



A Little Jester

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This pattern includes:

- step by step instructions in American terminology
- step by step photo-tutorial

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Materials

Yarn weight: 100% cotton Fingering / 4 ply
eg, **Camilla by Madame Tricote Paris** (14 wpi)
Yardage: 134 yards/ 123 meters per 50g ball

Abbreviations used:

Chain (CH)
Slip stitch (Sl St)
Single crochet (SC)
Double crochet (DC)

I used a **hook 2,5 mm**

note for USA hookers: the size of hook I used has written any letter (mark) only 2,5 mm, but you could use B or C.

Colors:

5325 red, 5306 beige

You will need about 30 g and small amount of yellow and orange yarns for the patches.

The size of the finished toy: 5,3 inches

Other materials: craft buttons, toy filling, needle with blunt tip, black thin embroidery cotton, jingle bells, thin pad

INSTRUCTIONS

Beginning: work with red color - make 5 chain stitches and join them with slip stitch to form a ring.

Round 1: 3 CH as a 1st DC, 9 DC, join 1st DC with 1 SlSt - you will have 10 DC

Round 2: 3 CH as a 1st DC, 1 DC in very first stitch, 2 DC in one stitch, 2 DC in one stitch all round, join 1st DC with 1 SlSt - you will have 20 DC

Round 3: 3 CH as a 1st DC, 1 DC in very first stitch, (1 DC, 2 DC in one stitch) - repeat all round, join 1st DC with 1 SlSt - you will have 30 DC. End the work.

Make this circle again. You will have two circles. Put the circle on the folder and draw the circle around and cut the shape as a base.



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Round 4: Place the crochet wheels on some thin pad, strong enough to provide the elf stability. I used a common write-on school pad made from PVC. Copy the shape of the wheel on the pad and cut it out by scissors. Place it into the jester body. This makes strong base for the jester to help him standing without support.



Round 5 – 16 : you will have 30 stitches. Crochet 30 SC every round until round 16 in spiral rounds (you will not join the rounds with SSt and you will crochet continuously)



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Round 17: in this round you will begin with decreasing of the shaping the body. Crochet together 2 SC then make 4 SC – this decreasing repeat 4 times again (you will make decreasing 5 times totally)



Round 18: crochet 2 stitches together, crochet 4 SC – repeat 3 times again, (decreasing 4 times totally)
You will begin with filling the body with toy filling.



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Round 19: crochet 2 stitches together, crochet 4 SC – repeat 2 times again (decreasing 3 times totally)

Round 20: crochet 2 stitches together, crochet 3 SC – repeat 8 times again



Round 21: you will have 9 stitches, change the color, begin with crocheting with beige color: 8 times 2 SC in one stitch – you will have 16 stitches

Round 22: 1 SC, 2 SC in one stitch – repeat 7 times again (totally 8 times) – 24 stitches

Round 23: 2 SC, 2 SC in one stitch – repeat 7 times again (totally 8 times) – 32 stitches



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Round 24 - 30: crochet 32 SC every round until round 30.

Round 31: begin with decreasing for shaping the head: crochet 2 stitches together, crochet 4 SC – repeat it 9 times again (totally 10 times)

Round 32: crochet 2 stitches together, crochet 3 SC – repeat it 9 times again (totally 10 times) don't forget with filling with toy filling.

Round 33: crochet 2 stitches together, crochet 1 SC – repeat it 6 times again (totally 7 times) – you will left 5 stitches, which sew together.



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Sleeves and hands:

Sleeves

Work with red yarn, hook 2,5 mm

Beginning: 3 CH

Round 1: go back, 2 SC and from now you will crochet in spiral rounds

Round 2: 6 times 2 SC in one stitch – you will have 11 stitches

Round 3-7: repeat 11 stitches in every round until round 7, end the work, fasten free threads.

Hands

crochet with beige yarn, hook 2,5 mm

Round 1: 15 CH

Round 2: 14 SlSt, crochet the bubble in last stitch - 4 CH, 5 DC, which we don't finished (see the pictures below, please) then pull the loop through all stitches on the hook, make 1 CH and end the work. Fasten free threads.

Make two sleeves and two hands.



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Sew together the sleeve and hand (on the backside) Turn the sleeve to the front side and sew it to the body.



Hat

Crochet with red yarn.

Beginning: 37 CH, join with SSt

Round 1 - 8: you will crochet 37 SC every round in spiral rounds until 8 round

Round 9: begin with decreasing for shaping the hat: crochet 2 SC together, make 4 SC – repeat 4 times again

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Round 10: skip 9 stitches, crochet 5 CH, make 1 SC in 10th stitch from previous round, skip 9 stitches, crochet 5 CH, make 1 SC in 10th stitch from previous round, skip 9 stitches, crochet 5 CH join with 1 SSt with 1st SC.



The hat is divided on three parts, which will be crocheted separately.

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Round 11 - 14: one part of hat has 15 stitches. Crochet in spiral rounds 15 stitches every round until 14 round



Round 15: begin with decreasing for shaping of the part of the hat: crochet 2 SC together, continue 3 SC – repeat 2 times again – we have 12 stitches

Round 16: crochet 2 SC together, make 2 SC – repeat 2 times again – we have 9 stitches

Round 17 - 25: crochet 9 stitches every round until round 25.

Round 26: crochet 2 SC together – repeat 2 times again, 1 S1St – remaining stitches sew together, end the work.

Leave a small piece of the thread for tinning up the jingle bell.



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Crochet other pieces of the hat by the same way.



Turn the hat on the backside and sew the hole in the middle as you see on the pictures below.



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Backside of the hat (front side)



Tie up the jingle bells and pull free threads into the hat.



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Patches:

Make two patches with yellow and orange color

Beginning: make 7 CH

Round 1: first three stitches count as a 1DC, 4 DC, turn the work

Round 2: 1 CH, crochet SC around all piece. Make 2 SC in corner stitch. Join with 1 SlSt, end the work, fasten free threads.



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Nose:

Work with red color yarn. Make 4 CH, 4 DC, which we don't finished (see the pictures below, please) then pull the loop through all stitches on the hook, make 1 CH and end the work. Fasten free threads.



Finishing

Sew the eyes (small buttons or beads) Add the nose, as you see on the picture below. Pull free threads by help of hook into the head.



With a black thin embroidery cotton sew the mouth. Pull free threads into the head.

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Sew the buttons as a cheek, sew the hat and sew the patches and button on the body.

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You have finished it :-)



♥ Nice crochet time ♥

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