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Snowy Frostman

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Pattern Introduction

You'll love making and giving this plush crocheted snowman! He's perfect for decorating at the holidays, or for a child to snuggle on chilly winter nights. His body and head are crocheted in one piece for a terrific snowman shape and no sewing together! Ellen's fabulous suggestion: Make his scarf and hat flower out of college/university colors to give to the "older kids" in your circle of friends.



What you need

1 skein Bernat Soft Boucle (white or natural)
1 skein Caron Simply Soft (black)
1 skein of sock yarn (Regia or other)
1 hank of Berroco Cotton Twist (orange color #8361)
Sizes J, H, G, and 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
Double Crochet 2 together

Techniques you need to know

Crochet in Rows
Crochet in Rounds

Gauge is not necessary for this project. Having said that, here are a couple of things to think about before you begin:

*For the body of the snowman, I used a J hook (the recommended hook for either yarn).

What you want is a fairly snug stitch so that the stuffing does not show through the stitches. So if you tend to crochet loosely, you may need to go down to an I hook.

*Feel free to change your hook size according to how you want the crocheted fabric to be on the scarf, flower, and hat. Just because I used a particular hook does not mean that you must also.

Measurements Snowman stands approximately 13 inches tall.

Abbreviations you need to know

Beg = beginning

BLO = Back Loop Only

Ch = chain

Dc = double crochet

Dc2tog = Double Crochet 2 sts together

FLO = Front Loop Only

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.

Double Crochet 2 Together (dc2tog): Work 1st dc in indicated sp or st until you have 2 lps remaining on hook. (You are not completing last step of this first dc!) Begin next dc, and work until you have 3 lps remaining on hook. Wrap and pull yarn through final 3 lps on your hook, thus combining 2 dc sts into 1 dc 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-2!! At the base of this beg ch-2 is what looks like your next stitch...but it is actually the base of the ch-2, 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. !!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.
4. When you are told to work into the “ch-2 sp”, you are simply placing your hook into the hole created by the ch-2. Do not actually try to put your hook into the chain...just under it altogether. This makes for very quick & easy crocheting.

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.

Using J hook and either Bernat's Soft Boucle natural or white yarn, or Red Heart Hunny, ch 4, sl st to 1st ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, 8 sc in ring; **do not join with sl st**. Mark 1st st of each rnd with a marker.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (16 sc)

Rnd 3: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (24 sc) (*Remember to move marker each round.)

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (32 sc)

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (40 sc)

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (48 sc)

Rnd 7: *Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (56 sc)

Rnds 8-18: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 19: *Sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog, rep from * around. (48 sc)

Rnd 20: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 21: *Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog, rep from * around. (40 sc)

Rnd 22: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 23: *Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog, rep from * around. (32 sc)

Rnd 24: 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 25: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (40 sc)

Rnd 26: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 27: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (48 sc)

Rnds 28-32: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 33: *Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog, rep from * around. (40 sc)

Rnd 34: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 35: *Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog, rep from * around. (32 sc)

Rnd 36: *Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog, rep from * around. (24 sc)

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

Rnd 37: *Sc in next sc, sc2tog, rep from * around. (16 sc)

Rnd 38: Sc2tog around. (8 sc)

Repeat this last rnd until head is closed. Fasten off, weave in ends.

Hat

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

Using H hook and black yarn, ch 3, sl st in 1st ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, 8 sc in ring; **do not join with sl st.** Mark 1st st of each rnd with a marker.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (16 sc)

Rnd 3: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (24 sc)

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (32 sc)

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (40 sc)

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (48 sc)

Rnd 7: Working in BLO, sc in each sc around. Working in BLO makes a sharper change between the top of the hat and the sides.

Rnd 8: Working through entire st, sc in each sc around.

Rnds 9-10: Rep Rnd 8.

