



Minimals Itsy Bitsy Christmas

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★ Pattern Notes

Terminology

This pattern is written in American crochet terminology, which differs from British terminology in some instances. The following table of terms used in this pattern will help should you wish to translate one to the other.

American (US)		British (UK)	
ch	chain	ch	chain
Slst	slip stitch	ss	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet
hdc	half double crochet	htr	half treble crochet
skip		miss	

Abbreviations & Symbols

cm	centimeters
invdec	invisible decrease
mm	millimeters
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
()	Round brackets indicate: A group of stitches to be worked into the same stitch or space, or The amount of stitches you should have on completion of the round or row it follows, or Explanatory notes within the pattern.
[]	Square brackets contain a group of stitches to be worked the amount of times indicated after the brackets
"	inches

Special Stitch Explanations:

Invdec

This is a good way of decreasing in amigurumi when you need a tight, smooth fabric as this technique will eliminate bumps and holes in the fabric and will be almost completely invisible.

Insert hook into front loop only of first stitch, do not wrap yarn, insert hook into front loop only of next stitch. You will now have a total of three loops on your hook. Wrap your yarn around hook and pull through both of the 2 front loops on the hook, wrap yarn around hook again and pull through last 2 loops on hook. You have now 'invisibly' decreased by one stitch.

Surface Crochet

Work the stitches by inserting your hook under the posts of the existing crochet. (figs. 1-4)

Surface Crochet Pictures:



fig.1 Pull up a loop of yarn in between two rounds of crochet. Make 1 ch (counts as first sc)



fig.2 insert hook under next post and pull up a loop.



fig.3 You now have 2 loops on hook. Yarn over and pull through both loops to create your sc.



fig.4 Repeat steps from **figs.2-3** for the required amount of stitches. Finish the round with a Slst to first st.

Color Changing:

Make all color changes in the last 2 loops of the final stitch of the old color.

Tips for Neater Color Changes (optional):

1. Make the first stitch in the new color a slip stitch instead of a single crochet. (Don't pull the slip stitch too tight or it will be difficult to crochet into in the next round)
2. On narrow stripes (1-2 rounds), add 1 extra stitch of the old color to the end of every color change round (move marker up a stitch to reflect new start of round). This extra stitch will help to counteract the shortness of the slip stitch that replaced the single crochet.

Color Change Ends:

Tie off and trim your color change ends as you go. Tie securely on the inside of your work. With amigurumi crochet it can be difficult to reach the ends once you have crocheted too many rows above.

For repeating stripes carry the unused color up the inside of the work to save keep cutting and re-tying.

Embroidered Stitches:

To hide the starting and fastening off ends of the embroidered stitches on the face, first thread your yarn needle with the appropriate yarn. Tie a knot in the end of your yarn and push needle into and out of toy between crochet stitches, coming out where you want the first embroidery stitch to be. As you pull on the yarn the polyester toy filling will catch the knot securely inside the toy. When you have worked the required embroidery stitches you can finish off by passing the needle in and out between different crochet stitches a few times until the yarn is securely caught up in the polyester filling. When secure, pull on end of yarn and snip off close to toy.

Stitch Marker use:

Place marker in first stitch of each round. Move marker up with each completed round.

Stitch Placement: Work in both loops of the stitch unless specified otherwise.

Gauge (Tension):

Exact gauge is not crucial for this pattern. Just make sure your crochet hook is small enough to create a tight fabric that the stuffing can't poke through.

With the yarn and hook specified Itsy Bitsy Christmas people measure approximately 2 ½" -4" (6 - 10 cm) tall

Materials for each

1	Light worsted weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following color suggestions:				
		Head	Body	Arms	Legs
	Snowman	White	White	White	White
	Santa	Light Pink	Green	Light Pink/Red	Black
	Angel	Light Pink	White	Light Pink	-----
	Gingerbread Lady	Light Brown	Light Brown	Light Brown	Light Brown
	Elf	Light Pink	Green/Blue	Light Pink	Black
	Other colors: Fluffy White, Yellow, Light Gray, Orange				
2	2 x 6mm black safety eyes. (Or beads or yarn instead)				
3	Polyester toy stuffing.				
4	Decorative buttons/beads.				
5	Metallic silver pipe cleaner. (For angel's halo and hair ties)				
6	Pink pencil crayon. (For rosy cheeks)				
7	Small piece of card. (For top of snowman's hat)				

Equipment

1	Size C (2.75mm) crochet hook.
2	Scissors.
3	Large yarn needle.
4	Smaller needle. (For sewing on buttons)
5	Stitch marker.
6	Tweezers. (For stuffing small or narrow parts)

