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beginner - crochet

NOTES
This collection includes three mini Christmas crochet patterns: a Santa hat, a wreath, and a holly sprig. Each ornament is worked in separate pieces and assembled with simple sewing. Optional hanging loops make them perfect for decorating Christmas trees, gifts, and more.

Designed as quick, festive projects, these little makes are a fun way to use up leftover yarn and add a handmade touch to your holiday decorating.

SIZES
One size per ornament.
Mini Santa Hat: Approx. 2 in (5 cm) wide × 2 in (5 cm) tall.
Mini Wreath: Approx. 2.5 in (6.5 cm) in diameter.
Mini Holly: Approx. 3 in (7.5 cm) wide × 3.5 in (9 cm) tall.
Measurements are approximate and may vary depending on yarn, hook size, and tension.

GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES
Wreath: Approx. 20 yd (18 m) Paintbox Yarns Simply DK (100% acrylic), in two complementary colours, plus a small amount for the bow.

Holly: Approx. 15 yd (14 m) Paintbox Yarns Simply DK (100% acrylic), in green and red.

Santa Hat: Approx. 20–25 yd (18–23 m) worsted-weight cotton yarn, in red and white.

3 mm crochet hook.

Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers.

GAUGE
Gauge is not critical for these projects. Finished sizes may vary slightly depending on yarn, hook size, and tension.

ABBREVIATIONS
BLO: back loop only; **CH**: chain; **DEC**: decrease; **DC**: double crochet; **FLO**: front loop only; **HDC**: half double crochet; **INC**: increase; **LHDC**: linked half double crochet; **MR**: magic ring; **PICOT**: ch3, slst into back loop of first ch; **REP**: repeat; **SC**: single crochet; **SLST**: slip stitch; **ST(S)**: stitch(es).

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BEGIN PATTERN
Mini Holly

Holly Berries (Make 3)
With red yarn:
Round 1: Work 6 SC in MR. (6 STS)
Watch: Magic Ring
Round 2: INC around. (12 STS)
Round 3: DEC around. (6 STS)
Watch: Invisible Decrease
Fasten off, leaving a yarn tail. Weave the tail through the FLO of the final round and pull tight to close.
Watch: Finishing Holly Berries

Holly Leaves (Make 2)
With green yarn:
CH 17.
Row 1: 2 SLST, SC, HDC, 2 DC in next ST, HDC, SC, 2 SLST, SC, HDC, 2 DC in next ST, HDC, SC, 2 SLST.
Row 2: Rotate the work 180 degrees so the flat edge is on top. CH 1. Repeat Row 1 along the opposite side of the foundation chain. CH 1.
Row 3: 3 SLST, 2 HDC, PICOT, LHDC, HDC, SC, DEC, SC, 2 HDC, PICOT, LHDC, HDC, 3 SLST.
Watch: Making the Picot Edge
Watch: Linked Double Half Crochet
CH 1 and fasten off.

Finishing
Sew the three holly berries together in a triangular cluster.

Arrange the two holly leaves at approximately a 45-degree angle and sew them together.

Position the berry cluster over the point where the leaves meet and sew securely in place.

Weave in any remaining ends, attach the optional hanging loop to the back of the holly.

Hanging Loops (optional)
To add a hanging loop to any of the three ornaments, CH to your desired loop length.

Join with a SLST to the first CH and fasten off, leaving yarn tails for attaching to the finished ornament.

Mini Santa Hat
Worked in joined rounds. At the end of each round, SLST to the first ST and CH 1. The CH 1 does not count as a stitch.

