

Crochet Penguin in Santa Hat and Scarf

Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial



Finished size:
Approx. 15 cm
(6 inches) tall

Materials



- Worsted weight yarn (Medium 4)
- Navy blue – body and head
- White – belly, face, hat trim, scarf details
- Red – hat and scarf
- Yellow – beak and feet
- Safety eyes (8–10 mm)
- Crochet hook: 3.5 mm (E/4) or 4.0 mm (G/6)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Fiberfill stuffing

Stitch Guide (US Terms)

	ch – chain (ch)
	sl st – slip stitch (sl st)
	sc – single crochet (sc)
	hdc – half double crochet (hdc)
	dc – double crochet (dc)
	inc – increase (2 sc in same stitch)
	dec – decrease (sc 2 together)

1 Belly (White)



R1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)
R2: inc in each st (12)
R3: (1 sc, inc) x 6 (18)
R4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24)
R5: (3 sc, inc) x 6 (30)
R6–R10: 30 sc (5 rounds)
Fasten off, leave a long tail.

2 Head/Body (Navy Blue)



R1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)
R2: inc in each st (12)
R3: (1 sc, inc) x 6 (18)
R4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24)
R5: (3 sc, inc) x 6 (30)
R6–R15: 30 sc (10 rounds)
Stuff the body. Attach the belly to the front and sew around the edge.

3 Face (White)



R1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)
R2: inc in each st (12)
R3: (1 sc, inc) x 6 (18)
R4: 18 sc
Fasten off, leave a tail.
Sew to the head and add the safety eyes.

4 Beak (Yellow)



R1: 4 sc in magic ring (4)
R2: inc in each st (8)
R3: 8 sc
Fasten off, leave a tail.
Sew between the eyes.

5 Wings (Make 2 – Navy)



R1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)
R2: (1 sc, inc) x 3 (9)
R3–R6: 9 sc (4 rounds)
Flatten and lightly stuff.
Sew to the sides of the body.

6 Feet (Make 2 – Yellow)



R1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)
R2: inc in each st (12)
R3: (3 sc, inc) x 3 (15)
R4: 15 sc
Fasten off, leave a tail.
Slightly flatten and sew under the body.

7 Santa Hat (Red)



R1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)
R2: inc in each st (12)
R3: (1 sc, inc) x 6 (18)
R4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24)
R5–R8: 24 sc (4 rounds)
R9: (2 sc, dec) x 6 (18)
R10: (1 sc, dec) x 6 (12)
R11: dec x 6 (6)
Fasten off. Make a white trim (see next box) and a pom-pom.

8 Hat Trim (White)



Ch 32. In the 2nd ch from hook, work 1 sc in each ch (31).
Fasten off and sew around the base of the hat.

Pom-pom (White)

Make a small pom-pom (approx. 3 cm) and sew to the tip of the hat.

9 Scarf (Red with White Details)



Ch 60.
Row 1: 1 sc in each ch (59).
Add white embroidery or surface stitches as shown in the photo.
Fasten off.
Wrap around the penguin's neck and sew the ends in place.

10 Assembly



1. Sew the face, add safety eyes and beak.



2. Sew the wings to the sides.



3. Sew the feet to the bottom.



4. Attach the hat to the head.



5. Add the scarf and adjust all the pieces.

Back View





Finished size:
Approx. 15 cm (6 in)

MATERIALS


Navy blue yarn


White yarn


Red yarn


Yellow yarn


Black yarn (for eyes)


Safety eyes 6 mm

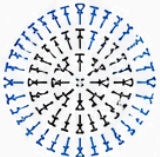

Fiberfill stuffing


Yarn needle 2.5 - 3.0 mm

ABBREVIATIONS (U.S. Crochet Terms)

ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
hdc = half double crochet
dc = double crochet
inc = increase (2 sc in same stitch)
dec = decrease (sc 2 together)
BLO = back loop only
FLO = front loop only
st(s) = stitch(es)
() = repeat instructions
[] = total number of stitches at the end of the round

1. BODY (Make 2 pieces: Front and Back)

Use white yarn for the belly and navy blue for the body.

