

Christmas balls



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Materials:

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 (Sport Weight), e. g. Schachenmayr Catania/Scheepjes Catona (black, white, some orange, red, skin color, gold, some pink and some blue) - I used max. a half skein per ball of the main color and some scraps of wool for the others
- Acrylic yarn (DK) for the hair, e. g. Schachenmayr Bravo, Fb. 08200
- Soft yarn for the beard, the edge of the cap and the bobble (with me: DROPS Air, white) - acrylic yarn is also a good choice, you can brush it (e. g. with a wired grooming brush for pets) and it looks like fur
- Crochet hook in suitable sizes
- Christmas ornament hooks
- Stuffing or optional: styrofoam balls in suitable size (you may adapt the size of the crocheted ball to fit)
- Optional: some cardboard

Abbreviations (US Terms):

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

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.

Snowman:

White, hook size 2.5 mm

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.-15. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)
16. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
- 17.-22. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (66)
23. (sc 9, dec) x6 (60)
- 24.-28. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)

If you use a styrofoam ball, insert it here.

You may have to adapt it to fit the ball.

29. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
30. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
31. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
32. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
33. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
34. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
35. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

Stuff and shape the ball if you don't use a styrofoam ball.

36. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
37. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, close, weave in loose ends.

Top hat:

Black, hook size 2.5 mm

For the top hat I cut a circle out of cardboard (size after round 9) and put it into the hat to make it straight at the top. The step is not absolutely necessary, however, you must then stuff the top as flat as possible.

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. **BLO:** sc in each st around (54)



- 11.-12. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (54)
13. (sc 16, dec) x3 (51)
- 14.-15. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (51)
16. (sc 15, dec) x3 (48)
- 17.-18. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (48)
19. *FLO*: sc in each st around (48)
20. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
21. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
22. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
23. (sc 10, inc) x6 (72)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Stuff the hat but do not overstuff. The hat has to keep it's shape.

For the hat band, crochet so many chains in the desired color (red with me) so it goes around the top hat and sc along the foundation chain. Fasten off, put around the hat, sew together at the back, weave in loose ends.

Nose:

Orange, hook size 2.0 mm

1. ch 3, join round with a slst, sc 2 in each ch (6)
2. sc in each st around (6)
3. (sc 1, inc) x3 (9)
- 4.-6. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (9)
7. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
- 8.-9. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Stuff the nose.

Eye (make 2):

Black, hook size 2.5 mm

Crochet in joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1).

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Embroider highlights with white thread.

Finishing:

Pin nose, eyes and top hat to the head and sew them on, embroider mouth.

If you like, you can make a hanger loop. Just crochet chains until you reach the desired length and sew it as a loop on the top of the Christmas ball. I used Christmas ornament hooks, putted it directly into the hat.

Santa:

Skin color, hook size 2.5 mm

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.-15. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)
16. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
- 17.-22. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (66)
23. (sc 9, dec) x6 (60)
- 24.-28. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)

If you use a styrofoam ball, insert it here. You may have to adapt it to fit the ball.

29. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
30. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
31. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
32. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
33. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
34. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
35. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

Stuff and shape the ball if you don't use a styrofoam ball.

36. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
37. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, close, weave in loose ends.

Cap:

White fluffy/fancy or just acrylic yarn, hook size in suitable size.

Cap is crocheted top down.

You will start with the bobble:

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4.-6. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
7. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
8. dec x6 (6)

Color change to red, hook size 3.5 mm (because it's not stuffed).

Cap starts here.

9. sc in each st around (6)
10. inc x6 (12)
11. sc in each st around (12)
12. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)



13. sc in each st around (18)
14. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
15. sc in each st around (24)
16. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
17. sc in each st around (30)
18. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
19. sc in each st around (36)
20. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
21. sc in each st around (42)
22. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
23. sc in each st around (48)
24. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
25. sc in each st around (54)
26. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
27. sc in each st around (60)
28. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
- 29.-32. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (66)
Color change to white (same as for the bobble) - the edge of the cap starts here.
- 30.-36. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (66)
Fasten off, weave in loose ends.
Brush the white parts e. g. with a wired grooming brush for pets until it looks very fluffy. If you use fancy yarn (like Schachenmayr Brazilia) you just have to pull out all the fluffy threads outside with a brush or just a comb).

Nose:

Skin color, hook size 2.5 mm

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4.-7. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
8. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Eye (make 2):

Black, hook size 2.5 mm

Crochet in joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1).

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Embroider highlights with white thread.