★The Pattern

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All Minimals: Head and Body

	Make 1 piece, starting at crown of head.
	With appropriate colored yarn (see table above) make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnds 5-9	Sc in each st around. (5 rounds)
Rnd 10	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
	Insert safety eyes in between Rnds 7 and 8 spacing 6 stitches apart. (Alternately sew on bead or yarn eyes once Minimal is stuffed and finished).
Rnd 11	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
	Stuff head.
Rnd 12	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Change to body color yarn. (See table on page 4).
	Note: For Elf, change from Green to Blue at Rnd 17 onwards.
Rnd 13	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 14	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnds 15-18	Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)
Rnd 19	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
	Stuff body.
Rnd 20	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.
	Cut a 12" length of yarn and wrap three times around Minimal's neck. Tie in a knot at the back and hide ends inside body.

Arms

	Make 2 pieces, starting at hand.
	With appropriate colored yarn (see table on page 4) make 2 ch .
	Note: For Santa, change from Light Pink to Red at Rnd 3 onwards.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnds 2-4	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.
	Do not stuff. Sew top of each arm closed. Sew flat part of arm to neck crease on either side of Minimal.

Legs

	Make 2 pieces. Note: Do not make any legs for the Angel.
	With appropriate colored yarn (see table on page 4) make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnds 2-3	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off.
	Sew to front of Minimal leaving a small gap between legs.

Santa

	Hat
	Make 1 piece starting at tip.
	With Red yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	3 sc in second ch from hook. (3 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 3 st. (6 sts)
Rnd 3	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 4	2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 5 st. (7 sts)
Rnd 5	Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6	Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 st. (8 sts)
Rnd 7	2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 7 st. (9 sts)
Rnd 8	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 9	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 10	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)
Rnd 11	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 12	[Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 13	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 14	[Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (21 sts)
Rnd 15	[Sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (24 sts)
Rnds 16-19	Sc in each st around. (4 rounds) Change to White yarn.
Rnds 20-22	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds) Change to Fluffy White yarn.
Rnd 23	Sc in each of next 15 st. Do not finish round. Fasten off. Weave in end.
	With a strand of White yarn sew hat to head, just above eyes. The fluffy yarn from Rnd 23 faces the front.
	Bobble
	Make 1 piece. With White yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnds 2-3	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds) Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Sew to tip of Santa's hat.
	Nose
	Make 1 piece. With Pale Pink yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	3 sc in second ch from hook, Slst to first st. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of the 3 stitches. Pull tight to form a little bobble. Sew nose to center of Santa's face in between the eyes.
	Beard
	Make 1 piece, starting at top edge, working in rows. With Fluffy White yarn make 13 ch .
Row 1	Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each of next 11 ch. (12 sts)
Row 2	Sc in second st from hook, sc in each of next 8 st, skip next st, sc in last st. (10 sts)
Row 3	Sc in second st from hook, sc in each of next 6 st, skip next st, sc in last st. (8 sts)
Row 4	Sc in second st from hook, sc in each of next 4 st, skip next st, sc in last st. (6 sts)
Row 5	Sc in second st from hook, sc in each of next 2 st, skip next st, sc in last st. (4 sts) Fasten off. Weave in ends. With a strand of Fluffy White yarn sew top edge of beard across face just under eyes.
	Finishing Touches
	With Black yarn surface crochet a line of sc stitches between Rnds 16 and 17 of body. (figs.1-4) With a strand of Red yarn sew a little V shape for mouth with two running stitches. Sew a little yellow button over Santa's belt.

Snowman

Hat

Make 1 piece, starting at top center.

With **Black** yarn make **2 ch**

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 4 Working in back loops only: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 7 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8 Working in front loops only: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 9 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Cut a small circle of card the same diameter as the top of the hat. Insert card into top of hat and stuff. Sew hat to top of head, offset at a slight angle.

Nose

Make 1 piece.

With **Orange** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 3 sc in second ch from hook, S1st to first st.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of the 3 stitches. Pull tight to form a little bobble.

Sew nose to center of Snowman's face in between the eyes.

Scarf

Make 1 piece. Working in rows.

With **Red** yarn make **29 ch**. Fasten off.

Change to **Green** yarn.

Row 1 Sc in each st around. Fasten off.

Change to **Red** yarn.

Row 2 Sc in each st around. Fasten off.

Weave in ends. Tie scarf around Snowman's neck. Sew in place at side with a few stitches.