R1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook [6]
R2: inc in each st [12]
R3: (1 sc, inc) × 6 [18]
R4: (2 sc, inc) × 6 [24]
R5: (3 sc, inc) × 6 [30]
R6-R10: sc in each st [30]
R11: (3 sc, dec) × 6 [24]
R12: (2 sc, dec) × 6 [18]
R13: (1 sc, dec) × 6 [12]
R14: dec × 6 [6], sl st, fasten off.

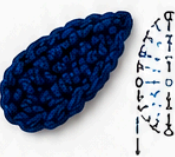
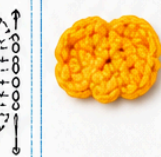
2. HEAD (Front and Back)




Start with navy blue. Create the face with white yarn (as shown).

R1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch [6]
R2: inc × 6 [12]
R3: (1 sc, inc) × 6 [18]
R4: (2 sc, inc) × 6 [24]
R5: (3 sc, inc) × 6 [30]
R6-R9: sc in each st [30]
R10: (3 sc, dec) × 6 [24]
R11: (2 sc, dec) × 6 [18]
R12: (1 sc, dec) × 6 [12]
R13: dec × 6 [6], sl st, fasten off.
 Add safety eyes between R6 and R7.
 Sew the beak (see beak section).

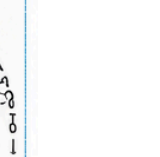
3. WINGS (Make 2)

Use navy blue yarn.

R1: ch 6
R2: sc in 2nd ch from hook, 3 sc, 3 sc in last ch, turn and work on the other side: 3 sc, inc [11]
R3: (1 sc, inc) × 5, 1 sc [16]
R4-R5: sc in each st [16]
 Fold slightly and sew to the sides of the body.

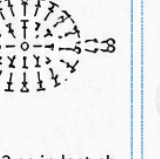
4. FEET (Make 2)

Use yellow yarn.

R1: ch 6
R2: sc in 2nd ch, 3 sc, 3 sc in last ch, turn and work on the other side: 3 sc, inc [11]
R3: (1 sc, inc) × 5, 1 sc [16]
R4: (3 sc, inc) × 4 [20]
R5: (2 sc, inc) × 6 [24]
 Fold and sew to the bottom of the body.

5. BEAK

Use yellow yarn.

R1: ch 4
R2: sc in 2nd ch, sc, 3 sc in last ch, turn: sc, inc [8]
R3: sc in each st [8]
R4: (1 sc, dec) × 2 [6], sl st.
 Fasten off and sew below the eyes.

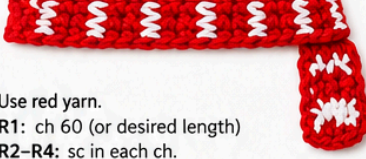
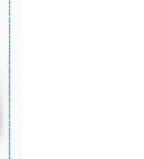
6. SANTA HAT




Use red yarn.

R1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch [6]
R2: inc × 6 [12]
R3: (1 sc, inc) × 6 [18]
R4: (2 sc, inc) × 6 [24]
R5-R8: sc in each st [24]
 Change to white yarn.
R9: working in FLO, sc in each st [24]
 Make a pompom and sew at the tip.

7. SCARF

Use red yarn.

R1: ch 60 (or desired length)
R2-R4: sc in each ch.
 Add white accent stitches on R2 and R4 (using surface slip stitch or simple embroidery).
 Fasten off. Wrap around the neck and sew in place.

8. ASSEMBLY

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Sew the head to the body.



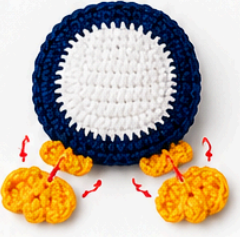
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Sew the wings to the sides.



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Sew the feet to the bottom.



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Add the hat, scarf and beak.



Christmas Penguin Crochet Pattern – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial for Beginners

Create an adorable Christmas Penguin Crochet Pattern featuring a navy blue body, white belly, cheerful yellow feet, a bright red Santa hat, and a festive Christmas scarf. This charming handmade penguin is a wonderful holiday decoration, a thoughtful Christmas gift, or a delightful addition to your collection of crocheted winter animals.

