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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft®:** 1 ball each 9440 Light Grey Heather **A**, 4601 Off White **B**, 4614 Black **C**, and 4608 Wine **D**

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:**  
4mm [US G-6]

Yarn needle, 4 stitch markers, fiberfill, 1 pair 6 mm black safety eyes, 2 1/2" (7.5 cm) length of floral stem wire (optional for tail)

**GAUGE:** 18 sc = 4" (10cm);  
22 rows = 4" (10cm) in single  
crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**  
Use any size hook to obtain the  
gauge.



**RED HEART® Soft®**,  
Art. E728 available in  
solid color 5 oz (141 g),  
256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g),  
204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz  
(113g), 212 yd (194m) balls

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# Raccoon Ornament

*This playful crochet raccoon will sit sweetly  
on your mantel or add a woodland touch to  
your tree. He wears warm mittens for playing  
in the snow!*

Raccoon measures 7" (18 cm) tall

## Special Stitch

**sc2tog** = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## Special Technique

**Adjustable-ring method**-Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring. After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

## Notes

1. Only small quantities of **B**, **C**, and **D** are needed for this project.
2. Gauge is not critical for this project. Work tightly so stuffing does not show through stitches.
3. For sections worked in continuous rounds, place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed. Do not join rounds until instructed to do so.
4. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. In some cases, the old color can be carried up the wrong side (inside) of the piece when next needed. This will reduce the number of ends to weave in later.

## RACCOON

### Body and head

**Note:** Insert stuffing firmly every few rounds. With **A**, make an adjustable ring.

**Round 1 (right side):** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

**Round 2:** Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

**Round 3:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

**Round 4:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—24 sc.

**Round 5:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—30 sc.

**Round 6:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—36 sc.

**Rounds 7–18:** Sc in each sc around.

**Round 19:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—30 sc.

**Round 20:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—24 sc.

**Round 21:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—18 sc.

**Rounds 22 and 23:** Sc in each sc around.

**Round 24:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—24 sc.

**Round 25:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—30 sc. Place stitch marker on this round for placement of nose.

**Round 26:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—36 sc.

**Round 27:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc] 6 times—42 sc. Place stitch marker on this round for placement of nose.

**Round 28:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc] 6 times—48 sc.

**Round 29:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc] 6 times—54 sc.

**Rounds 30–32:** Sc in each sc around. Place stitch marker on round 30 for placement of eye patch.

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**Round 33:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sc] 6 times—48 sc.  
**Round 34:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sc] 6 times—42 sc.  
**Round 35:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc] 6 times—36 sc. Place stitch marker on this round for placement of eye patch.  
**Round 36:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—30 sc.  
**Round 37:** Sc in each sc around.  
**Round 38:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—24 sc.  
**Round 39:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—18 sc.  
**Round 40:** [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 6 times—12 sc.  
**Round 41:** Sc2tog 6 times; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc.  
 Fasten off. Insert more stuffing as needed for a firm head. Weave tail through last sts and pull tightly.

## Nose

With **B**, make an adjustable ring.  
**Round 1 (right side):** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.  
**Round 2:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice—8 sc.  
**Round 3:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] twice—10 sc.  
**Round 4:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] twice—12 sc.  
**Round 5:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 4 times; join with slip st in first sc—16 sc.  
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Insert stuffing. Using photograph as a guide for shape, with **C** and short stitches, embroider a snout on nose from center of Round 1 over upper stitches of Round 2. Sew nose to head between Rounds 25 and 27.

## Eye patch (make 2)

With **C**, ch 6.

**Row 1 (right side):** Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 ch, 2 sc in last ch, turn—7 sc.

**Rows 2 and 3:** Ch 1, sc in each sc, turn; change to **B** at end of Row 3. Fasten off **C**, leaving a long tail for sewing.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 6 sc, slip st in last sc.

Fasten off; leaving a long tail for sewing. Turn one eye patch to wrong side. Attach safety eyes close to inner edges. Sew eye patches between markers at Rounds 30 and 35.

## Paws (make 2)

With **A**, make an adjustable ring.

**Round 1 (right side):** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

**Rounds 2–9:** Sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc at end of Round 9—6 sc.  
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Position paws downward diagonally over body and sew last round only to upper half of body.

## Feet (make 2)

Work same as Rounds 1–3 of paws; join with slip st in first sc at end of Round 3.  
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Insert stuffing firmly. Sew feet to bottom of body.

## Ears (make 2)

With **A**, make an adjustable ring.

**Round 1 (right side):** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

**Rounds 2 and 3:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rounds 4 and 5:** Work same as Rounds 2 and 3 of nose; join with slip st in first sc at end of Round 5—10 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Insert stuffing firmly. With **C** and with short stitches, embroider small triangles over Rounds 4 and

5 for inner ears. Using photograph as a guide for placement, sew ears to head.

## Tail

**Note:** Insert stuffing firmly every few rounds.

With **C**, make an adjustable ring.

**Round 1 (right side):** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

**Round 2:** Work 2 sc in each sc around; change to **A**—12 sc.

**Rounds 3–5:** Sc in each sc around; change to **C** at end of Round 5.

**Rounds 6 and 7:** Sc in each sc around; change to **A** at end of Round 7.

**Round 8:** Sc in each sc around.

**Round 9:** [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 4 times—8 sc.

**Round 10:** Sc in each sc around; change to **C**.

**Rounds 11 and 12:** Sc in each sc around; change to **A** at end of Round 12.

**Rounds 13–15:** Sc in each sc around; join with slip st to first sc at end of Round 15.

**Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.** (Optional: carefully insert floral stem wire, trimming if necessary so that it doesn't extend out of tail.) Bend tail to desired shape. With edges of last round held together, sew tail closed. Holding tail horizontally, sew to right backside of body.

## Mittens (make 2)

With **D**, make an adjustable ring.

**Round 1 (right side):** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

**Round 2:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times; change to **B**—9 sc.

**Round 3:** Sc in each sc around; change to **D**.

**Rounds 4 and 5:** Sc in each sc around; change to **B** at end of Round 5.

**Round 6:** Sc in each sc around; change to **D**.

**Round 7:** [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 3 times; join with slip st to first st—6 sc.

Fasten off. Weave in ends. Flatten mitten. With **D** and a few small straight stitches, embroider thumbs to inner side of each mitten between Rounds 3 and 4. To form fringe, cut 4 lengths of **B**, each 3" (7.5 cm) long. \*Hold 2 lengths together and fold them in half forming a loop at the fold. Insert crochet hook in last round of mitten centered over top side, place fold of strands on hook and draw loop through. Insert ends of folded strands into loop and pull to tighten. Repeat from \* for second mitten. Unravel strands of yarn and trim fringe to desired length. Place mittens on paws.

## FINISHING

To make hanging loop, cut a length of **A** 15" (38 cm) long, thread through top of head, and tie ends in a knot.  
 Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C** = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

