

# Yellow, Pink and Sparkly

## Christmas Bear

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To make your own Christmas Bear you will need:

Light grey, red and white double knitting yarn  
Small quantities of white and green 4 ply yarn  
3 small shiny red beads  
3mm and 2 mm crochet hooks  
Toy stuffing  
Black embroidery floss

### **PATTERN**

English crochet terms used  
dc (UK) = sc (American)  
htr = hdc  
tr = dc

Finished size – approximately 23 cm (9 inches) tall.

## Body

With red yarn and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc (US = sc) into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, [2 dc into next dc] 5 times.

Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc).

Without breaking off red yarn, join in white yarn.

3rd round: With white yarn, 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next dc, [2 dc into

next dc, 1 dc into next dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (18 dc)

4th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 2 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (24 dc)

5th round: Change to red yarn, 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 3 dc, [2 dc

into next dc, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (30 dc)

6th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 4 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (36 dc)

7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> rounds: Working in 2 row stripes as set, 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

Break off white.

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> rounds: With red, 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

18<sup>th</sup> round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (30 dc)

19<sup>th</sup> round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

20<sup>th</sup> round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (24 dc)

21<sup>st</sup> round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

22<sup>nd</sup> round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (18 dc)

23<sup>rd</sup> round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

24<sup>th</sup> round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 1 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc) Break off red and rejoin white.

25<sup>th</sup> round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

Fasten off and stuff. Do not close the neck opening.



## Head

With light grey and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (9 dc)

3rd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 2 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

4th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

5th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 3 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (15 dc)

6th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 2 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 4 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (20 dc)

7th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 3 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 4 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (25 dc)

8th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 4 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 4 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (30 dc)

9th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

10th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 4 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (36 dc)

11th – 13th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

14th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (30 dc)

15th and 16th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

17th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (24 dc)

18th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

19th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (18 dc)

20th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 1 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

Stuff head at this point.

21st round: 1 ch, [dc2tog,] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. Fasten off and close hole in back of head.

Attach to top of body.

### Ears

With light grey and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, [2 dc into next dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

Fasten off. Sew on to side of head.



Using black embroidery floss, embroider a cute little nose, some eyes and a winning smile.

### Arms

With light grey and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, [2 dc into next dc] 5 times.

Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

3<sup>rd</sup> round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 3 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (15 dc)

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

7<sup>th</sup> round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 3 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

Fasten off light grey and join in white.

13<sup>th</sup> round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc. Break off white and join in red.

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> rounds: sl st into first 3 dc, 1 dc into next 6 dc, sl st into next 3 dc.

Fasten off and stuff (don't over-stuff the upper arms). Do not close opening at top of arm.

Attach to body.

### Legs

With light grey double knitting and 3mm hook, chain 10.

1st round: 1dc into 2nd chain from hook. 1 dc into next 7 ch, 2dc into last chain.

Working other side of foundation chain, work 2 dc into same place as last dcs. 1 dc into next 7 dc, 3 dc into the same chain as 1st dc worked. Sl st into 1st dc. (22dc)

2nd round: 1ch, 1 dc into same stitch as chain, 1dc into next 8 dc, 2 dc into next 2 dc, 1

dc into next 9 dc, 2 dc into 2 dc. Sl st into 1st dc. (26dc)  
 3rd and 4th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.  
 5th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into next 7 dc, [dc2tog] 4 times, 1 dc into next 11 dc. Sl st into 1st dc. (22dc)  
 6th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into next 7 dc, [dc2tog] 2 times, 1 dc into next 11 dc. Sl st into 1st dc. (20dc)  
 7<sup>th</sup> round: 1 ch, 1 dc into next 6 dc, [dc2tog] 2 times, 1 dc into next 10 dc. Sl st into 1st dc. (18dc)  
 8<sup>th</sup> round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 3 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (15 dc)  
 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.  
 Fasten off light grey and join in white.  
 13<sup>th</sup> round: : 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc. Without breaking off white, join in red. Working in 2 row stripes, continue as follows.  
 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc. Break off white.  
 18<sup>th</sup> round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 3 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)  
 Fasten off and stuff. Do not close opening at top of leg.  
 Attach to body.



### Skirt

With red yarn and 3 mm hook, chain 38 and join with a sl st into a loop.  
 1<sup>st</sup> round: work 1 dc into each ch. (38 dc)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 2ch (counts as first htr), 1 htr in same place, 1 htr in next dc, (2 htr in next dc, 1 htr in next dc) repeat to end, join with sl st into first htr. (57 htr)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> round: 2 ch (counts as first htr), 1 htr in same place, 1 htr in next 2 dc, (2 htr in next dc, 1 htr in next 2 dc) repeat to end, join with sl st into first htr. (76 htr)  
 Break off red yarn and join in white.  
 4<sup>th</sup> round: (1 ch, 1 cluster in next dc, 1 ch, sl st into next dc) repeat round hem of skirt.  
 1 cluster = tr3 tog = (yarn round hook, insert hook into next st, wrap yarn round hook, draw loop through 2 of the loops on hook) repeat this step 2 more times – you should have 4 loops on hook – yarn round hook and draw through all the loops on the hook to complete.  
 Attach skirt to body of bear one row above the last white round.



### Headband

With red yarn and 3 mm hook, chain 36 and join into a loop with a sl st. Work 1 dc into each ch, join with a sl st into first dc. Fasten off.

## Flower

With green 4 ply yarn and 2 mm hook, make 2 ch.  
1st round: 6 dc into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.  
Break off green 4 ply and join in white 4 ply.  
2<sup>nd</sup> round: (3 ch, 1 tr in same place, 3 ch, sl st in same place, sl st into next st) repeat 6 times to create the petals. Fasten off.



Sew three shiny red beads into the centre of the flower.  
Attach the flower to the head band.  
Place the headband on the bear's head. This can be sewn into place if desired.



And there she is...



Of course she doesn't have to be just for Christmas – try a different colour scheme for a birthday gift.

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