This detailed tutorial follows the provided crochet chart, including the body, head, wings, feet, beak, Santa hat, scarf, and final assembly. All instructions use U.S. crochet terminology, with stitch counts and explanations to help beginners follow the project from beginning to end.

The finished penguin measures approximately 15 cm (6 inches) tall, although the final size may vary depending on your yarn, hook size, and crochet tension.

Step 1: Gather Your Crochet Materials

Before beginning, prepare all your supplies. Using the same yarn weight throughout the project will help keep the proportions consistent.

Materials Needed

- Navy blue yarn – main body, head, and wings
- White yarn – belly, face, Santa hat trim, and scarf decorations
- Red yarn – Santa hat and Christmas scarf
- Yellow yarn – feet and beak
- Black yarn – optional embroidered eyes

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- Two 6 mm black safety eyes
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Crochet hook, 2.5–3.0 mm (approximately U.S. C/2–D/3)
- Yarn needle for joining and embroidery
- Stitch markers
- Scissors
- Sewing pins for positioning pieces

Recommended yarn: Smooth, medium-weight yarn can work well with a sufficiently small hook, but a thinner yarn may be needed to achieve the chart's approximate 15 cm finished size.

Choose a hook that produces firm, closely spaced stitches, especially if you plan to stuff the body.

Understanding U.S. Crochet Abbreviations

Abbrevia tion	Meaning
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ch	Chain
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sl st	Slip stitch
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sc	Single crochet
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hdc	Half double crochet
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dc	Double crochet
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inc **Increase: 2 sc in the
same stitch**

dec **Decrease: sc 2
stitches together**

BLO **Back loop only**

FLO **Front loop only**

st **Stitch**

sts **Stitches**

R **Round or row**

() **Repeat the
instructions inside**

[] **Total number of
stitches**

Basic Techniques

Chain (ch): Make a slip knot, yarn over, and pull through the loop on your hook.

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Single crochet (sc): Insert your hook into the stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over again, and pull through both loops.

Increase (inc): Work two single crochet stitches into the same stitch.

Decrease (dec): Insert the hook into the next stitch and pull up a loop. Insert into the following stitch and pull up another loop. Yarn over and pull through all three loops.

Slip stitch (sl st): Insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over, and pull through the stitch and the loop on your hook.

Working in an oval: Crochet along one side of a foundation chain, work additional stitches into the end chain, and continue along the opposite side.

Important chart note: The reference diagram contains a few abbreviated or inconsistent stitch counts. The instructions below preserve its shapes, colors, and main stitch sequences while explaining practical corrections where necessary. The body and head are constructed as front-and-back panels, not as a conventional continuously crocheted amigurumi sphere.

Step 2: Crochet the Penguin Body – Make Two Panels



The penguin's body is made from two navy blue oval-shaped panels. The front features a white belly, while the back remains navy blue.

The reference chart uses six-stitch increases to create a rounded shape, followed by decreases to form the narrower upper section.

Body Pattern

Use navy blue yarn.

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R1: Ch 2. Work 6 sc into the second chain from the hook. [6]

R2: Inc in each stitch around. [12]

R3: (1 sc, inc) × 6. [18]

R4: (2 sc, inc) × 6. [24]

R5: (3 sc, inc) × 6. [30]

R6–R10: Sc in each stitch around. [30]

R11: (3 sc, dec) × 6. [24]

R12: (2 sc, dec) × 6. [18]

R13: (1 sc, dec) × 6. [12]

R14: Dec × 6. [6]

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Repeat the same instructions to create the second body panel.

Creating the White Belly

The chart shows a large white circular belly positioned in the center of the navy blue body.

For a separate appliqué, use white yarn and follow these rounds:

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in the second chain. [6]

R2: Inc × 6. [12]

R3: (1 sc, inc) × 6. [18]

R4: (2 sc, inc) × 6. [24]

R5: (3 sc, inc) × 6. [30]

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R6: (4 sc, inc) × 6. [36]

R7: (5 sc, inc) × 6. [42]

Fasten off, leaving a long sewing tail.

