



## Racy Raccoon Ornament

*Using a multi-color yarn gives this raccoon colorful markings along with his red mask and tail striping. He's easy to crochet in the colors of your choice and will add a clever note to your holiday tree.*

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**Measurement:** 8½" long, (nose to tail)

**RED HEART® Soft™** 1 skein each 9935 Waterscape **A**, 5142 Cherry Red **B**, 2515 Turquoise **C**.

**Crochet Hook:** 3.75mm [US F-5].

Stitch marker, yarn needle, 8 mm post & washer eyes (safety eyes), black embroidery floss & embroidery needle, sewing thread & needle, fiberfill stuffing.

**GAUGE:** 22 sts = 4"; 24 rows = 4" **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

### Special Abbreviations

**Sc2tog** = [draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

### Special Technique

**Adjustable loop:** Wrap yarn around two fingers to make a ring, hold ring and tail firmly. 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 tail to close the ring.

**NOTES:** Place marker at the first stitch of each round. Rounds are not joined unless otherwise stated.

Legs & mask are worked separately and sewn on using yarn tails or matching sewing thread. For a neater finish on the smaller components use sewing thread.

Head, body and tail are made in one piece and beginning at nose and work downwards.

Tail is worked in stripes. Color changes are made in the YO of the last st. For a neater stripe transition, the color change occurs on the underside of the tail. When working stripes, do not carry non-working yarn. Non-working can be loosely float across the back of the sts, making certain not to pull too tightly when making first color change st.

### MASK

With **B**, ch 11

**Row 1:** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 3 chs, slip st in next ch, hdc in next 4 chs – 9 sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 2, working on underside of beginning ch, hdc in next 4 chs, slip st in next ch, hdc in last 4 chs, join to beginning st with slip st. Fasten off leaving 8" tail for weaving.

### HEAD & BODY

**Round 1:** With **A**, make 6 sc in adjustable loop (6 sts).

**Round 2:** Sc in each st around – 6 sts.

**Round 3:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in st; repeat from \* around – 9 sts.

**Round 4:** Sc in each st around – 9 sts.

**Round 5:** \*2 sc in each st; repeat from \* around – 18 sts.

**Round 6:** \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 24 sts.

**Round 7:** \*Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 30 sts.

**Round 8:** \*Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 36 sts.

**Rounds 9-11:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 12:** \*Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 30 sts.

**Round 13:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 14:** \*Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 24 sts.



**Round 15:** \*Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 18 sts.

Using the picture as a guide, attach mask to face with matching sewing thread. Poke safety eyes through the mask and head layers. Snap the washer onto the post securely. Continue with Round 16.

**Round 16:** \*Sc in next st, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 12 sts.

**Round 17:** Sc in each st around – 12 sts.

Continue stuffing the body as rounds are worked.

**Round 18:** 2 sc in each st – 24 sts.

**Round 19:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 36 sts.

**Rounds 20-29:** Sc in each st – 36 sts.

**Round 30:** \*Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 30 sts.

**Round 31:** \*Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 24 sts.

**Round 32:** \*Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 18 sts.

**Round 33:** \*Sc in next st, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 12 sts.

**Round 34:** \*Sc in next st, sc2tog; repeat from \* around, changing to **C** in last st and fastening off **A** – 8 sts.

**Round 35:** Sc in each st – 8 sts.

**Round 36:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 12 sts.

**Round 37:** Sc in next 6 sts, changing to **B** in last st, do not fasten off **C**, with **B** sc in next 6 sts – 12 sts.

**Round 38:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 18 sts.

**Round 39:** Sc in 9 sts, changing to **C** in last st, do not fasten off **B**, with **C** sc in next 9 sts – 18 sts.

**Round 40:** Sc in each st – 18 sts.

**Round 41:** Sc in next 9 sts, changing to **B** in last st, do not fasten off **C**, with **B** sc in next 9 sts – 18 sts.

**Round 42:** Sc in each st – 18 sts.

**Round 43:** \*Sc in next st, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 12 sts.

**Round 44:** Sc in next 6 sts, changing to **C** in last st, fasten off **B**, with **C** sc in next 6 sts – 12 sts.

**Round 45:** \*Sc in next st, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 8 sts.

**Round 46:** Sc in each st around – 8 sts.

**Round 47:** Sc2tog around – 4 sts.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

### EARS (Make 2)

Using **A**, ch 6

**Row 1:** Sc in back ridge of 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc in back ridge of each ch across – 5 sts.

**Row 2-5:** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st.

Fasten off, leaving 8" tail for sewing.

Fold square in half in a triangle shape. Using the yarn tail, and yarn needle, seam the edges. Using the photo as a guide, attach ears to head by sewing.

### FRONT LEGS (make 2)

Using **C**, ch 5, join with slip st to form a ring

**Row 1:** Ch 1, 5 sc in ring – 5 sc.

**Row 2:** Sc in each st – 5 sc.

**Rows 3 & 4:** Repeat Row 2. Fasten off after row 4. Stuff lightly. With yarn needle and tail, weave tail through opening to close hole.

### BACK LEGS (make 2)

Using **C**, Make 6 sc in adjustable loop – 6 sts.

**Round 1:** 2 sc in each st – 12 sts.

**Rounds 2 & 3:** Sc in each st.

**Round 4:** \*Sc in next st, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 8 sts.

**Round 5:** (Sc in next st, sc2tog) twice, sc in last 2 sts – 6 sts.

**Round 6:** Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts – 5 sts.

**Rounds 7-10:** Sc in each st around – 5 sts.

Fasten off after round 10. Stuff lightly. With tapestry needle and tail, weave tail through opening to close hole.

### FINISHING

Using photo as a guide, attach the legs using the yarn tail.

Weave in ends.



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**ABBREVIATIONS:** **A, B, C** = Color A, B, C;  
**ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **dec** = decrease(s)(d) (ing); **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **slip st** = slip stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **\*** or **\*\*** = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.