

Santa's Got a Secret!

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1 2 3 4 5 6 EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

4 inches wide x 10½ inches long, excluding Pompom

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight acrylic yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
 - 35 yds #319 cherry red
 - 15 yds #311 white
 - 10 yds #313 Aran
- Red Heart Classic medium (worsted) weight acrylic yarn (3½ oz/190 yds/100g per skein):
 - 5 yds #246 sea coral
- Size F/5/3.75mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- 6mm half-round black cabochons: 2
- ⅝-inch #1090-04 gold jingle bell by Darice
- White chenille stem
- Pink cosmetic blush
- Cotton swab
- Craft glue
- Clips or pins



GAUGE

4 sc = 1 inch; 4 rows = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.



Santa is hiding a gift-card surprise that's cleverly tucked out of sight on the back side. He makes a cute decoration for either a holiday tree or a gift package.

ORNAMENT

BACK

Row 1 (RS): With red, ch 2, 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn. (2 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each st, turn. (4 sc)

Rows 3–7: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st, turn. (14 sc)

Rows 8–15: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 16: Ch 1, sc dec (see *Stitch Guide*) in first 2 sts, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (12 sc)

Row 17: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 18: Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 10, sk next 10 sts, sc in next st, turn. (2 sc, 10 chs)

Row 19: Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in each ch, sc in next st, turn. (12 sc)

Row 20: Rep row 16. (10 sc)

Rows 21–24: [Rep rows 16 and 17 alternately] twice. (6 sc)

Row 25: Rep row 17.

Rows 26 & 27: Rep rows 16 and 17. (4 sc)

Row 28: Rep row 17.

Row 29: Ch 1, sc in first st, sc dec in next 2 sts, sc in last st, turn. (3 sc)

Rows 30–33: Rep row 17.

Row 34: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in next st, turn. (2 sc)

Rows 35–40: Rep row 17.

Row 41: Ch 1, sc dec in 2 sts. Fasten off. (1 sc)

FRONT

Rows 1–12: With white, rep rows 1–12 of Back, in last st of last row, **change color** (see *Stitch Guide*) to coral, turn. (14 sc)

Row 13: Ch 1, sc in **back lp** (see *Stitch Guide*) of each st across, turn.

Rows 14–16: Rep rows 14–16 of Back, in last st of last row, change color to red, turn. (12 sc)

Rows 17–19: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 20–41: Rep rows 20–41 of Back. Fasten off.

HATBAND

Row 1 (RS): With Aran, ch 19, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. (18 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (16 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in each of next 5 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts. Fasten off.

NOSE

Rnd 1: With coral, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, **join** (see *Pattern Notes*) in top of beg ch-2. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: Sc dec in next 5 sts. Leaving a long tail for sewing, fasten off. (1 sc)

POMPOM

Wrap Aran around 3 fingers 25 times and then carefully remove. Slide jingle bell to center of 8-inch

length of Aran and tie tightly around center of wraps. Do not cut the ends of this center tie. Cut folded ends of wraps. Fluff Pom-pom and trim ends even.

ASSEMBLY

1. Thread tail of Nose to WS through center front above beard and secure.

2. With cotton swab, lightly apply blush to cheek area on each side of Nose.

3. Twist ½ inch of each end of chenille stem into a small circle. With WS of Front and Back held tog, clip or pin side edges of Hatband to both layers, having side edges even with ends of rows 13–16 of Front. Insert chenille

stem between layers and place additional clips or pins around as desired.

4. With Front facing and working through all layers, join white in row 12, ch 1, sc evenly sp around in ends of rows and in sts of first and last rows, changing color as needed to match colors of Front, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

5. Glue cabochons to face above Nose where desired.

6. Thread tails of Pom-pom through tip of hat from back to front and tie securely.

7. Insert gift card in slit in Back. Bend tip of hat toward Front to form hanger. **cw**