This produces a flat circular belly. If your chosen yarn makes it too large for the body, stop after R6.

Attaching the Belly

Place the white circle in the center of the front navy panel, keeping the top slightly below the neck area.

Pin it in place and sew around the outer edge with small, even stitches.

Make sure the navy border remains visible around the white belly.

Helpful tip: The chart gives the body rounds but does not specify the belly's independent stitch sequence. The white circle above is a practical adaptation designed to reproduce the illustrated appearance.

Step 3: Crochet the Penguin Head – Front and Back

The head is round and navy blue, with two large white facial patches and a small yellow beak.

Create two matching head panels using the same pattern.

Head Pattern

Use navy blue yarn.

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc into the second chain from the hook. [6]

R2: Inc × 6. [12]

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R3: (1 sc, inc) × 6. [18]

R4: (2 sc, inc) × 6. [24]

R5: (3 sc, inc) × 6. [30]

R6–R9: Sc in each stitch around. [30]

R10: (3 sc, dec) × 6. [24]

R11: (2 sc, dec) × 6. [18]

R12: (1 sc, dec) × 6. [12]

R13: Dec × 6. [6]

Fasten off and leave a sewing tail.

Repeat to make the second head piece.

Make the White Facial Patches

The chart shows two white areas around the eyes, creating the penguin's characteristic expression.

For each facial patch:

R1: With white yarn, ch 2 and make 6 sc in the second chain. [6]

R2: Inc × 6. [12]

R3: (1 sc, inc) × 6. [18]

Fasten off.

Make two identical patches.

Position the patches side by side on the front head panel, allowing their inner edges to nearly meet above the beak.

Sew them securely using white yarn.

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Attach the Eyes

Position one 6 mm black safety eye in the center of each white facial patch.

Before fastening the safety eyes, check that both are evenly spaced and level.

If the penguin is intended for a young child, embroider the eyes using black yarn instead of using plastic safety eyes, which can become choking hazards.

Join the Head Panels

Place the front and back head pieces together with their right sides facing outward.

Join around the edges using navy yarn and small whip stitches, gradually adding a modest amount of fiberfill if you want a softly padded head.

Because the chart's rounds narrow at the top, shape the fabric gently into a rounded silhouette while joining.

Leave the lower neck area accessible until you are ready to attach the head to the body.

Step 4: Crochet the Penguin Wings – Make Two

The wings are small, elongated navy blue pieces positioned on both sides of the body.

The reference chart uses an oval foundation followed by additional rows to create the wing shape.

Wing Pattern

Use navy blue yarn.

R1: Ch 6.

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R2: Sc in the second chain from the hook and in the next 3 chains. Work 3 sc in the last chain. Continue along the opposite side of the foundation chain with 3 sc, then work 1 sc in the final available stitch. [11]

R3: (1 sc, inc) × 5, then 1 sc. [16]

R4: Sc in each stitch around. [16]

R5: Sc in each stitch around. [16]

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Repeat the pattern to make the second wing.

Shape the Wings

Lay each piece flat and gently shape it into a narrow oval.

The ends should be slightly rounded, with the wing tapering naturally toward its outer tip.

If necessary, lightly steam-block the wings without touching the yarn with a hot iron.

Attach the Wings

Position one wing on each side of the body, slightly below the head.

Angle them outward and a little downward, as shown in the reference.

Sew the inner ends firmly to the body, leaving the outer ends free.

This creates the appearance of small flippers extending from the penguin's sides.

Step 5: Crochet the Yellow Feet – Make Two 🟡

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The penguin's bright yellow feet add a cheerful contrast to the navy blue body.

The reference pattern uses an oval foundation that grows wider through increases.

Foot Pattern

Use yellow yarn.

R1: Ch 6.

