



Mini Frostman

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Pattern Introduction

A miniature crocheted snowman to hang on your tree or top a gift this season! The simple toboggan hat coordinates with his scarf. Make a family of them for kids to play with. Not quite 5 inches high, the snowman works up quickly with no seaming and only a couple of embellishments for eyes and nose. Enjoy all the possibilities for making each snowman different from the last!



What you need

Bernat Soft Boucle (white or natural)
(small amount) **OR**
Red Heart Hunny (white)
Sock yarn for scarf & hat (small amount)
Black worsted weight yarn for eyes
Orange worsted weight yarn for nose
Sizes I, G & D crochet hooks
Split Marker
Polyfil Stuffing
Yarn Needle

Stitches you need to know

Chain
Slip Stitch
Single Crochet
Single Crochet 2 together
Double Crochet

Techniques you need to know

Crochet in rows
Crochet in rounds

Gauge is not necessary for this project. Having said that, here is something to think about before you begin:

*For the body of the snowman, I used a size I hook (one hook size smaller than the recommended hook for either yarn). What you want is a fairly snug stitch so that the stuffing does not show through the stitches.

Abbreviations you need to know

Beg = beginning

Ch = chain

Dc = double crochet

Lp = loop

Sc = single crochet

Sc2tog = Single crochet 2 sts together

Sl st = slip stitch

Sp = space

Rem = remaining

Rep = repeat

Special Stitches

Single Crochet 2 Together (sc2tog): Work 1st sc in indicated sp or st ONLY until you have 2 lps on hook. (You are not completing last step of this first sc!) Begin next sc, and work until you have 3 lps on hook. Wrap and pull yarn through all 3 lps on your hook, thus combining 2 sc sts into 1 sc st.

Memory Refreshers

1. “Fasten off” means to draw your yarn through the loop you have on your hook, then cut or break your yarn 3-4 inches away from loop. Now pull the yarn out of the securing loop you made. Give the end on your work a tug for good measure.
2. When working in **rounds** (instead of rows, back & forth), you do NOT turn your work after each round unless told to do so!
3. When working double crochet stitches in **ROWS**, remember that you are to “skip” what looks like the first stitch immediately following the beg ch-3!! At the base of this beg ch-3 is what looks like your next stitch...but it is actually the base of the ch-3, which is (according to the crochet gods) considered to be the **FIRST** double crochet stitch! So it will feel like you are skipping the first st and working your next dc in the next stitch. Got that?

Tips & Tricks

1. This pattern has you joining rnds differently depending on both the form and the look of the crocheted rnds (just trust me here). Pay close attention to when it says in bold letters, either **do not join with sl st**, or **join with a sl st to beg sc**.
2. When **joining rnds with a sl st**, place the first sc of next rnd in the same st as the sl st that joined the previous rnd.
3. !! When **joining rnds with a sl st**, watch out when you come around to the first sc of a rnd, that you do NOT work into the sl st or the ch 1 from the previous rnd! The sl st and the ch 1 will look sneakily like a couple of sc stitches! If you use the split marker, placing it in each sl st right after you make it, then you will recognize it and NOT work into it or the ch 1 right after it.

Notes on working with boucle yarn:

If you find it challenging to crochet with boucle yarn, here are some tips for you. To begin with, relax and tell yourself that if the stitch count does not end up just perfect, it will be OK! The fuzzy lumpiness of this yarn makes it both difficult to see the stitches AND it covers up a multitude of errors☺. If it is just too frustrating, switch to a smoother yarn so you can see the stitches more easily. You may want to stitch up the snowman's body first in smooth yarn and then move on to the boucle, once you are familiar with how it works up. Working with boucle yarn requires the highly specialized technique called **fudging**: a most helpful technique meaning "to wing it", or "make it up as you go".

Walkthrough

Body

*You are starting at the bottom of the snowman and working in rnds all the way up to the top of his head.

Rnd 1: Using I hook and Bernat's Soft Boucle natural or white yarn, ch 2, 7 sc in 2nd ch from hook. **Do not join with sl st.** (See Tips & Tricks #1) Mark 1st st of each rnd with a split marker. (7 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (14 sc)

Rnd 3: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (21 sc) (*Remember to move marker each round.)

