

Wreath - Snowman



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Materials:

With the suggested yarn/needle size the character fits into a 30 cm diameter wreath. When using other yarn, it is best to crochet the snowman first to see how big he will be, then you can choose the size of the wreath.

The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.

Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension. When crocheting Amigurumis you should use a much smaller needle size than indicated on the label or you would use it for other crochet projects so that no holes are made when the piece is stuffed.

- Wool (DK), with me acrylic yarn, e. g. Schachenmayr Bravo white (about 1 ball), some grey, orange and black < - these yarns should all have nearly the same weight so that the proportions fit, any yarn for the scarf, any yarn for the wreath - with me: ICE Yarn Magic Glitz
- Crochet hook in suitable size, with me 3,5 mm
- Stuffing
- Styrofoam wreath (30 cm in diameter)

Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

For help with invisible color changes, increases and decreases, please visit the „Tips, Tricks and Tutorials“section on my website www.zhaya.de.

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
ch = chain	BLO = back loop only
slst = slip stitch	FLO = front loop only
hdc = half double crochet	dc = double crochet
st = stitch	fpdc = front post double crochet
(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times	bpdc = back post double crochet
fdc = foundation double crochet (if necessary)	

For the wreath there is already a pattern here: <https://www.zhaya.de/wreath.html>. Especially this Advent wreath here is a little bit differently worked, although only slightly. I will explain the differences here :o)

Wreath made with front and back post double crochet stitches:

ICE Yarn Magic Glitz (DK), hook size 3.5 mm

Crochet in joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 3).

Instead of the half double crochet stitches, which I usually use for my wreaths, this time I decided to use front and back post double crochet stitches (alternating between the front and back posts). The upside is that you can crochet in rounds and therefore one sewing step is not necessary. Another plus (at least for me), the wreath becomes a bit more voluminous, I like that. Of course there is also a downside - a lot of thread is used, because somewhere the volume will come from.



Here I used foundation double crochet stitches for the first time. I recently understood this method and think it's great and it's really good for the wreath because you just crochet until the fabric reaches around the outer edge of the polystyrene wreath, join round with a slip stitch. Alternatively you can also use a standard foundation chain, but this should be 2-3 stitches (or more) longer than the circumference of the wreath, as the fabric will shrink a bit, join round with a slip stitch (make sure that the foundation chain is not twisted). Now chain 3 (counts as the first double crochet), then starting in 4th stitch from the hook: dc 1 in each chain. From here you crochet every round the same:

- ch 2, alternately 1 front post double crochet, 1 back post double crochet, join round with a slip stitch*

Do this until you have a loop (yes, like a scarf) that is wide enough to sew the first and the last round together on the back of the wreath, some tension is allowed, so that the sides don't reach exactly to each other (I hope you understand what I mean).

Then just put the loop around the wreath and if necessary pin it down a little and sew stitch by stitch carefully, making sure that the exactly opposite stitches are always sewn together (follow the ribs).



Head:

White

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
9. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
10. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
- 11.-22. (12 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)
23. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
24. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
25. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
26. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
27. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
28. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
29. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
30. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Stuff and shape the head.

31. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Nose:

Orange

1. sc 4 in MR (4)
2. (sc 1, inc) x2 (6)
3. sc in each st around (6)
4. (sc 1, inc) x3 (9)
5. sc in each st around (9)
6. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
7. sc in each st around (12)
8. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
9. sc in each st around (15)
10. (sc 4, inc) x3 (18)
11. sc in each st around (18)

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Eye (make 2):

Black

1. In MR: ch 2, hdc 9

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Stuff and shape the nose and sew on approx. in the middle of the head (so the middle of the nose is at round 15/16).

If you like, you can now give the head a slightly cuter shape by sculpting it with thread. First mark the places for the eye sockets with pins, I placed them between round 16 and 17, the first pin comes directly next to the nose, the second four stitches each counted outwards. Now insert the needle from the bottom of the head with a strong thread and come out at one of the pins, insert again at the corresponding second pin and come out again at the bottom of the head offset by one stitch, tighten and knot well. Repeat for the other eye.



Now place the eyes in the just shaped eye socket, pin and sew on carefully, embroider highlights with white if necessary.