R2: Sc in the second chain from the hook and in the next 3 chains. Work 3 sc in the last chain, continue along the opposite side with 3 sc, and work 1 sc in the final available stitch. [11]

R3: (1 sc, inc) × 5, 1 sc. [16]

R4: (3 sc, inc) × 4. [20]

R5: (2 sc, inc) × 6, then 2 sc. [26]

The reference chart lists 24 stitches at the end of R5, but six repetitions of (2 sc, inc) require 18 starting stitches. Since R4 has 20 stitches, the written calculation would otherwise be inconsistent.

To maintain the chart's intended 24-stitch result, use this corrected R5 instead:

R5 (recommended): (4 sc, inc) × 4. [24]

Fasten off and leave a long sewing tail.

Repeat to make the second foot.

Form the Rounded Toes

Fold each foot slightly to create a soft, rounded shape.

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The diagram shows the feet as plump yellow ovals with small raised bumps.

For a more textured appearance, work a few additional small surface stitches across the front edge.

Keep the two feet symmetrical.

Attach the Feet

Position the feet at the bottom of the body, one on the left and one on the right.

Let their front edges extend slightly beyond the navy blue body.

Sew along the back portion of each foot so the front remains rounded and visible.

If the penguin will stand upright, adjust the feet before completing the stitches to create a balanced base.

Step 6: Crochet the Yellow Beak

The beak is a small oval piece made with yellow yarn.

It is positioned between the eyes, slightly below their center.

Beak Pattern

R1: Ch 4.

R2: Sc in the second chain from the hook. Work 3 sc in the last chain, turn around the foundation, work 1 sc along the opposite side, and inc at the end. [8]

R3: Sc in each stitch around. [8]

R4: (1 sc, dec) × 2. [6]

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Sl st and fasten off, leaving a sewing tail.

The reference's R2 is condensed; distribute the stitches around the foundation as needed to obtain an eight-stitch oval. For R4, work the two remaining stitches after the repeated decreases as plain sc if needed to complete the round evenly, since the printed instruction does not consume all eight starting stitches.

Attach the Beak

Place the yellow beak between the two white facial patches.

The top should sit just below the inner edges of the eyes.

Use a yarn needle to sew the beak to the head with small, hidden stitches.

For a slightly raised beak, add a tiny amount of fiberfill before closing the last stitches.

Make sure the beak is centered.

Step 7: Crochet the Red Santa Hat

The Santa hat is one of the most distinctive features of this Christmas penguin.

It features a bright red crown, a fluffy white brim, and a small white pom-pom at the tip.

Red Hat Pattern

Use red yarn.

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc into the second chain from the hook. [6]

R2: Inc × 6. [12]

R3: (1 sc, inc) × 6. [18]

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R4: (2 sc, inc) × 6. [24]

R5–R8: Sc in each stitch around. [24]

Fasten off the red yarn and join white yarn.

R9: Working in FLO, sc in each stitch around. [24]

Sl st to join and fasten off.

Shape the Santa Hat

The chart creates a rounded red cap with a white border. For the long, slightly curved Santa hat shown in the finished penguin, gently pull and shape the red crown to one side.

You can also add a few extra red rounds before the white brim if you prefer a longer hat.

If adding rounds, keep the stitch count consistent and check the fit against the penguin's head.

Create the White Brim

For a fuller white brim, crochet one additional round of sc or hdc around the bottom edge.

Use a soft white yarn if you want the fluffy texture shown in the reference.

Keep the brim even and wide enough to sit comfortably across the penguin's forehead.

Make the White Pom-Pom

The chart calls for a white pom-pom attached to the tip of the Santa hat.

You can make a small yarn pom-pom by wrapping white yarn around two fingers approximately 25–35 times.

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Slide the bundle off your fingers and tie it tightly through the center.

Cut the loops at both ends and trim the strands into a rounded ball.

Alternatively, crochet a small stuffed sphere:

R1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6]

R2: Inc × 6. [12]

R3–R4: Sc around. [12]

R5: Dec × 6. [6]

Add a small amount of fiberfill, close the opening, and fasten off.

Sew the pom-pom securely to the end of the red hat.

Position the Hat

Place the hat on top of the penguin's head.

The white brim should rest just above the eyes without covering them.