Hat
With white yarn: CH 18. Join with a SLST to the first CH, taking care not to twist.
Rounds 1–3: SC around. (18 STS)
Change to red yarn:
Round 4: SLST in BLO around. (18 STS)
Round 5: SC in BLO of SLST and white SC from Round 3. (18 STS)
Rounds 6–8: SC around. (18 STS)
Round 9: *SC 4, DEC; rep from * 3 times. (15 STS)
Rounds 10–11: SC around. (15 STS)
On Round 10, place stitch markers in stitches 7 and 8 for finishing.
Round 12: *SC 3, DEC; rep from * 3 times. (12 STS)
Rounds 13–14: SC around. (12 STS)
Round 15: *SC 2, DEC; rep from * 3 times. (9 STS)
Round 16: SC around. (9 STS)
Round 17: *SC 1, DEC; rep from * 3 times. (6 STS)
Fasten off.

Pom-Pom
With white yarn
Round 1: Work 6 SC in MR. (6 STS)
Watch: Magic Ring
Round 2: INC around. (12 STS)
Round 3: DEC around. (6 STS)
Fasten off, leaving a tail. Weave the yarn through the FLO of the final round and pull tight to close.
Watch: Closing the Pom Pom

Finishing
Fold up the white brim of the hat.

Sew the pom-pom to the pointed tip of the hat. Fold the tip over and sew the side of the pom-pom to the marked stitches on Round 10.
Watch: Attaching the Pom Pom

Weave in any remaining ends or tuck them inside the hat. Sew the hanging loop near the tip of the hat.
Watch: Finishing the Hat

Mini Wreath

Curlicues (Make 2)

Watch: Make Curlicues

Using two complementary yarn colours, make one curlicue in each colour.

CH 51.

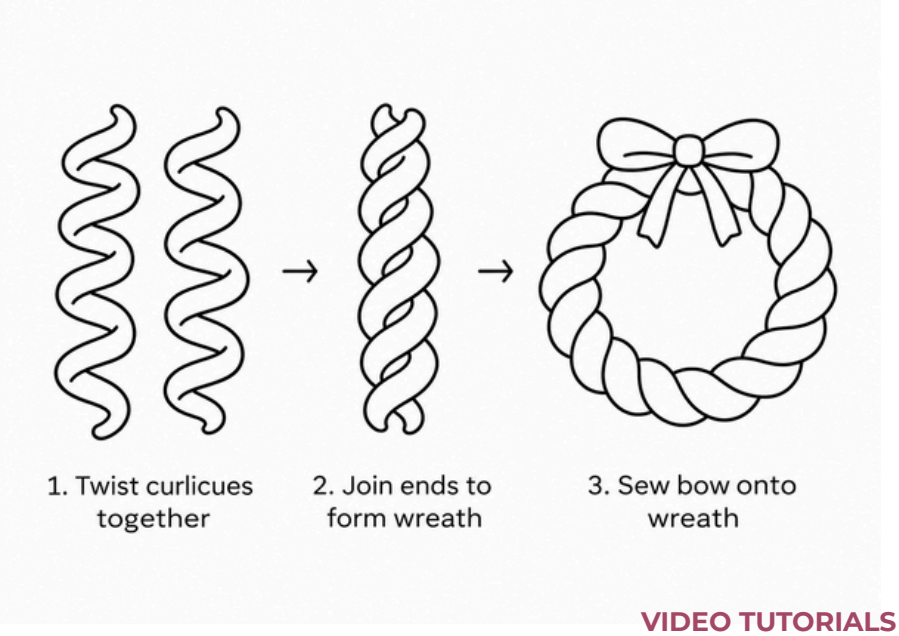
Row 1: Work 3 SC in each CH across. Fasten off. Adjust the curlicue as needed so the fabric forms an even spiral.

Watch: Twisting Curls Together

Bow

CH 40. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Tie the chain into a bow.



Finishing

Lay both curlicues on a flat surface, holding one end of each together. Twist them together so the spirals interlock.

Keep the tension even. If one curlicue is longer than the other, gently tug the shorter one to even out the lengths.

Bring the ends of the twisted curlicues together to form a circle. Sew the ends of each curlicue together to secure the wreath.

Weave in any remaining ends.

Sew the bow onto the edge of the wreath. Attach the optional hanging loop behind the bow or on the opposite side of the wreath, depending on your preferred placement.

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