



SANTA'S PANTS



Santa has lost his pants!!

This novelty gift bag measuring 15 x 15 cm (6 x 6 ") in size (when worked in Aran) is ideal for hanging sweets/candy from the Christmas tree.

YOU WILL NEED 200 m of red Aran yarn, 50 m white fluffy Aran yarn, 50 m of black Aran yarn, a small amount of gold/yellow Aran yarn, a 4.00 mm hook (or appropriately sized for neat stitches), a stitch marker and a needle for finishing.

You may use any yarn as long as you use the same thickness of yarn throughout. The thicker the yarn, the bigger the pants!!!

GAUGE 8 rows and 7sts to 5 cm (2") measured in BLO dc across rib.

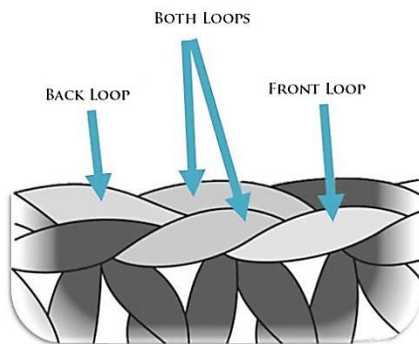
ABBREVIATIONS

This pattern is written in UK terms. The table also lists the US equivalents as applicable.

UK Abbreviation	UK Term	US Abbreviation	US Term
BLO	back loop(s) only		
ch	chain		
ch-x sp	space made using x ch		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
PM	place a stitch marker		
rep	repeat		
rnd(s)	round(s)		
sp(s)	space(s)		
ss	slip stitch	sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)		
tr	treble	dc	double crochet

SPECIAL STITCHES/METHODS

- Stitch counts are given at the end of each row, following the hyphen.
- Some stitches are worked in the back loop as per image below:



- Some stitches are worked in the space between the existing stitches, as per image below:



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Note: Keep tails to **outside** throughout. Pants are flipped later to reveal right side.

Using red, commence with 8 ch.

Row 1: (Starting in 2nd ch from hook) 1dc in each ch to end, turn - 7sts.

Rows 2-48: 1ch, (working in BLO throughout) 1dc in each st to end, turn - 7sts.

Bring ends together and working in BLO ss through both layers to join into a loop.

The band consists of peaks and dips. For the next row, you will rotate the band and work into the peaks around the edge of the loop.

Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in current peak, *2ch, 1dc in next peak, rep from * around to last peak, 2ch, ss to first dc to join - 24 x ch-2 sps.

Rnd 2: ss to next ch-2 sp, 1ch, 2dc in same sp, *2dc in next ch-2 sp, rep from * around, ss to first dc to join - 48sts.

Rnd 3: 1ch, 1dc in same place as join, 2ch - *the 1dc and 3ch combine to represent 1tr in this and subsequent rnds*, 1tr in each st around, ss to top of 2ch to join - 48sts.

Rnds 4-7: 1dc in **previous sp** (immediately before the join), 2ch, 1tr in **each sp** around, ss to top of 2ch to join - 48sts.

Rnds 8-10: *Work first leg*, 1dc in **previous sp** (immediately before the join), 2ch, 1tr in **each of next 23sps** around, (*PM in next sp - Rnd 8 only*), ss to top of 2ch to join - 24sts.

Rnd 11: (Pick up white furry yarn and work cuff as follows - cut and finish red when convenient), 1dc in **next sp**, 2ch, 1tr in **each of next 23sps**, ss to top of 2ch to join - 24sts. Fasten off leaving a 30 cm (12") tail for stitching. Close bottom of cuff using tail.

Leaving a 20 cm (8") tail, re-join red to marked sp with 1ch,

Rnd 8: Work second leg, 1dc in **same sp** as join, 2ch, 1tr in **each of next 23sps**, ss to top of 2ch to join - 24sts.

Rnds 9-10: 1dc in **previous sp** (immediately before the join), 2ch, 1tr in **each of next 23sps** around, ss to top of 2ch to join - 24sts.

Rnd 11: As Rnd 11 of first leg. Fasten off leaving a 30 cm (12") tail for stitching. Close bottom of cuff using tail. Use initial red tail to stitch crotch tightly closed.

Neaten any remaining ends and flip pants to reveal right side. Proceed to Belt.

Belt

Using black, commence with 6ch.

Row 1: (Starting in 2nd ch from hook) 1dc in each ch to end, turn - 5sts.

Rows 2-52: No turning ch are required, 1dc in each st to end, turn - 5sts.

Belt will be attached, with ends joined together, around outside of pants. If you find you will need a few extra rows to achieve this, you may add them now. Fasten off leaving a 20 cm (8") tail for closing belt later. Proceed to Buckle.

Buckle

Using gold, commence with 9ch.

Row 1: (Starting in 2nd ch from hook) 1dc in each ch to end, turn - 8sts.

Row 2: 1dc in first st, 6ch, miss next 6sts, 1dc in last st, turn - 8sts counting ch.

Row 3: 1dc in each st and ch across, turn - 8sts.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: 1dc in each st and ch across, DO NOT TURN - 8sts.

Row 6: *Rotate and work 1dc into each st or end-of-row st along the edge, 3dc in corner st, rep from * around, DO NOT TURN.

Row 7: 1ss in each st around edge. Fasten off and neaten ends.

Thread belt through buckle, passing over middle bar, as shown:



Use initial thread to join belt and affix to rear seam of pants - position eyelets at centre of belt. Neaten remaining ends. Proceed to straps.

Straps (make two)

Using black and leaving a 20 cm (8") tail commence with a chain 25 cm (10") long.

Row 1: (Starting in 2nd ch from hook) 1dc in each ch to end, rotate and, taking care not to trap the tail, 1dc into each of the unworked loops along the other side of the ch, ss to first dc to join. Fasten off leaving a 25 cm (10") tail.

Tuck strap under belt and, stitching through all layers for stability, use tails to attach to back and front of pants - space evenly either side of buckle and centre back seam.