Amigurumi Reindeer with Mug



Edition and sample status

Version 1.0 | October 19, 2026. The complete new reading route below uses US crochet terms. The relevant unchanged reference pages at the end use UK terms. Editorial count corrections, translations, joining interpretations and finishing alternatives are prototype-ready drafts until physically crocheted, finished and checked. No new physical sample, wash, hanging, load or stability test has been made. Existing photographs do not prove these additions have been tested.

Finished-size approach

Approximately 24 cm tall in the reference; measure from seated base to antler top and record the actual result. Hat, scarf and limbs must scale with the same body gauge.

Materials and starting hook

DMC Natura Just Cotton 4-ply, 100% cotton, 50 g / 155 m: Canelle 37 (A), Siena 41 (B), Chartreuse 48 (C), Bamboo 76 (D), Prussian 64 (E). 3 mm hook. Stuffing, markers, blunt needle, black embroidery thread; original sample has 5 mm eyes, a 10 mm nose, a pompom and pipe-cleaner antler supports. No measured consumption supplied. Also use scissors, a tape measure, removable stitch markers and a blunt yarn needle. Check current yarn labels rather than assuming an old colour or yarn remains available. No substitute is claimed equivalent without a sample.

Gauge, measurements and resizing

No numerical gauge is supplied for this project. Work a generous swatch in the named main stitch with the stated yarn and hook, allow it to rest, and measure the central 10 cm in both directions: stitches/10 cm = ___; rows/10 cm = ___. For spiral pieces, make a small stuffed trial and check that the filling is contained without gaps. For open motifs, make and measure one whole motif; a plain swatch alone will not predict its finished outline.

Record yarn, fibre, hook, actual dimensions, yarn used and care result. Changing yarn or hook changes size and stiffness, not just appearance. For the same stitch construction, new width is approximately old width x old stitch gauge / new stitch gauge; this is a planning estimate, not a verified size. Keep the written counts for shaped figures and trial the entire set of components together. Do not enlarge just the body and expect the old hat or limbs to fit. For motifs, use whole repeated motifs to enlarge a joined piece rather than interrupting the stitch repeat.

US terminology and working rules

The new route uses US terms. The unchanged reference pages use UK terms: UK dc = US sc; UK htr = US hdc; UK tr = US dc; UK dtr = US tr; UK ttr = US double treble. UK FPtr = US fpdc, but UK FPdc = US fpsc. Do not mix the two systems within a round.

MR: adjustable magic ring; ch: chain; sl st: slip stitch; st: stitch; sc: single crochet; hdc: half double crochet; dc: double crochet; tr: treble crochet; BLO: back loop only. Inc means 2 sc in one stitch unless a different stitch is named. Dec means sc2tog over the next two stitches. For sc2tog, insert and draw up a loop in each of two stitches, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops. A repeat in parentheses is worked the stated number of times; the count at its end is the new working count.

For fpdc, yarn over, insert from front to back to front around the next post, draw up a loop, then complete a dc. For fpsc, insert around the post without the initial yarn over and complete a sc. Double treble: yarn over 3 times, insert and draw up a loop, then yarn over and draw through 2 loops four times. Picot, unless otherwise stated: ch2, sl st into the second chain from the hook.

Continuous-round pieces: mark the first real stitch, move the marker every round and do not join or turn. Joined rounds: join to the first actual stitch, except where an initial counted tall chain explicitly replaces that stitch. Flat sc rows: ch1 and turn; the chain never counts. Change colour on the last pull-through of the preceding stitch and weave ends securely into the fabric. An uncounted turning chain does not create another stitch.

1. Construction plan

Make the head and body as separate spirals, then two ears, two branched antlers, two arms, two legs, the hat, scarf and mug. Assemble against the finished photograph. Stuff gradually rather than stretching the stitches. Work the following head/body schedules with sc unless stated. A = light brown, B = dark brown, C = first green, D = second green, E = blue.

2. Head in A

R1: MR, 6 sc. R2: inc x6 =12. R3: (inc, sc1) x6 =18. R4: (inc, sc2) x6 =24. R5: (inc, sc3) x6 =30. R6: (inc, sc4) x6 =36. R7: (inc, sc5) x6 =42. R8: (inc, sc6) x6 =48. R9-16: sc48 each round.

R17: (dec, sc14) x3 =45. R18: (dec, sc13) x3 =42. R19: (dec, sc12) x3 =39. R20: (inc, sc1) x6, sc27 =45. R21: sc18, (dec, sc7) x3 =42. R22: sc18, (dec, sc6) x3 =39. R23: sc18, (dec, sc5) x3 =36.