Finishing Touches

With a strand of **Red** yarn sew a little V shape for mouth with two running stitches.

Wrap a strand of **Red** yarn three times around base of hat. Tie in a knot at the back and hide ends inside hat.

Sew two small black beads to front of Snowman's body. Color in cheeks with pink pencil crayon





Fig.4



Fig.5



Fig.6

Angel

Hair Piece

Make 1 piece starting at top. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Yellow** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnds 5-9 Sc in each st around. (5 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

To make the hair: Cut 24 x 6" (15cm) lengths of **Yellow** yarn. Fold each length in half and use your crochet hook to pull a loop of yarn through each st around edge of hair piece, feeding the ends of each length through the loop and pulling tight to form a tassel (**figs. 4-5**).

Sew hair piece to top and back of Angels head.

Dress

Make 1 piece, starting at top edge.

With **White** yarn make **21 ch**. Join with a Slst to form a ring

Change to **Light Gray** yarn.

Rnds 1-2 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 3 [Sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 4-7 Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)

Change to **White** yarn.

Rnd 8 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9 [Slst in next st, 3 ch, Slst in next st] 12 times.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Sew top of dress to angels body 2 rounds below neck.

Wings

Make 2 pieces, starting at tip.

With **White** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 5-9 Sc in each st around. (5 rounds)

Rnd 10 [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 11 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 12 [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off.

Sew wings to back of Angel. (See photos for exact placement).

Finishing Touches

With a strand of **Red** yarn sew a little V shape for mouth with two running stitches.

Wrap a strand of **White** yarn three times around neck. Tie in a knot at the back and hide ends inside body.

Cut 2 x 2" (4 cm) lengths from your metallic silver pipe cleaner and use these to wrap around and secure two bunches of hair either side of head. Trim bunches to required length.

Make a **Halo** with the remaining length of pipe cleaner by bending a section into a hoop and stick shape (**fig. 6**). Bend the very tip of the stick section of pipe cleaner over to form a rounded end and poke into the top of the hair piece, pushing it down, between the hairpiece and the head, until it is the correct height. You can secure it with a few stitches in **Light yellow** yarn for extra durability, if you wish.

Sew a small button to center of dress. Color in rosy cheeks with a pink pencil crayon.

Gingerbread Lady

Finishing Touches

Rnd 1 With White yarn surface crochet a line of sc in between **Rnds 4** and **5** of head (**figs. 1-4**), Slst to first st. (24 sts)

Turn and work in opposite direction. (**figs. 8-9**)

Rnd 2 Working in back loops only: [(Slst, 3 ch Slst) in next st, Slst in next st] 12 times. (12 picots)

Fasten off, weave in ends.

Repeat the same process in between **Rnds 14** and **15** of body. (18 sts/9 picots)

Fasten off, weave in ends.

Wrap a strand of **White** yarn three times around neck. Tie in a knot at the back and hide ends inside body.

Sew a small button to center of Gingerbread Lady's body.



Fig.8 Working in back loops only.



Fig.9 Make both Slst in same st.

Elf

Hat

Make 1 piece starting at tip.

With **Green** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 3 sc in second ch from hook. (3 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 3 st. (6 sts)

	Change to Blue yarn and continue in stripe pattern of 1 round Blue followed by 1 round Green .
Rnds 3-4	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 5	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnd 6	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 7	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)
Rnd 8	[Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 9	[Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (21 sts)
Rnd 10	[Sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (24 sts)
Rnds 11-15	Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)
	Change to Red yarn.
Rnd 8	Sc in each st around.
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Position hat on back of head. Sew edge of hat in place with backstitch.
	Bobble
	Make 1 piece.
	With Red yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnds 2-3	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing.
	Do not stuff. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end. Sew bobble to tip of Elf's hat.
	Ears
	Make 2 pieces.
	With Light Pink yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	(3 sc, hdc, dc) into second ch from hook. Five sts
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.
	Sew to sides of head just underneath bottom of hat.
	Braces
	Make 1 piece.
Row 1	With Red yarn, and leaving a long yarn tail, make 18 ch .
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail.
	Use a yarn tail to sew one end of braces to waistband of elf. Bring the braces around the back of the Elf's neck and sew the other end to the waistband with the other yarn tail. Hide ends inside body.
	Finishing Touches
	With a strand of Red yarn sew a little V shape for mouth with two running stitches.
	Wrap a strand of Green yarn three times around neck. Tie in a knot at the back and hide ends inside body.
	Sew a small button to center of body. Color in rosy cheeks with a pink pencil crayon.

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