CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

Coats® Crème de la Creme® :1 ball each in 905 Rally Red **A**, 1 White **B**, 12 Black **C**, 255 Tearose **D** and 205 Golden Yellow **E**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5.0 mm [US H-8]

Yarn needle, Pompom maker

GAUGE: 14 sc = 4" (10 cm); 15 rows = 4" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the specified gauge.

COATS® Crème De La Crème®, Art. 149 available in solid color 2.5 oz (71 g), 126 yd (115 m) and multi color 2 oz (57 g), 99 yd (90 m) balls

Mr. Claus Potholder

Potholder is 12" (30.5 cm) tall x 8" (20 cm) at widest point

Special Abbreviations

sc2tog (sc dec) = Insert hook into st and draw up a loop. Insert hook into next st and draw up a loop. Yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Chain Stitch Embroidery: Make a slip knot but do not place it on hook. Hold slip knot on wrong side of fabric. Insert hook from right side of fabric through to wrong side. Place slip knot on hook, draw loop to right side. Insert hook from right side to wrong side through next desired stitch or space, yarn over, draw loop to right side and through loop on hook (surface chain stitch made). To end a line of surface chain stitches, draw up a loop on right side of fabric. Remove hook from loop and take hook to wrong side of fabric. Insert hook from wrong side to right side, place loop on hook, draw loop through to wrong side of fabric. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Draw tail through final loop and pull tight.

NOTES

1. When changing colors, insert hook and draw up a loop with old color, switch to new color, yo and pull through the 2 loops on the hook, continue with new color.
2. To use Potholder as an oven mitt, make Back. The Right Arm creates thumb pocket, the Head and Body creates the hand pocket. Do not make Left Arm, this is the opening to the pocket.

FRONT

Body

With **A**, ch 2

Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, slip st to first sc to join.

Round 2: Ch 2 (counts as st here and throughout), turn, sc in same st, work 2 sc in each st around, slip st to top of beginning ch to join – 12 sts.

Round 3: Ch 2, turn, sc in same st, sc in next st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 5 times, slip st to top of beginning ch – 18 sts.

Round 4: Ch 2, turn, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 5 times, slip st to top of beginning ch – 24 sts.

Round 5: Ch 2, turn, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 5 times, slip st to top of beginning ch – 30 sts.

Round 6: Ch 2, turn, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] 5 times, slip st to top of beginning ch – 36 sts.

Round 7: Ch 2, turn, sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] 5 times, slip st to top of beginning ch – 42 sts.

Round 8: Ch 2, turn, sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] 5 times, slip st to top of beginning ch – 48 sts.

Round 9: Ch 2, turn, sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] 5 times, slip st to top of beginning ch – 54 sts.

Round 10: Ch 2, turn, sc in same st, sc in next 8 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] 5 times, slip st to top of beginning ch – 60 sts.

Left Arm

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in next 9 sts.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, skip first sc, sc in 8 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, skip first sc, sc in 7 sc.

Row 4: Change to **B**, ch 1, turn. Do not cut **A**. skip first sc, sc in next 6 sc.

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sc.

Row 6: Change to **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sc.

Row 7: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog.

Row 8: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sc.

Row 9: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog.

Row 10: Ch 1, turn, skip first sc, sc in next sc, sc2tog, turn to work along edge of rows, slip st in next 3 rows, (hdc, dc, hdc, slip st) in next row for Thumb.

Fasten off.

Left Leg

With right side facing, skip 4 sc along edge of Front from Left Arm, join **A** in next sc.

Row 1: Ch 1, work 8 sc across.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 8 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 8 sc.

Row 4: Change to **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sc, sc2tog.

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sc.

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sc.

Row 7: Change to **C**, ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sc.

Row 8: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog.

Row 9: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sc.

Row 10: Ch 1, turn to work along edge of rows, (hdc, dc) in next row, (hdc, sc, slip st) in next row.

Fasten off.

Right Leg

With wrong side facing, skip 9 sc along edge of Front from edge of Left Leg. Join **A** in next st and work as for Left Leg.

Right Arm

With wrong side facing, skip 4 sc along edge of Front from edge of Right Leg. Join **A** in next st and work as for Left Arm.

Beard

With right side facing, join **B** in first sc after Left Arm.

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in next 8 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc to last 2 sts, sctog.

Repeat Row 2 until 1 st remains.

Fasten off.

Fold Beard to right side of Front.

Head

Row 1: Join **B** in first st of Beard, working through sts of both layers of Beard and Front, work 9 sc across.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, skip next sc, sc in each sc.

Row 3: Repeat Row 2.

Rows 4 – 5: Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sc.

Rows 6-7: Change to **D**, ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sc.

Row 8-9: Change to **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sc.

Row 10: Change to **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sc.

With **A**, repeat Row 2 until 1 st remains. Fasten off.

BACK

With **A** only, work Body and Right Arm as for Front.

FINISHING

Using **C**, embroider 2 French knots on Front Head for eyes. Using **A**, embroider 1 French Knot for nose.

With wrong sides together, join **A** through both layers of Front and Back at edge of Left Arm, sc evenly around edges working through sts of both layers of Body and Head to tip of Head, ch 20 for hanging loop, slip st in same st, sc though sts of both layers of remaining edge of Head, Right Arm and Body to edge of Right Leg. Fasten off.

With **B** make a pompom and tie on to hanging loop.

Belt

With **C**, ch 21, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across.

Fasten off.

Using **E**, work Chain Stitch embroidery to make a square in center of Belt for Buckle.

Sew Belt across Front.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, etc = color A, B, etc; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.