Rnds 4-8: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 9: *Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog, rep from * around; ending with sc in last sc of rnd. (16 sc)

Rnd 10: Sc2tog around; end with sc in last sc. (8 sc)

Rnd 11: Sc in each sc around.

*This ends the shaping of the snowman's Body and begins the snowman's Head. DO NOT FASTEN OFF. Simply continue crocheting. Stuff the body lightly...you can add more stuffing later.

Rnd 12: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (12 sc)

Rnds 13-14: Sc in each sc around.

*Stuff body and head of snowman til desired firmness, then continue crocheting:

Rnd 15: *Sc in next sc, sc2tog, rep from * around; omitting last sc2tog and sc in last sc. (8 sc)

Rnd 16: Sc2tog until head is closed. Pull yarn through last lp as if to fasten off, but pull lp up enough to be able to hang on tree, if desired. Fasten off. Secure end and weave in.

Toboggan/Hat

*You are starting at the center top of the hat working your way down to the turned-up brim.

Rnd 1: Using D hook and sock yarn, ch 2, work 7 sc in 2nd ch from hook; **join with a sl st.** (See Tips & Tricks #2-3) Place marker in sl st of each rnd. **JOIN IN THIS MANNER EACH RND.**

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around; join. (14 sc)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around; join. (21 sc)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, *sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around; join. (28 sc)

Rnd 5: Ch 1, *sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around; join. (35 sc)

Rnds 6-12: Ch 1, sc in each sc around.

Rnd 13: Ch 1, working in FLO, *sc in each sc around; join. Working in the FLO will allow the brim to turn up. (35 sc)

Rnds 14-16: Ch 1, working through entire st, sc in each sc around; join. Fasten off, weave in ends.

*Turn brim up.

*Pull the loop from top of snowman's head (if you made the ornament version) through the center top of toboggan.

Scarf

*You will be working in ROWS, not rnds, to create the scarf. Start at one end of the scarf and work to the other end. Upon finishing, you may add fringe if you'd like.

Row 1: Using D hook and sock yarn, ch 7, dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch to end. (5 dc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (*counts as 1st dc), turn, (See [Memory Refresher #3](#)) dc in each dc across. (*Remember to work the last dc into the top of the beg ch-3!) (5 dc)

Rep last row until you have approx. 10 in. or desired length.

*Fringe (optional). To make fringe:

1. Wrap yarn several times around a two-inch wide piece of cardboard.
2. Cut the yarn along one edge of cardboard.
3. Fold one length of yarn in half
4. Insert crochet hook into a stitch on one end of your scarf, grab the folded end of the yarn with your hook and pull it through the stitch.
5. Then, with this loop still on your hook, wrap the two free ends of the fringe yarn around your hook and pull them through the loop. Repeat this along both ends of scarf for as many times as needed. Trim fringe according to desired length.

*Secure scarf around neck of snowman as desired.

Eyes (Make 2)

You have a couple of options for the snowman's eyes:

1. Using worsted weight yarn, make French knots in desired spot for eyes.

***Making a French Knot:** With yarn needle and black yarn, pull yarn up in spot desired for eye. Wrap yarn around needle 3 or 4 times and insert needle back into head near the place your yarn started. Hold onto lps of yarn while drawing yarn through head. Fasten off or work other eye in same manner before fastening off.

2. **OR:** Sew on tiny black buttons for eyes.

Nose

Using G hook and orange yarn, leaving long end for sewing, ch 3. Fasten off (which will feel like a 4th ch), leaving long end also then weave this end back through the “bump” on the underside of each ch.

Use these ends to sew nose to snowman’s face. (This is challenging...remember to use that helpful technique called “**fudging**”). ☺

Variations on a Theme

*You may use alternate yarns for the body of your snowman. Certainly, he can be crocheted with a smooth, plain yarn; but I prefer a yarn that simulates the look of snow. Any time you change the type of yarn you use, you must determine what size hook to use. And when you change the hook size, you alter the size of the snowman. Just keep this in mind as you make decisions about the yarn you use for his body. If the snowman ends up smaller than mine, the hat will fit differently. This is not a bad thing, just be aware.

There is a “hidden” **free gift for you in this pattern... You can make the snowman’s toboggan hat into a Christmas tree ornament or gift topper! Use the sock yarn indicated for the mini ornament, or switch to DK and worsted yarns for slightly larger toboggan ornaments. Add a loop of yarn to the top to hang on the tree. Enjoy!