

**You
NEED**
Bobble
yarn kit

stuffing, 6mm safety
eyes, pink pencil,
tapestry needle

Have fun crocheting a family of Christmas elves

While Santa Claus gets most of the credit on Christmas day, his yearly round-the-world excursion simply wouldn't be possible without his elf helpers. They spend their time making toys, looking after the reindeer and tending to the sleigh to make sure the big day runs as smoothly as possible. Celebrate the hard work of the humble elf by crocheting these four gorgeous pixies by new LGC designer **Janine Holmes**. Go to town on all the extra details, from collars and buttons to belts and braces, to make your festive friends extra special.



stitches used

Chain (ch)
Slip stitch (sl st)
Double crochet (dc)
Double crochet two together (dc2tog)
Treble (tr)

SIZE

Height: approx 23cm, including hat



fourth elf

third elf

first elf

Christmas elves

head and body

Make four

Note: individual colourways are given in order for first, second, third and fourth elves

respectively. If only one colour is stated, use this for all four elves
Using 4mm hook and Ballerina Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next

st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4-8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 7 and 8, spacing them five sts apart

Rnd 10: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff head

Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Change to Bright White (Frosty Silver, Cranberry Pink, Bright White)

Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 13-14: rep Rnds 1-2. 18 sts

Rnd 15: rep Rnd 12

Cont in Bright White (Frosty Silver, Cranberry Pink, Ever Green)

Rnds 16-17: rep Rnd 12 twice

Cont in Icicle Blue (Ever Green, Cranberry Pink, Ever Green)

Rnds 18-20: rep Rnd 12 three times

Rnd 21: working in back loops only rep Rnd 10. 12 sts

Stuff body

Rnd 22: rep Rnd 11. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off



Meet Our Designer

"When working the legs, carry the unused yarn up the side of the work. Make the colour

change neater by making the first stitch of the new colour a loose slip stitch instead of a double crochet"

Janine Holmes specialises in amigurumi crochet. She has a master's degree in Constructed Textiles and lives in Worcestershire with her family and four cats

ear

Make eight

Using 4mm hook and Ballerina Pink make a magic ring, work (3dc, 1htr, 1tr) into ring. Five sts
Fasten off

arm

Make eight (two in each colourway)

Using 4mm hook and Cranberry Pink (Ever Green, Icicle Blue, Bright White) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Change to Bright White (Frosty Silver,

Cranberry Pink, Icicle Blue)

Rnd 4-9: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

shoe

Make eight (two in each colourway)

* Using 4mm hook and Cranberry Pink (Ever Green, Icicle Blue, Bright White) make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring. Three sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Six sts

Rnd 2 and every even-numbered row: 1dc in each st to end *

Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

Rnd 5: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 7: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Stuff

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

leg

Make eight (two in each colourway)

Using 4mm hook and Cranberry Pink (Ever Green, Icicle Blue, Bright White) make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Rnd 1: working in back loops only 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Icicle Blue (Bright White, Bright White, Icicle Blue), Ever Green (Cranberry Pink, Ever Green, Cranberry Pink)



second elf

crochet clever

To achieve neat embroidered stitches thread a tapestry needle with the appropriate yarn. Tie a knot in the end and push the needle into the toy between crochet stitches, coming out where you want the first embroidery stitch to be. As you pull on the yarn the stuffing will catch the knot securely inside the toy. When you have worked the required stitches, pass the needle in and out between different crochet stitches a few times until the yarn is securely caught up in the stuffing, then pull on the end of yarn and snip it off close to the work

to end
Rnds 3–10: rep Rnd 2 eight times
Fasten off

hat

Make four
Work as for Shoe from * to *. Six sts
Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 4: rep Rnd 3 of Shoe. Nine sts
Rnd 5–7: rep Rnd 3 three times
Rnd 8: rep Rnd 5 of Shoe. 12 sts
Rnd 9: rep Rnd 3
Rnd 10: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts
Rnd 11: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 12: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 13: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 27 sts
Rnd 14–15: rep Rnd 3 twice
Change to Frosty Silver
Rnd 16–18: rep Rnd 3 three times
Change to Ever Green (Bright White, Cranberry Pink, Icicle Blue)
Rnd 19: rep Rnd 3
Fasten off

bobble

Make four
Using 4mm hook and Frosty Silver make a magic ring, work 6dc

into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 3: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Stuff
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

belt and braces

Make one in Frosty Silver and one in Ever Green for First Elf. Make one in foil colours for Second, Third and Fourth Elves respectively: Icicle Blue, Ever Green, Cranberry Pink

Using 4mm hook and chosen yarn make 22ch

Row 1: starting second ch from hook one sl st in each ch to end. 21 sts
Fasten off

third elf only

scallop-edged skirt

* Using 4mm hook and Frosty Silver hold Third Elf upside down and attach yarn to any front loop from Rnd 21 of Body
Rnd 1: working in front loops only (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts *
Rnd 2: * one sl st, (1dc, 1tr, 1dc) in next st, one sl st, rep from * to end. Eight scallops made
Fasten off

fourth elf only

picot-edged skirt

Using Icicle Blue work as for Scallop-edged Skirt from * to *. 24 sts
Rnd 2: (one sl st, 3ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, one sl st in next ch, one sl st) to end. 12 picots made
Fasten off

second and third elves only

collar

Using 4mm hook and Ever Green (Frosty Silver) make 10ch
Row 1: starting second ch from hook two sl st,

(one sl st, 1dc, 1tr) in next ch, (1tr, 1dc, one sl st) in next ch, one sl st, (one sl st, 1dc, 1tr) in next ch, (1tr, 1dc, one sl st) in next ch, two sl st. 17 sts
Fasten off

all elves to make up

Stuff base of Hat lightly. Position just above eyes and two rnds above neck at back. Sew in place with back stitch around lower edge. Sew Bobble to tip of Hat. Sew base of Ears to sides of head, level with eyes and just under rim of Hat. **Note:** tr forms top of Ear, side with ch edge faces towards back. Without stuffing, oversew tops of Arms flat and sew to sides of Body, one rnd down from neck. Stuff Legs. Sew base of Rnd 1 of Legs to top of Shoes. Oversew tops of Legs flat so that Shoes point forwards and flat seam runs from side to side. Sew Legs to underside of Body. With a strand of Cranberry Pink sew a single running st for mouth. Colour in cheeks with side of pink pencil

first elf only

Sew Frosty Silver Belt around waist. Position Ever Green Braces up one side of body, around back of neck and down opposite side of body. Sew in place. * With a strand of Cranberry Pink sew two horizontal running stitches to make two 'buttons' on front of shirt *. With a strand of Icicle Blue ** sew a line of running st through middle of Frosty Silver band on hat **

second elf only

Sew Icicle Blue belt around waist. Sew Ever Green collar around neck. Rep from * to * of First Elf To Make Up. Using Cranberry Pink rep from ** to ** of First Elf

third elf only

Sew Ever Green Belt just above Skirt. Sew Frosty Silver Collar around neck. With a strand of Bright White sew two horizontal

running sts to make three 'buttons' on front of dress. Using Bright White rep from ** to ** of First Elf To Make Up

fourth elf only

Sew Cranberry Pink Belt over topmost Ever Green rnd of dress.

With a strand of Bright White sew two horizontal running sts to make two 'buttons' on front of dress. Using Ever Green rep from ** to ** of First Elf To Make Up. Wrap a length of Cranberry Red around neck, tie a knot at back and sew in ends

