

Crocheted Ornaments

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Miniatures are so delightful, and this diminutive crocheted stocking ornament is fun to do. The metallic green and red braid captures the shimmer of the season and makes an easy crochet thread. We've also included here a little candy cane that can be crocheted for a lapel pin or tree ornament. It's quick and easy too, perfect for gifts.



Materials needed:

- Kreinik Tapestry (#12) Braid™ in 003 Red and 100 White
- Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid in 008 Green, 003 Red, 238 Christmas
- Number 3 steel crochet hook
- Size B crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 5 inches of 28-gauge craft wire

Instructions for Candy Cane:

Holding red and white braid together, chain 35. Drop red, do not fasten off.

Row 1: With white, and holding wire beside chain, single crochet in 2nd chain from hook and in each remaining chain around wire; turn.

Row 2: Chain 2, half double crochet in first single crochet, 2 half double crochet in each remaining stitch; turn.

Row 3: Repeat Row 2. Cut white, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Row 4: Pick up red, single crochet in each chain on opposite side of foundation chain.

Rows 5-6: Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Finish: adjust twist so red and white stripes are even. Twist ends together and work in threads to secure. Bend top of the wire to curve into a candy cane shape.

Instructions for Mini Stocking:

Starting at toe and using Fine (#8) Braid 238 Christmas, chain 4.

Round 1: 10 double crochet in 4th chain from hook. Join with slip stitch to top of chain-3.

Round 2: Chain 3, 2 double crochet in each double crochet; join.

Round 3: Using red, chain 3, double crochet in each double crochet; join.

Round 4: Using green braid, chain 3, double crochet in each double crochet; join.

Round 5: With red, chain 3. * double crochet in next double crochet, 2 double crochet in next double crochet, repeat from * around; join.

Round 6: With green, repeat Round 4.

Round 7: With color 238, chain 1, single crochet in same space as slip stitch and in next 4 double crochet, half double crochet in next 4 double crochet, double crochet in next 2 double crochet, 2 double crochet in each of next 2 double crochet, 2 triple crochet in next double crochet, 2 double crochet in each of next 2 double crochet, double crochet in next 2 double crochet, half double crochet in next 4 double crochet, single crochet in next 5 double crochet; join to first single crochet.

Round 8: Chain 1, single crochet in same space as slip stitch and in next 4 single crochet, half double crochet in next 4 half double crochet, double crochet in next 2 double crochet, (yarn over, insert hook in next double crochet and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook [joined double crochet made]. Work joined double crochet in next double crochet; * yarn over twice, (insert hook in next stitch and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Repeat from * then yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook [joined triple crochet made]. Work 2 joined double crochet in next 4 double crochet, double crochet in each of next 2 double crochet, half double crochet in each of next 4 half double crochet, single crochet in each of next 5 single crochet; join.

Round 9: Chain 1, single crochet in same space as slip stitch and in next 4 single crochet, half double crochet in next 4 half double crochet, double crochet in next 3 double crochet, (yarn over, insert hook in next double crochet and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook); * yarn over twice, (insert hook in next stitch and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. (Yarn over, insert hook in next double crochet and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook [2 double crochet and triple crochet joined]. Double crochet in each of next 2 double crochet, half double crochet in each of next 4 half double crochet, single crochet in each of next 5 single crochet; join.

Rounds 10-19: Repeat Rounds 3 and 4.

Round 20: Finish off red and green. Attach color 238, chain 1, single crochet in each stitch; join. Then single crochet left to right; at center back, chain 10 to make a loop, single crochet in same space and each stitch to end. Finish off.