

Deck the halls

'Tis the season to be jolly, says a favorite Christmas carol. And what better way to enjoy these festive holidays than to decorate your home with quality crocheted Christmas decorations!?



Cover two round foam pillow forms with our "Mr. & Mrs. Claus Pillows" and watch your guests smile when they first see them on the sofa or guest-room bed!

Mr. & Mrs. Claus Pillows

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DIRECTIONS

Easy

SIZE

12 inches in diameter

MATERIALS

- 4-ply yarn:
3½ oz fluffy white
3½ oz white
3½ oz coral
3½ oz red
Small amount rose
Small amount green ombre
Small amount black
- Crochet hook size G/6 (4.50mm)
- ½ yd ¼-inch-wide green gros grain ribbon
- 2 round 12-inch-diameter pillow forms
- Sewing needle and thread
- Fiberfill
- Yarn needle

GAUGE

3 hdc = 1 inch.

Note: 2-hdc cluster: [Yo, insert hook, draw up a lp] 2 times in same st, yo, draw through all lps on hook.

SANTA

PILLOW FRONT TOP HALF

Row 1: With red yarn, ch 3, 7 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, ch 1, turn. (8)

Row 2: Sc in each st across, draw up a lp of coral, ch 1, turn.

Row 3: With coral, ch 2, hdc in same st as ch-2, 2 hdc in each next 7 hdc, turn. (16)

Row 4: Ch 2, hdc in each hdc across, turn.

Row 5: Ch 2, hdc across, inc 8 hdc evenly sp across, turn. (24)

Row 6: Rep Row 4.

Row 7: Ch 2, hdc across, inc 6 hdc evenly sp across, turn. (30)

Row 8: Rep Row 4.

Rows 9-12: Rep Rows 7 and 8. (42)
At the end of Row 12, draw up a lp of fluffy white, fasten off coral.

Row 13: Working in back lps only, sc across, inc 6 sc evenly sp across, turn. (48)

Row 14: Ch 2, 2-hdc cluster in each st across, turn.

Row 15: Rep Row 14, draw up a lp of red, fasten off fluffy white.

Row 16: Ch 2, hdc across, inc 6 hdc evenly sp across, turn. (54)

Rows 17-19: Ch 2, hdc in each hdc across, turn.

At the end of Row 19, fasten off.

PILLOW FRONT BOTTOM HALF

Row 1: With red yarn, ch 3, 7 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, draw up a lp of fluffy white, fasten off red, turn. (8)

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc across, inc 5 hdc evenly sp across, turn. (13)

Row 3: Ch 2, hdc across, inc 6 hdc evenly sp across, turn. (19)

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first hdc, [2 front post tr around post of next hdc, sc in next hdc] 9 times, turn. (28)

Row 5: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn. (28)

Row 6: Ch 1, [front post tr around next hdc, sc in next hdc] 14 times, turn.

Row 7: Rep Row 5.

Row 8: Ch 1, [sc in hdc, 2 front post tr around next hdc] 14 times, turn. (42)

Row 9: Rep Row 5.

Row 10: Ch 1, [front post tr around next hdc, sc in next hdc] 21 times, turn.

Row 11: Rep Row 5.

Row 12: Rep Row 8 between brackets 21 times. (63)

Row 13: Rep Row 5.

Row 14: Ch 1, [sc in next hdc, front post tr around next hdc] 31 times, sc in next hdc, turn. (63)

Rows 15-17: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

At the end of Row 17, fasten off.

CHEEKS (make 2)

Row 1: With rose, ch 3, 8 dc in 3rd ch from hook, turn. (9)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in next 3 dc, 2 sc in each next 3 dc, sc in next 3 dc, fasten off. (12)

EYES (make 2)

Row 1: With black, ch 3, 8 dc in 3rd ch from hook, turn. (9)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each next 9 dc, fasten off.

EYEBROWS (make 2)

Row 1: With fluffy white, ch 11, 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc in each next 2 chs, hdc in each next 7 chs, fasten off.

MUSTACHE

With fluffy white, ch 28, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, dc in each next 10 chs, sl st in

next ch, dc in each next 10 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in next 2 chs, fasten off.

FRONT FINISHING

With yarn needle, sew top and bottom front sections of pillow tog at center. Sew cheeks on top half, touching joining seam. Sew eyes above cheeks. Sew eyebrows above eyes. Sew mustache to center front of pillow with center sl st at center of nose.

PILLOW BACK

Rnd 1: With red yarn, ch 5, join to form a ring, ch 2, 15 hdc in ring, sl st to join in beg ch-2, do not turn. (16)

Rnds 2-12: Ch 2, hdc around, inc 8 hdc evenly sp around, sl st to join in beg ch-2, do not turn. (104)

Rnd 13: Ch 2, hdc in each hdc around, sl st to join in top of beg ch-2, fasten off.

With wrong sides of pillow front and back tog, sew around entire outer edge, inserting pillow form at the halfway point.

POMPON

With fluffy white, make a 2-inch pompon and sew to left side of head at seam.

