sc: single crochet (UK: double crochet). hdc: half double crochet (UK: half treble). dc: double crochet (UK: treble).
- inc: 2 sc in the same stitch. dec: sc 2 together. sc3tog: sc 3 together.
- French knot: bring the needle up, wrap the yarn round it 3 times, and put it back down right next to where it came up.

The video

Tata Crochet Patterns makes a Santa ornament with an all-white face and beard and a red cone hat, in milk cotton on a 2.75 mm hook, in a 17-minute tutorial. Her stitch counts are not the ones on this page. It is worth watching for the moves the two Santas share: the face from the start, the hat from 7:04, the mustache at 12:07, the nose at 14:18 and putting it together from 15:44.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1CWKw9yKMQ

Her video uses 6 mm safety eyes. On this ornament the eyes are French knots, so there is nothing hard to come loose.

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Video: Tata Crochet Patterns, "12 minutes crochet Santa Claus: Very easy" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1CWKw9yKMQ), 2025, 17 minutes. A different design; the pattern on this page is our own.

The pattern

1. Face

In peach, worked flat in a spiral with a marker in the first stitch.

- Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6 sts]
- Rnd 2: inc in each st. [12 sts]
- Rnd 3: [sc 1, inc] 6 times. [18 sts]
- Rnd 4: sc 1, inc, [sc 2, inc] 5 times, sc 1. [24 sts]
- Rnd 5: [sc 3, inc] 6 times. [30 sts]

Do not fasten off yet. Lay it flat: it should be a circle about 4 cm across.

2. Beard

Change to white in the last stitch of round 5, and hold the face with its top away from you, so the first sc go across the top.

- Beard round: sc 12, [5 dc in next st, sl st in next st] 9 times. [9 scallops]

Join with a sl st in the first sc and fasten off. The 12 sc sit under the hat, and the 9 scallops go round the cheeks and chin.

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3. Hat

- Foundation: in red, ch 12.
- Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [11 sts]
- Row 2: ch 1, turn, sc in each st. [11 sts]
- Row 3: ch 1, turn, dec, sc 7, dec. [9 sts]
- Row 4: ch 1, turn, sc in each st. [9 sts]
- Row 5: ch 1, turn, dec, sc 5, dec. [7 sts]
- Row 6: ch 1, turn, sc in each st. [7 sts]
- Row 7: ch 1, turn, dec, sc 3, dec. [5 sts]
- Row 8: ch 1, turn, sc in each st. [5 sts]
- Row 9: ch 1, turn, dec, sc 1, dec. [3 sts]
- Row 10: ch 1, turn, sc in each st. [3 sts]
- Row 11: ch 1, turn, sc3tog. [1 st]

For the hanging loop, ch 30, sl st in the top of row 11 to make the hanging loop, and fasten off.

Turn the hat upside down and join white at the end of the foundation chain.

- Brim row 1: working into the other side of the foundation chain, ch 1, sc in each ch. [11 sts]
- Brim row 2: ch 1, turn, sc in each st. [11 sts]

Fasten off with a 30 cm tail for sewing.

4. Nose and mustache

- Nose: in red, 6 sc in a magic ring, then pull the ring tight so it rounds into a little ball. Fasten off with a 15 cm tail.
- Mustache: in white, ch 8, then starting in the 2nd ch from hook: sc, hdc, sc, sl st, sc, hdc, sc. [7 sts]

Fasten off the mustache with a 15 cm tail. The sl st in the middle pinches it into two curls.

5. Put it together

Lay the hat over the face so the brim covers the top third of the face and the 12 white sc of the beard round. Sew the brim on along both of its long edges with the white tail, then sew the sides of the hat down onto the face.

Sew the mustache on just below the centre of the face, through its middle and both ends. Sew the nose on above the middle of the mustache, all the way round. With black, make two

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French knots for the eyes on round 3, above the nose, with 3 stitches between them. Weave in all the ends on the back.

This is a tree decoration, not a toy. The loop and the small nose are not for a baby's hands, so hang it out of reach.

Yarn

One Santa takes about 5 m of red, 7 m of white, 4 m of peach and 1 m of black, about 17 m in all. These come from counting every stitch and allowing a length of yarn per stitch, plus tails for sewing, so they are estimates, and a little generous on a 3 mm hook.

Frequently asked questions

Can I make a whole set? Yes. Each Santa takes about 17 m of yarn, so a 50 g ball of white makes many beards. Make the faces in a few skin tones for a mixed set.

Can I use safety eyes? For a decoration well out of a child's reach, 6 mm safety eyes fit on round 3. Fix them before you sew the hat on, with the washers on the back.

How do I make it stiffer? Sew a circle of felt the size of the face onto the back. It keeps the ornament flat on the tree.

Is there a tree to go with him? Yes. Our crochet Christmas tree ornament (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-christmas-tree-ornament/) is one flat piece of filet mesh in the same DK cotton.

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