Place the two original eyes between R18 and R19, about 10 stitches apart, before the opening closes. Check the face from the front. R24: (dec, sc10) x3 =33. R25: (dec, sc9) x3 =30. R26: (dec, sc8) x3 =27. R27: (dec, sc7) x3 =24. R28: (dec, sc2) x6 =18. Position the original nose between R22 and R23 and stuff the head. R29: (dec, sc1) x6 =12. R30: dec x6 =6. Fasten, thread through the final front loops, close and bury the tail. Embroider the mouth. Sewn features instead of small plastic parts are a proposed, unphotographed alternative; they do not turn the whole design into a tested toy.

3. Ears and antlers

Ears, make 2 in A. Ch4. Row1: sc in second chain and next 2 chains =3. Row2: sc3. Row3: inc, sc1, inc =5. Row4: sc5. Row5: dec, sc1, dec =3. Row6: dec, sc1 =2. Row7: dec =1. Work sc evenly around the row ends and base, adding only enough at the tip to keep it flat; retain a sewing tail.

Antlers, make 2 sets in B. Main branch: MR6 for R1; R2-5 sc6; R6 inc, sc5 =7; R7-10 sc7; R11 inc, sc6 =8; R12-15 sc8. Medium branch: MR6, then sc6 for R2-6. Small branch: MR5, then sc5 for R2-4. Leave a sewing tail on each. The original has pipe cleaners inside the branches. If retaining them for adult display, enclose all cut ends, make sure no point can work through the stitches, and do not offer the figure to pets or children. Position the smaller branches along the main branch to match the photo and sew all around each join. A wire-free version needs a separate stiffness trial and will not necessarily hold the photographed silhouette.

4. Green striped hat

In C, R1 MR6; R2 inc x6 =12; R3 (inc, sc1) x6 =18. In D, R4 sc18; R5 (inc, sc2) x6 =24; R6 (inc, sc3) x6 =30. In C, R7 sc30; R8 (inc, sc4) x6 =36; R9 (inc, sc5) x6 =42. In D, R10 sc42; R11 (inc, sc6) x6 =48; R12 (inc, sc7) x6 =54.

In C, R13 sc54. R14: sc11, ch5, skip5, sc22, ch5, skip5, sc11. There are 44 sc and two 5-chain bridges, 54 positions total. R15: sc in all sc and each individual chain =54. In D, R16-18 sc54. In C, join the last sc round, then R19 ch3 counting as the first dc, dc in the remaining 53 stitches, join to the top of ch3 =54 dc. R20 ch2 replacing the first post stitch, fpdc around the remaining 53 posts and join =54 positions. This last-chain convention is an untested clarification to avoid counting 55. Fasten. Sew the pompom at the crown if retaining the original decorative finish. Fit the antler branches through the two openings before final attachment.

5. Body and arms

Body in A: R1 MR6. R2 inc x6 =12. R3 (inc, sc1) x6 =18. R4 (inc, sc2) x6 =24. R5 (inc, sc3) x6 =30. R6 (inc, sc4) x6 =36. R7 (inc, sc5) x6 =42. R8-16 sc42. R17 (dec, sc12) x3 =39. R18 sc39. R19 (dec, sc11) x3 =36. R20 sc36. R21 (dec, sc4) x6 =30. R22 sc30. R23 (dec, sc3) x6 =24. R24 (dec, sc2) x6 =18. Stuff. R25 (dec, sc1) x6 =12. R26 dec x6 =6; close as for the head.

Arms, make 2. In B, R1 MR6; R2 inc x6 =12; R3-4 sc12. Change to A: R5-11 sc12; R12 dec, sc10 =11; R13-14 sc11; R15 dec, sc9 =10; R16-18 sc10; R19 (dec, sc3) x2 =8. Stuff lightly, flatten the upper opening and leave a sewing tail. Match the pair before attaching.

6. Legs: partial-round shaping

Make 2. In B, R1 MR6; R2 inc x6 =12; R3 (inc, sc1) x6 =18. R4 is intentionally only part of a round: hdc in the next stitch, 2 dc in each of the next 4 stitches, hdc in the next stitch, sc in the next stitch; stop here. This consumes 7 old positions and makes 11 new stitches. Eleven old positions remain untouched, so the live perimeter now has 22 stitches. Move the start marker to the next untouched stitch. R5: sc around all 22 positions, crossing the old and newly raised edges once.