Now place three pins for the mouth and lay a thread around them - change the pins until you like the shape of the mouth or the facial expression, then add some more pins along the thread, then embroidery becomes easier. With somewhat larger stitches, re-stitch the shape of the mouth and then stitch around these stitches 1-2 times, always in the same direction. This creates a solid line. Here this technique is described once again and illustrated in more detail: <https://www.zhaya.eu/face.html>

Arm (make 2):

White

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
- 5.-9. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)
10. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)
- 11.-15. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (21)
16. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)
- 17.-21. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

Stuff about half of the arm (not too tight), then fold the top edge together and seam using a single crochet along the top edge, crocheting through both stitches.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.



Body:

White

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
9. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
10. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
11. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
12. (sc 10, inc) x6 (72)
- 13.-24. (12 Rounds) sc in each st around (72)
25. (sc 10, dec) x6 (66)
26. sc in each st around (66)
27. (sc 9, dec) x6 (60)
28. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
29. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
30. sc in each st around (48)

Stuff and shape the body, then fold the top edge together and seam using a single crochet along the top edge, crocheting through both stitches.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.



Leg (make 2):

White

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
- 7.-12. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)
13. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
14. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)

15. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

16. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Stuff and shape the leg.

17. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Pot (Hat):

Grey/Silver

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

2. inc x6 (12)

3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)

4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)

5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)

6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)

7. *BLO*: sc in each st around (36)

8. sc in each st around (36)

9. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)

10.-14. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (42)

15. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)

16. sc in each st around (36)

17. *FLO*: (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)

18. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)

19. sc in each st around (48)

20. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)

21. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)

Now fold the edge inwards and crochet the current round together with the free loops from round 17 using loose slip stitches (see photos).

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.



For an even more beautiful shape you can now crochet a round of loose slip stitches into the free loops from round 7 (see last photo on the right). Stuff the pot to prevent it from deforming.

Handle (make 2):

Grey/Silver

Leave the starting thread a little longer.

1. ch 5, join round with slst, sc in each st around (5)

2.-7. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (5)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Button (make 2):

Black

1. sc 6 in MR(6)

Join round with slst, leave a long tail for sewing.

Scarf (optional):

Color of choice, any yarn, crochet hook in suitable size

Crochet in rows. At the end of each row, chain 1 and turn.

- Make enough chain stitches (the scarf is crocheted sideways, so the length of the chain is equal to the length of the scarf) so that you can make a knot in the scarf later and the ends of the scarf will have the desired length. With me that was ch 41 (my yarn was about twice as thick as that for the snowman), with single crochet stitches starting in 2nd chain from hook, ch 1, turn.
- From here on crochet in back loops only, keep crocheting single crochet stitches, crochet as many rows as you want until your scarf is wide enough.

Now make a loose knot in the scarf, not too tight, so that there is a pretty knot. This knot will now be first pinned to the bottom of the head so that the final position can be adjusted.



Finishing:

Now the pieces just have to be placed nicely on the wreath. Again, it's best to pin everything first and see how it looks best. The following photos might help a bit. The arms are placed in such a way that the head always covers a part of the arm and that the position looks as natural as possible. The body is fixed as shown, the legs as well, they may be asymmetrical, then the whole thing looks a bit more alive. Now the head can also be pinned in place and the final position for the scarf can be found so that it looks as if the snowman has it around his neck. Of course also still the pot must be placed on the head and the buttons at the belly.



Once everything is in the right position, the head can first be removed (it can easily be placed correctly again later). Now you can sew on the scarf and also the pot (use the slip stitch round), the edge of the pot of course points outwards. Now carefully sew on the body, arms and legs as well as the buttons. Finally reattach the head, make sure that the scarf fits well and everything looks good, then sew all around.

Now you can decorate your wreath with snowflakes as you like, e.g. like me - there are really a lot of very nice patterns on the internet or in books. If you want to harden the snowflakes, you can do it as follows: block the snowflakes with needles e.g. on a styrofoam plate, mix wood glue with water in a ratio of 2:1 and soak the snowflakes well with the mixture using a brush, let them dry and then attach them to the wreath. Normally I find that glue and wool do not get along, but in this case it is a good way to stabilize the snowflakes. Of course, you can also simply attach them to the wreath or choose completely different decorations. Have fun crocheting :o)