Beard:

White fluffy/fancy or just acrylic yarn, hook size in suitable size.

Beard is crocheted bottom up.

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

1. ch 2, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc 2, ch 1, turn (2)
2. inc x2, ch 1, turn (4)
3. inc, sc 2, inc, ch 1, turn (6)
4. sc in each st, ch 1, turn (6)
5. inc, sc 4, inc, ch 1, turn (8)
6. sc in each st, ch 1, turn (8)
7. inc, sc 6, inc, ch 1, turn (10)

8. sc in each st, ch 1, turn (10)
9. inc, sc 8, inc, ch 1, turn (12)
10. sc in each st, ch 1, turn (12)
11. inc, sc 10, inc, ch 1, turn (14)
12. sc in each st, ch 1, turn (14)
13. inc, sc 12, inc, ch 1, turn (16)
14. sc in each st, ch 1, turn (16)
15. inc, sc 14, inc, ch 1, turn (18)
16. sc in each st, ch 1, turn (18)
17. inc, sc 16, inc, ch 1, turn (20)
18. inc, sc 18, inc, ch 1, turn (22)
19. inc, sc 20, inc, ch 1, turn (24)
20. inc, sc 22, inc, ch 1, turn (26)
21. inc, sc 24, inc, ch 1, turn (28)

Crochet single crochet stitches around the whole beard, sc 3 in each corner.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Brush the beard like the cap parts before e. g. with a wired grooming brush for pets until it looks very fluffy. If you use fancy yarn (like Schachenmayr Brazilia) you just have to pull out all the fluffy threads at one side with a brush or just a comb).

Finishing:

Pin nose, eyes, beard and cap to the head and sew them on.

If you like, you can make a hanger loop. Just crochet chains until you reach the desired length and sew it as a loop on the top of the Christmas ball. I used Christmas ornament hooks, putted it directly into the cap.

Angel:

Skin color, hook size 2.5 mm

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.-15. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)
16. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
- 17.-22. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (66)
23. (sc 9, dec) x6 (60)
- 24.-28. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)

If you use a styrofoam ball, insert it here.

You may have to adapt it to fit the ball.

29. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
30. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
31. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
32. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
33. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
34. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
35. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

Stuff and shape the ball if you don't use a styrofoam ball.

36. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
37. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, close, weave in loose ends.

Nose:

Skin color, hook size 2.5 mm

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-5. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)
6. (sc 1, dec) x4 (8)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Stuff the nose.

Ear (make 2):

Skin color, hook size 2.5 mm

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. sc in each st around (12)
4. (sc 1, dec) x4 (8)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Flatten the ear, do not stuff.



Eye (make 2):

I used again the wonderful eyes of „mykrissiedolls“ (<http://www.mykrissiedolls.nl/a-40637408/gratis-patronen/ogen/>) - but adapted.

Hook size 2.0 mm

Iris:

Eye color of choice

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)

Color change to white

- 3a. (sc 2, inc) x3 (half the round)

Color change to black

- 3b. (sc 2, inc) x3 (24)

Pupil:

Black

1. ch 2, hdc 9 in MR (9)

Join round with a slip stitch, fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew the pupil on the eye and embroider highlights using white thread.

„Wig“:

Schachenmayr Bravo color No. 08200, hook size 3.5 mm

NOTE: *Of course you can omit this step and tie the hair directly to the head, but then you have to tie in a lot more hair, because you can see the "scalp" shimmering through.*

Can be worked in ether continuous or joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1). I chose to do joined rounds because it makes them more even.

You may have to adapt the size of the wig base by crocheting more or less rounds.

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)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

I show how to make these curls here: (<http://zhaya.de/curly.html>) and how to attach hair to the wig base here: <https://zhaya.de/knothair.html>.

Halo:

Gold, hook size 2.0 mm

Crochet in joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1).

- ch 36, join round with a slst in 1st ch, ch 1, sc 2, inc x12, join round with a slst in 1st st (48)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

If you like, you can enhance the halo with wire, then the whole thing is more stable.

Since the ball is usually not played or moved in any other way, you can also simply get the halo into shape after hanging it up. Of course you can also crochet a larger halo here, then you just have to crochet more chains and of course single crochet stitches.

Finishing:

Pin nose, eyes, ears wig and halo to the head and sew them on, embroider mouth. If you like, you can make a hanger loop. Just crochet chains until you reach the desired length and sew it as a loop on the top of the Christmas ball. I used Christmas ornament hooks, putted it directly into the wig.