Change to A. R6-7 sc22. R8: sc14, dec x4 =18. R9-12 sc18. R13 (dec, sc7) x2 =16. R14-16 sc16. R17 (dec, sc6) x2 =14. R18-21 sc14. R22 (dec, sc5) x2 =12. Stuff, flatten the upper opening and leave a sewing tail. Confirm both feet point forward before sewing them to the lower body. The marker explanation is editorial and needs a physical trial.

7. Scarf, mug and assembly

Scarf in C: ch71; dc in the second chain from the hook and every remaining chain =70 dc. The single skipped chain is not a stitch. Fasten and weave ends. This retains the unusually short starting rise printed for this strip; trial that edge rather than silently using a 3-chain start and losing a stitch.

Mug in E: R1 MR6; R2 inc x6 =12; R3 (inc, sc1) x6 =18; R4 BLO sc18; R5-10 sc18; R11 sl st18. Fasten. Handle: ch9, sc in the second chain and every remaining chain =8; fasten with a sewing tail. Attach the two ends of the handle at about mug R5 and R10. Stuff the cup lightly. The original photo has loose white fibre steam; omit that loose decoration for the new display finish. Its omission is unphotographed.

Pin the head centrally on the body, then sew it securely around the contact area. Position arms below the head, legs low at the front, and ears below the hat brim. Test the sitting balance before final sewing. Fix antlers into their openings and secure the hat rather than leaving loose parts. Place the scarf loosely around the neck of the figure and secure discreetly. Sew the mug to one hand and body where supported. Remove every assembly pin. Record head alignment, sitting stability and attachment security; none has been newly tested.

Technical points to check on the sample

Partial leg round and hat rib join clarified; optional omission of loose fibre steam changes the photographed finish. Small fittings and internal wire make this a display project, not a pet toy. Record the actual stitch counts after each shaping round, measure the finished piece, and check every join. If the fabric or count does not agree, stop and resolve it before continuing. Retain your yarn and gauge record; arithmetic agreement is not a physical test.

Care and intended use

Finish every join and bury the tails. Inspect seams, exposed loops, attached parts and hanging points before use and after care. Follow the actual yarn and trim labels; mixed components may need the gentlest compatible care. First test cleaning on the swatch. No new wash, colourfastness, shrinkage, heat, load or stability test has been performed.

These are indoor gifts and decorative objects, not pet toys. Keep strings, garlands, stuffing, small fittings and gift sweets away from chewing or swallowing. Place decorations where pets cannot reach or pull them down. Remove damaged items promptly. Never use a crochet garland as a collar, tether or restraint. The weighted cats are doorstops for adult-managed display, not stuffed playthings.

Finished-detail reference views

The following are finished photographs, not a step-by-step making sequence. They are alternate views of this same idea. Their props, small fittings and styling are not additional patterns. Use the written route for construction and the unchanged pages for the original chart/layout.



Finished blue crochet mug with a handle and decorative white fibre steam in the reference.

Unchanged reference pages

The next 3 pages preserve the relevant supplied instruction/photo pages in their original numbering: 50, 51, 52. The new route above contains its own making steps and term definitions. Read the original UK chart keys as UK terms; do not apply US meanings to those labels. Other magazine projects are outside this eight-idea selection.

Oh, deer!

A cup of cocoa before doing the rounds on Christmas Eve? Sounds perfect, Dasher! Designed by Ilaria Caliri.





YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (50g/155m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Canelle (37)
  Yarn B Siena (41)
  Yarn C Chartreuse (48)
  Yarn D Bamboo (76)
  Yarn E Prussian (64)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A pair of 5mm safety eyes
- A 10mm plastic nose
- Small pompom or pompom maker
- Black embroidery thread
- Pipe cleaners
- Stitch markers
- Toy stuffing

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TENSION

To make this toy it is not necessary to use the same yarn and hook that we've used. Using a larger crochet hook and a suitable yarn, the toy will be larger but with the same proportions

MEASUREMENTS

Finished toy measures 24cm (9½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

As one of the senior leaders of Santa's sleigh team, it's gearing up to be another busy Christmas Eve for Dasher. He's grabbing a moment of peace by the fire before the holiday mayhem.