MRS. CLAUS

PILLOW FRONT TOP HALF

Row 1: With red, ch 3, 7 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, draw up a lp of coral, fasten off red, turn. (8)

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in same hdc as ch-2, 2 hdc in each hdc across, turn. (16)

Row 3: Ch 2, hdc in each hdc across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 2, hdc across, inc 6 hdc evenly sp across, turn. (22)

Rows 5-10: Rep Rows 3 and 4. (40)

Row 11: Ch 2, hdc across, inc 1 hdc, turn. (41)

Row 12: With coral, ch 2, hdc in next 9 hdc, with white, work 1 hdc and 1 front post tr in each of next 6 hdc, with coral, hdc in next 9 hdc, with white, work 1 hdc and 1 front post tr in each of next 6 hdc, with coral, hdc in next 10 hdc, turn. (53)

Row 13: With coral, ch 2, hdc in next 7 sts, with white, hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in each next 2 sts, with coral, hdc in next 5 sts, with white, 2 hdc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 14 sts, with coral, hdc in next 8 sts, fasten off coral, turn. (57)

Row 14: With white, ch 2, hdc in next 7 sts, [front post tr around next st, hdc in next st] 21 times, hdc in next 7 sts, turn.

Row 15: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Row 16: Ch 3, [front post tr around next st, hdc in next st] 28 times, turn.

Rows 17 & 18: Rep Rows 15 and 16.

Row 19: Ch 1, sc in each next 57 sts, fasten off.

PILLOW FRONT BOTTOM HALF

Rows 1-10: Rep Rows 1-10 of pillow front top half. (40)

Row 11: Ch 2, hdc across, inc 6 hdc evenly sp across, turn. (46)

Row 12: Ch 2, hdc in each hdc across, turn.

Rows 13 & 14: Rep Rows 11 and 12. (52)

Row 15: Rep Row 12.

Row 16: Working across straight edge (ends of rows), ch 1, sc evenly sp across edge, fasten off.

EYES (make 2)

Row 1: With black yarn, ch 3, 10 dc in 3rd ch from hook, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in each st across, fasten off.

CHEEKS (make 2)

Rnd 1: With rose, ch 3, 10 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, sl st to join in first hdc. (10)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, work 2 sc in each hdc around, join. (20)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around, join, fasten off. (30)

HAIR BUN

Rnd 1: With white yarn, ch 3, 12 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, sl st to join in first hdc. (12)

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 1 front post tr around same st as ch-2, [hdc in next st, front post tr in same st as last hdc] rep around, join. (24)

Rnd 3: Ch 2, hdc around, inc 12 hdc evenly sp around, join. (36)

Rnd 4: Ch 2, front post tr around next hdc, [hdc in next hdc, front post tr around next hdc] rep around, join. (36)

Rnd 5: Ch 2, hdc in each st around, join.

Rnd 6: Rep Rnd 4, fasten off.

NECK LACE

Row 1: With white yarn, ch 40, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (39)

Row 2: Ch 2, sk 1 sc, sc in next sc, [ch 1, sk 1 sc, sc in next sc] rep across, turn. (19 ch sps)

Row 3: Ch 1, sk first sc, sc in ch sp, [sc in next sc, sc in next ch sp] 18 times, turn. (37 sc)

Rows 4 & 5: Ch 1, sk first sc, sc in each sc across to within last sc, turn. (33)

Row 6: Ch 1, sk first 2 sc, [sc in next 6 sc, dec 1 sc over next 2 sc] 3 times, sc in next 5 sc, ch 1, turn. (26)

Row 7: Ch 1, sk first 2 sc, sc in next 7 sc, dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, sc in next 4 sc, dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, sc in next 7 sc, turn. (20)

Row 8: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 9: Ch 1, sk first 2 sc, sc in next 16 sc, sk last 2 sc, turn. (16)

Row 10: Ch 1, sk first 2 sc, sc in next 12 sc, sk last 2 sc, fasten off. (12)

Row 11: Working across opposite side of foundation ch, attach white, [ch 4, sl st in next ch] rep across, turn.

Rows 12 & 13: [Ch 4, sl st in next ch lp] rep across, turn.

At the end of Row 13, fasten off.

Cut green ribbon in half. Starting at outside edge and weaving to center, weave each length of ribbon through ch sps of Row 2 of neck lace. Tie ends tog at center in a bow. With sewing needle and thread, sew outer edge ends to wrong side of neck lace to secure.

HOLLY

With green ombre yarn, ch 22, sc in 2nd ch from hook, working 1 st in each rem ch, sc in next ch, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 1 tr, 1 dc, 1 hdc, sc in each next 2 chs, sl st in each next 3 chs, sc in each next 2 chs, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 1 tr, 1 dc, 1 hdc, sc in each next 2 chs, fasten off.

BERRIES

With red yarn, [ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook] 3 times, fasten off.

PILLOW BACK

Rnds 1-13: With white yarn, rep Rnds 1-13 of Santa pillow back.

FINISHING

With yarn needle, sew top and bottom front sections of pillow tog at center. Sew cheeks to each side of face. Sew eyes above cheeks.

Sew front and back pillow sections tog, inserting pillow form at halfway point.

Sew neck lace to bottom of pillow with Rows 11-13 toward face.

Stuff hair bun with fiberfill. With yarn needle and length of white yarn, sew to center top of head.

Sew holly leaves at base of bun and sew berries at center of leaves. *