



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 1 ball each 9010 Charcoal A, 4601 Off White B, 4614 Black C, 1882 Toast D, 9621 True Green E, 4420 Guacamole F, and 4608 Wine G

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

Yarn needle, stitch marker, fiberfill, 1 pair 9 mm black safety eyes, 3" (7.5 cm) length of floral stem wire (optional for tail)

GAUGE: 20 sc = 4" (10cm);
23 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

SHOP KIT



Squirrel Ornament

Go for a natural woodland look this year and add this adorable squirrel to your mantel or tree. He's crocheted with a nice long tail and has a cute face that is topped with a winter hat.

Squirrel measures 7" (17.8 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, D, E, F,** and **G** 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.

SQUIRREL

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.

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

Rounds 27–32: Sc in each sc around. Place stitch marker between Rounds 31 and 32 for eye placement.

Round 33: [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 34: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 35: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 36: Sc2tog 9 times—9 sc.

Round 37: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 3 times; join with slip st to first st—6 sc.

Fasten off. Attach safety eyes between marked rounds, 8 sts apart. Insert more stuffing as needed for a firm head. Weave tail through last sts and pull tightly. Using photograph as a guide, with **B**, embroider straight stitches over Rounds 29–31 to form ovals around eyes.

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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; change to **A**—8 sc. Fasten off **B**.

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 to first st—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 to top of nose. Sew nose to head between Rounds 24–28.

BELLY PATCH

Working from bottom up, with **B**, 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 2–14: Ch 1, sc in each sc, turn.

Row 15: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 5 sc, slip st in last sc—4 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew belly patch to front of body.

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 2–11: Sc in each sc around; join with slip st to first st at end of Round 11—6 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Fold the first few rounds. Position paws diagonally with ends of paws near head and sew to body at midpoint of sides.

FEET (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 2–4: Sc in each sc around. Insert stuffing.

Round 5: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times—9 sc.

Round 6: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 3 times—12 sc.

Rounds 7–9: Sc in each sc around. Insert stuffing loosely.

Round 10: Sc2tog 6 times; join with slip st to first st—6 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew feet to sides near bottom of body.

EARS (make 2)

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

Round 1 (right side): Work 4 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—4 sc.

Round 2: Sc in each sc around.

Round 3: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] twice—6 sc.

Round 4: Sc in each sc around.

Round 5: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice; join with slip st to first st—8 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew ears to head.

TAIL

Note: Insert stuffing firmly every few rounds.

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] 6 times—12 sc.

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

Rounds 4–11: Sc in each sc around.

Round 12: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 6 times—12 sc.

Rounds 13–20: Sc in each sc around.

Round 21: Sc2tog 6 times; join with slip st to next sc; join with slip st to first st—6 sc. 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. Hold edges of Round 21 together; with yarn tail, sew last round of tail closed, then sew tail to lower backside of body off center so that the tail is visible from the front.

HAT

Note: When changing color, carry yarn not in use on wrong side.

With **E**, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

Rounds 2 and 3: Sc in each sc around.

Round 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times; change to **F**—9 sc.

Rounds 5 and 6: Sc in each sc around; change to **E**.

Round 7: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 3 times—12 sc.

Round 8: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 9: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times; change to **F**—24 sc.

Rounds 10 and 11: Sc in each sc around; change to **E**. Fasten off **F**.

Round 12: Sc in next 8 sc, *ch 5, sc in next 8 sc, repeat from * once; change to **G**—24 sc and 2 ch-5 sps. Fasten off **E**.

Round 13: Dc in next 8 sc, *3 sc in next ch-5 space, dc in next 8 sc; repeat from * once; join with slip st to first dc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing if hat to head (optional). Place hat on head and pull ears through ch-5 spaces. Stitch hat in place, if desired. To form fringe, cut 4 lengths of **B**, each 3" (7.5 cm) long. Hold 4 lengths together and fold them in half forming a loop at the

fold. Insert crochet hook in top of hat, place fold of strands on hook and draw loop through. Insert ends of folded strands into loop and pull to tighten. Unravel strands of yarn and trim fringe to desired length.

FINISHING

To make hanging loop, cut a length of **E** 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; **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **sp(s)** = space(s); **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

