



A WARM WELCOME

Crochet Kate Eastwood's showstopping, sparkly wreath to hang on your door each year.



YOU WILL NEED:

- Sirdar Happy Chenille (100% polyester, 15g/38m)
4 balls of **Yarn A Picnic** (27)
 - Sirdar Happy Cotton (100% cotton, 20g/43m)
2 balls of **Yarn B Laundry** (782)
1 ball of each:
Yarn C Chilli (791)
Yarn D Cherryade (754)
Yarn E Shower (762)
Yarn F Biscuit (776)
 - A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
 - A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
 - Wreath base, 30cm diameter
 - 5 polystyrene spheres, 30mm
 - 14 polystyrene spheres, 20mm
 - 6 pipe cleaners, 30cm
 - 4 safety eyes, 3mm (or black embroidery thread)
 - 2 small ribbon bows
 - 4 tiny buttons (or use Yarn B)
 - Co-ordinating ribbon for hanging loop, 25cm
 - Glitter spray (optional)
 - Hot glue gun (optional)
 - Stitch marker
- For yarn stockists contact Sirdar www.sirdar.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Wreath is approximately 30cm (11¾in) across

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Welcome visitors to your home this Christmas with a stunning crocheted wreath – covered in mouthwatering candy canes and gingerbread men, plus baubles and a soft chenille ruffle, it's fabulously festive.

NOTES

The Ruffle is made first, in a long strip. This is wrapped around the wreath base before all the other items are added. Polystyrene spheres are used as the base of the Snowballs and Baubles but they could be stuffed with toy stuffing if preferred. All pieces except the Ruffle are worked in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to use a marker in the first st of the round, moving it up as you work. A hot glue gun has been used to stick all the items to the wreath, but they could be stitched on with a needle and thread if preferred. Optionally, you can spray the finished wreath with glitter spray.

WREATH

RUFFLE

Using Yarn A and a 3.5mm hook, ch401.

Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch to end, turn. [400 sts]

Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st to end, turn.

Row 3 Ch1, (3dc in next st, 2dc in next st) repeat to end.

Fasten off.

Rejoin Yarn A at beg of Row 3 with RS facing.

Row 4 (RS) Ch1, dc in each st to end.

Fasten off.

LARGE BAUBLES (MAKE 2 WITH YARN B, 2 WITH YARN C AND 1 WITH YARN D)

Using a 3mm hook, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]



Work a contrasting chain then secure it around the candy cane for a striped finish.



French knots are used to create the pretty spotted baubles around the wreath.

Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]

Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [16 sts]

Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [20 sts]

Rounds 6-9 Dc in each st around.

Place the polystyrene sphere inside or start to stuff.

Round 10 (3dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [16 sts]

Round 11 (2dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [12 sts]

Round 12 (1dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]

Finish stuffing the Bauble if using toy stuffing.

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK DC IN A SPIRAL



1 Make a foundation ring (see p129) and work the t-ch (1ch for dc). Now work 12 dc stitches into the ring, but do not join the last stitch and first stitch of this first round with a slip stitch.



2 Instead, work the first dc stitch of the second round into the first stitch of the first round. To do this, insert the hook into the stitch, yrh, pull yarn through, yrh and pull the yarn through both loops.



3 Continue to work more rounds of dc stitches in a spiral. On the last round, after the last dc, finish off the spiral for a neat edge: insert hook into the next stitch, yrh and pull through both loops.

Round 13 (Dc2tog) around to close opening.
Fasten off.

**SMALL BAUBLES AND SNOWBALLS
(MAKE 3 WITH YARN B, 2 WITH YARN C,
2 WITH YARN D AND 7 WITH YARN E)**

Using a 3mm hook, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]

Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]

Rounds 4-7 Dc in each st around.

Place the polystyrene sphere inside or start to stuff.

Round 8 (1dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]

Finish stuffing the Bauble if using toy stuffing.

Round 9 (Dc2tog) around to close opening.

Fasten off.

TO FINISH

Using Yarn E, work small French Knots over all the Baubles.

**CANDY CANES (MAKE 3 WITH YARN B
AND 3 WITH YARN D)**

Using a 3mm hook, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 3dc into loop. [3 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [6 sts]

Cont working in a continuous spiral on these 6 sts until tube measures 10cm. Do not fasten off.

TO FINISH

Take a pipe cleaner and fold it into three. Carefully push this inside the crochet tube. Finish top of tube by working dc2tog around to close opening.

Fasten off and sew in ends.

Make 3 chain of 70 sts with Yarn B and 3 with Yarn D.

Attach one end of a contrasting chain to bottom of tube. Wrap chain all around tube from bottom to top and sew a few stitches to hold it in place.

Bend over top of tube to form the Candy Cane shape.

**GINGERBREAD MEN (MAKE 2 WITH
YARN F)**

Worked from the top down.

Using a 3mm hook, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into the loop. [4 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]

Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]

Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [16 sts]

Rounds 5-6 Dc in each st around.

Insert 2 safety eyes, 5 rounds down, with 2 sts between them. Alternatively work 2 French knots in black embroidery thread.

Round 7 (2dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [12 sts]

Round 8 (1dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]

Round 9 Dc in each st around.

Round 10 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]

Rounds 11-16 Dc in each st around, ss in first st of round.

Fasten off.

LEGS

Fold the Gingerbread Man flat, and with Yarn F, ss in a st from both layers from front to back where the join for the legs will be in the centre.

FIRST LEG

Cont working on the rem 7 sts for one Leg opening.

Rounds 17-20 Dc in each st around. [7 sts]

Round 21 (Dc2tog) around to close opening.

SECOND LEG

Rejoin Yarn F at top of second Leg opening and work as for First Leg.

**ARMS (MAKE 2 WITH YARN F FOR EACH
GINGERBREAD MAN)**

Using a 3mm hook, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) 4dc into loop. [4 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]

Rounds 3-6 Dc in each st around, ss in first st of round.

Fasten off.

TO FINISH

Sew the Arms in place.

Stitch on two buttons, or work two French knots with Yarn B.

Sew on the ribbon bows.

Use Yarn D to stitch the mouth.

TO MAKE UP

Wrap the Ruffle all the way round the wreath base. Once you are happy with the positioning, glue or stitch in place.

Using the image as a guide, place all the other pieces in position and glue or stitch in place.

Attach a hanging loop at the top back of the wreath using the co-ordinating ribbon.

Spray the wreath with glitter spray if desired.



Your finished gingerbread man will have bags of personality – he looks good enough to eat!