Tilt the hat slightly to one side, allowing the pom-pom to hang near the right side of the head, as shown in the reference.

Sew the brim in place with small stitches.

Step 8: Crochet the Red Christmas Scarf

The scarf is made from red yarn and decorated with white accent stitches.

It wraps around the penguin's neck, with one end hanging down the front.

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Scarf Pattern

Use red yarn.

R1: Ch 60, or make a chain long enough to wrap comfortably around the penguin's neck.

R2: Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 1 sc in each chain across. [59 if beginning with ch 60]

Ch 1 and turn.

R3: Sc in each stitch across. [59]

Ch 1 and turn.

R4: Sc in each stitch across. [59]

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

The diagram states “ch 60 (or desired length)” and “sc in each ch” for the following rows. Working into the second chain creates the standard 59-stitch foundation row.

Add White Decorative Stitches

Thread a yarn needle with white yarn.

Create small vertical zigzag or V-shaped embroidery stitches along the scarf.

Space the decorative motifs evenly, approximately every 5–7 stitches.

The finished scarf in the reference has repeated white accents across its red surface.

To reproduce this appearance, use short diagonal stitches that alternate direction, forming small chevron patterns.

Create the Hanging Scarf End

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The illustrated scarf has a longer tail hanging down one side of the penguin's belly.

You can reproduce this by wrapping the scarf around the neck and allowing one end to hang vertically.

If you want a wider hanging section, crochet a short additional red rectangle and sew it to one end of the scarf.

Decorate this section with matching white embroidery.

Attach the Scarf

Wrap the scarf around the penguin's neck, just below the head.

Position the longer end toward the front-right side of the body.

Adjust the scarf so it covers the seam between the head and body without hiding the white belly completely.

Secure it with a few small stitches using red yarn.

Avoid pulling the scarf too tightly, as this may distort the shape of the neck.

Step 9: Assemble the Christmas Penguin

With all the crochet pieces completed, you can begin the final assembly.

The reference chart shows four main assembly stages.

Assembly Stage 1: Attach the Head to the Body

Place the completed head above the navy blue body.

Align the center of the head with the center of the white belly.

Use a yarn needle and navy blue yarn to sew the lower portion of the head securely to the upper portion of the body.

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Check the alignment from the front and side before tightening the stitches.

If your panels have been left partially open, add a small amount of fiberfill before closing the seams.

The penguin should have a soft, rounded appearance without excessive stuffing.

Assembly Stage 2: Attach the Wings

Place the two navy blue wings on either side of the body.

The upper ends should sit near the shoulder area, just below the head.

Angle the wings slightly downward.

Pin them temporarily and compare both sides.

Once satisfied with the placement, sew each wing firmly to the body.

The outer ends can remain free to create a playful appearance.

Assembly Stage 3: Attach the Feet

Place the yellow feet at the bottom of the penguin.

Position them evenly, with a small gap between them.

The feet should extend slightly beyond the bottom edge of the body.

Sew each foot in place, reinforcing the stitches where the foot connects to the body.

Set the penguin upright and adjust the feet if necessary.

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For a display decoration, you may add a small flat base or a hidden support if the finished penguin does not stand independently.

Assembly Stage 4: Add the Beak, Hat, and Scarf

If you have not already attached the beak, sew it directly below the eyes.

Next, position the Santa hat on top of the head.

Adjust the red crown and white pom-pom so the hat curves naturally to one side.

Sew the white brim to the head.

Finally, wrap the red Christmas scarf around the neck.

Allow one end to hang down the front of the body, displaying the white decorative stitches.

Secure the scarf with a few small hidden stitches.

Your Christmas penguin is now assembled!

Step 10: Add Finishing Touches and Shape the Penguin



Small finishing details can make a noticeable difference in the final appearance.

Check the Overall Shape

Place the penguin on a flat surface and examine its proportions.

The head should be centered above the body, the wings should be symmetrical, and the feet should appear balanced.

Gently shape the stuffed areas with your fingers.

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If any section looks uneven, adjust the stuffing or reposition the stitches.

Hide Loose Yarn Ends

Thread each loose yarn tail onto a yarn needle.