NOTES

Ch1 at the start of the row or round does not count as a st throughout. This pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing the round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

HEAD

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 6 dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 9-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 14 dc) 3 times. [45 sts]
Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 13 dc) 3 times. [42 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 12 dc) 3 times. [39 sts]
Round 20 (2dc in next st, dc in next dc) 6 times, dc in each of next 27 dc. [45 sts]
Round 21 Dc in each of next 18 dc, (dc2tog, dc in each of next 7 dc) 3 times. [42 sts]
Round 22 Dc in each of next 18 dc, (dc2tog, dc in each of next 6 dc) 3 times. [39 sts]
Round 23 Dc in each of next 18 dc, (dc2tog, dc in each of next 5 dc) 3 times. [36 sts]
Place the eyes between Rounds 18 and 19 of the Head, approx 10 stitches apart.
Round 24 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 10 dc) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 25 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 9 dc) 3 times. [30 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 8 dc) 3 times. [27 sts]
Round 27 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 7 dc) 3 times. [24 sts]



A puff of toy stuffing creates wonderfully realistic steam coming off the mug.

Round 28 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Place the nose between Rounds 22 and 23 of the Head.
Stuff the Head with toy stuffing.
Round 29 (Dc2tog, dc in next dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 30 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing up. Embroider the mouth under the nose, using black embroidery thread and long stitches.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, ch4.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook (skipped ch does not count as st), dc in each ch to end, turn. [3 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each dc to end, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, 2dc in next dc, dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc. [5 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 5 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next dc, dc2tog, turn. [3 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next dc, turn. [2 sts]
Row 7 Ch1, dc2tog. [1 st]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
With RS facing, rejoin Yarn A in the first st of the first row. Dc into each st and row end around the ear to form an even border.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing up.

ANTLERS (MAKE 2)

MAIN SECTION

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Rounds 2-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 dc. [7 sts]
Rounds 7-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 6 dc. [8 sts]
Rounds 12-15 Dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

MEDIUM SECTION

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Rounds 2-6 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

SMALL SECTION

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 5dc into the loop. [5 sts]
Rounds 2-4 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Insert a piece of pipe cleaner into each section of the Antlers. Sew the medium and small sections onto the main section, using the images as a guide.

HAT

Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Change to Yarn D.
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Change to Yarn C.
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 9 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Change to Yarn D.
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 6 dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 12 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 7 dc) 6 times. [54 sts]
Change to Yarn C.
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 Dc in each of next 11 dc, ch5, skip 5 sts, dc in each of next 22 dc, ch5, skip 5 sts, dc in each of next 11 dc. [54 sts - 2 holes for Antlers made]
Round 15 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn D.
Rounds 16-18 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn C.
Round 19 Ch3 (counts as first tr), tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [54 sts]
Round 20 Ch2 (counts as first st), FPtr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join. **Fasten off** and weave in ends.

BODY

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 8-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 12 dc) 3 times. [39 sts]
Round 18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 11 dc) 3 times. [36 sts]
Round 20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 4 dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 22 Dc in each st around.
Round 23 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 3 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 24 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Stuff the Body with toy stuffing.
Round 25 (Dc2tog, dc in next dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 5-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 Dc2tog, dc in each of next 10 dc. [11 sts]
Rounds 13-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 Dc2tog, dc in each of next 9 dc. [10 sts]
Rounds 16-18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 3 dc) 2 times. [8 sts] **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail for sewing up. Stuff the Arms.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (partial round) Htr in next st, 2tr in each of next 4 sts, htr in next st, dc in next st.
Round 5 Dc in each st around. [22 sts]
The first st of Round 5 becomes the new start of the round.
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 Dc in each of next 14 dc, (dc2tog) 4 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 9-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 7 dc) twice. [16 sts]
Rounds 14-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 6 dc) twice. [14 sts]
Rounds 18-21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 5 dc) twice. [12 sts] **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail for sewing up. Stuff the Legs, fold the top flat and sew closed.

SCARF

Using Yarn C, ch71.
Row 1 (RS) Tr in second ch from hook and in each ch to end. [70 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

MUG

Using Yarn E, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 Dc in back loop only of each dc.
Rounds 5-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 Ss in each dc around.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HANDLE

Using Yarn E, ch9.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end. [8 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Use tail to sew Handle onto Mug, between Rounds 5 and 10. Stuff Mug.

TO MAKE UP

Sew a pompom to tip of Hat (use a ready-made pompom or make one with leftover yarn).
Place Hat on Head and insert sewing pins to mark the holes of Hat and position of brim. Remove Hat and sew the Antlers in place where holes of Hat will be, then sew Ears just under brim position. Sew Head to top of Body. Sew Arms and Legs to Body. Place Handle of Mug over end of one Arm and sew in place. Fold Scarf in half, place around neck and insert ends of Scarf through midway loop to secure.