Rnd 11: *Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog, rep from * around. (40 sc)

Rnds 12-19: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 20: Working in FLO, *sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. Working in FLO allows the brim to turn out. (48 sc)

Rnd 21: Working through entire st, *Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (56 sc)

Rnd 22: *Sc in next 6 sc, 2sc in next sc, rep from * around. (64 sc)

Rnd 23: Sc in each sc around. Fasten off, weave in ends.

*Stuff hat and sew on head in position desired as follows:

Using a 2 ft. long length of black yarn threaded through yarn needle, sew hat to snowman in desired position. Sew through the stitches in Rnd 20 (where brim of hat begins). You decide if you want the hat centered on head or slightly askew.

Flower for Hat

*Start in the center of the flower with the same yarn as nose, then change yarns and work remainder of flower. **Note:** If you do not want the orange as the center, choose another color of the same weight yarn as the Cotton Twist.

Using G hook and orange Cotton Twist yarn, begin center of flower:

Rnd 1: Leaving long end for sewing, ch 2, 8 sc in 1st ch; **join with a sl st to beg sc.**

Rnd 2: Ch 1, **only 1 sc** in same st as sl st, 2 sc in each sc around (See Tips & Tricks #3); join with a sl st to beg sc. (15 sc)

Break orange yarn and tie on sock yarn. Switch to D hook.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, dc in same st as last sl st, 2 dc in next sc, (dc, ch 2, sl st) in next sc, *(sl st, ch 2, dc) in next sc, 2 dc in next sc, (dc, ch 2, sl st) in next sc, rep from * around; join with sl st at base of beg sl st. Fasten off. Weave in sock yarn end. Use long end of orange yarn to sew flower to hat. See photo for positioning of flower.

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.

Using D hook and sock yarn, begin modified ripple stitch as follows:

Row 1: Ch 13, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 3 chs, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch, dc in next 5 chs.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, (See Memory Refresher #3) dc in next 5 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp (See Tips & Tricks #4), dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog over last 2 sts. (**Note:** the beg ch-2 plus 1st dc is equivalent to a dc2tog. This means that when you come to the end of a row to make the last dc2tog, you will be working into the top of the dc, not the ch-2.) Rep last row until you have approx. 24 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 as desired.

Eyes (Make 2)

Using H hook and black yarn, make small circles:

Rnd 1: Ch 2, 8 sc in 1st ch; join with a sl st to 1st sc. Fasten off **leaving long end for sewing.** Weave in the other end to close in center hole.

*Using long end, sew eyes where desired. (See photo for positioning of eyes.)

Nose

* Begin at large part of nose and work to the tip.

Using G hook and orange Cotton Twist yarn, **leaving long end for sewing**, ch 8; being careful not to twist sts, join with a sl st to form circle.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch around (See Tips & Tricks #2-3); **join with a sl st to beg sc.** WORK JOIN IN THIS MANNER ON EACH RND. [8 sc]

Rnd 2: Ch 1, *sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog, rep from * once more; join. (See Tips & Tricks #2-3) [6 sc]

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join. [6 sc]

Rnd 4: Ch 1, *sc in next sc, sc2tog, rep from * once more; join. [4 sc]

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc2tog twice; sl st all together. Fasten off. Weave in this end.

*Stuff nose a bit, and sew to face using long end. (See photo for positioning of nose.)

Mouth

*Using black yarn and yarn needle, sew in small straight lines (back-stitch) to create your snowman's smile! Enjoy!

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. A good alternative "snowy" yarn that even requires the same size hook, is Red Heart Hunny. 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. **Note:** This applies to any changes you may make to his hat, scarf, or nose.

*As stated in the pattern introduction, be creative with the color choices for your snowman's scarf. Choosing school colors is a great way to personalize the snowman if you are giving him as a gift!

There is a "hidden" **free gift for you in this pattern...If you use a worsted, aran, or chunky weight yarn to make the **scarf**, you will have a scarf to fit yourself or a friend! Just work the pattern for as long as you want your scarf to be! It's lovely!