Weave it through several stitches on the inside or back of the project.

Change direction at least once to help secure the yarn.

Trim the excess carefully without cutting the crochet fabric.

Improve the Facial Expression

Make sure the eyes are evenly positioned and the beak sits between them.

If desired, embroider tiny white highlights near the eyes for a cheerful expression.

You may also add subtle pink embroidered cheeks, although these are not part of the original reference design.

Final Safety Check

Inspect every sewn attachment, especially the eyes, pom-pom, wings, and feet.

Make sure no loose parts can detach easily.

For decorations intended for babies or young children, use embroidered facial features and avoid small detachable accessories.

Step 11: Helpful Tips for Beginners

If this is your first Christmas crochet animal, the following recommendations will help you achieve a neater result.

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Maintain consistent tension. Try to keep your stitches even throughout the project. This is especially important when creating two identical wings or feet.

Use stitch markers. Mark the beginning of each round so you can follow the stitch counts accurately.

Count every round. Increases and decreases can be easy to miss. Check the total stitch count before continuing to the next round.

Use a smaller hook when needed. A firm crochet fabric prevents fiberfill from showing between the stitches.

Stuff gradually. Add small amounts of stuffing rather than filling an entire piece at once.

Pin before sewing. Temporarily positioning the wings, feet, and head makes it easier to achieve symmetry.

Follow the color changes carefully. Navy blue is used for the main body, white for the belly and facial details, yellow for the beak and feet, and red for the Christmas accessories.

Step 12: Final Project Measurements and Checklist

Christmas Penguin – Project Summary

Beginner-friendly

Finished height

Approx. 15 cm (6 in)

Crochet hook

2.5–3.0 mm

Terminology

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U.S. crochet terms

Main technique

Single crochet

Final assembly checklist

Two navy blue body panels

White belly appliqué

Two head panels and white facial patches

Two black eyes and yellow beak

Two navy blue wings

Two yellow feet

Red Santa hat with white brim and pom-pom

Red scarf with white decorative stitches

All pieces securely sewn together

All yarn ends woven in

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Frequently Asked Questions About the Christmas Penguin Crochet Pattern

Is this crochet penguin suitable for beginners?

Yes. The pattern mainly uses chains, single crochet stitches, increases, decreases, and basic sewing techniques. Beginners should practice these stitches before starting and carefully follow the stitch counts.

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Can I make the penguin larger?

Yes. Use thicker yarn and a matching hook to create a larger version. Keep in mind that the finished measurements and amount of stuffing will change.

Can I use different colors?

Absolutely. You can replace navy blue with black, gray, or light blue. The Santa hat and scarf can also be customized, although the red-and-white combination gives the penguin its classic Christmas appearance.

Do I need to use safety eyes?

No. Black yarn can be used to embroider the eyes. Embroidered eyes are the better option for projects intended for very young children.

Why is my penguin not standing upright?

The body may be too rounded, the feet may not be positioned evenly, or the head may be too heavy. Try adjusting the feet and redistributing the stuffing. A discreet display support can also help.

Can I turn this penguin into a Christmas ornament?

Yes. Make a smaller version using finer yarn and attach a secure hanging loop to the top of the hat or head.

Can I wash the finished penguin?

Check the care instructions on your yarn label. Many acrylic yarns can be gently hand-washed in cool water. Avoid vigorous rubbing and allow the penguin to air-dry completely.

Conclusion: Enjoy Your Handmade Christmas Penguin



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Your Christmas Penguin Crochet Pattern is complete! By following the body, head, wings, feet, beak, Santa hat, scarf, and assembly instructions, you can create a festive crochet penguin inspired by the original chart.

The combination of navy blue crochet, a white belly, yellow feet, and bright red Christmas accessories gives this little penguin its cheerful holiday personality.

Whether you display it on a Christmas shelf, add it to a winter-themed decoration, or give it as a handmade gift, this project is a lovely way to practice crochet shaping, appliqué, embroidery, and assembly techniques.

Happy crocheting, and enjoy creating your adorable Christmas penguin! 🧶❤️