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REINDEER PLAID CROCHET BOW

US crochet terms • Photo-inspired construction • Approx. 28 × 30 cm

Suggested pattern; size varies with tension.

MATERIALS

- Worsted-weight yarn: red, black, cream and brown
- 3.5 mm hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Small amount of stuffing
- Optional hanging cord

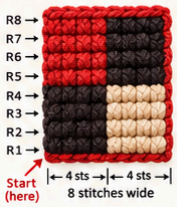


Firm gauge: approx. 20 sc × 22 rows = 10 cm.

1 • PLAID COLOR PLAN

Work flat in sc. Ch 1 and turn after every row; turning ch does not count. Each color block = 4 stitches × 4 rows.

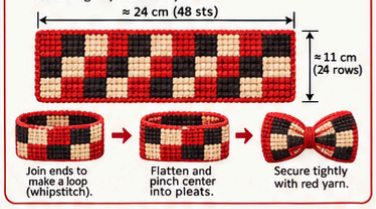
- **Rows 1–4:** repeat [4 red, 4 black].
- **Rows 5–8:** repeat [4 black, 4 cream].
- Repeat these 8 rows.
- Change color on the final yarn-over of the previous stitch.
- Use small yarn bobbins; leave unused yarn at the back and catch floats neatly.



R = red
B = black
C = cream

2 • BOW STRIP

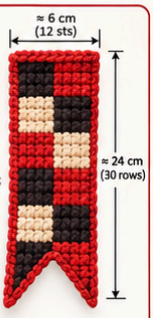
- Ch 49.
- **Row 1:** sc in 2nd ch from hook and across (48).
- **Rows 2–24:** ch 1, turn, sc 48, following plaid plan.
- Fasten off. Approx. 24 × 11 cm.
- Join short ends with whipstitch to form a loop. Put seam at center back.
- Flatten loop; pinch center into pleats and secure tightly with red yarn.



3 • TAILS — MAKE 2

- Ch 13.
- **Row 1:** sc in 2nd ch and across (12).
- **Rows 2–24:** ch 1, turn, sc 12 in plaid.
- Create two tip points:
  - **Row 25:** sc 6, leave 6 unworked.
  - **Rows 26–29:** ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc to end (5, 4, 3, 2).
  - **Row 30:** ch 1, turn, sc2tog (1). Fasten off.
- Rejoin at outer edge of remaining 6 stitches; repeat Rows 25–30 to form second point.

Edge each tail in red sc; place 3 sc at outward tips, sc3tog at inner V. Weave in ends.



4 • RED NOSE — SPIRAL ROUNDS

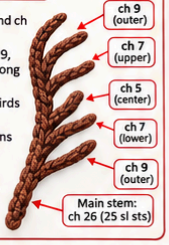
Use marker; do not join rounds.

- **R1:** 6 sc in MR (6).
- **R2:** inc around (12).
- **R3:** [sc, inc] ×6 (18).
- **R4:** [2 sc, inc] ×6 (24).
- **R5:** [3 sc, inc] ×6 (30).
- **R6–9:** sc around (30).
- **R10:** [3 sc, dec] ×6 (24).
- **R11:** [2 sc, dec] ×6 (18). Stuff.
- **R12:** [sc, dec] ×6 (12).
- **R13:** dec ×6 (6).
- **Cut yarn,** thread through front loops, pull closed; leave sewing tail.



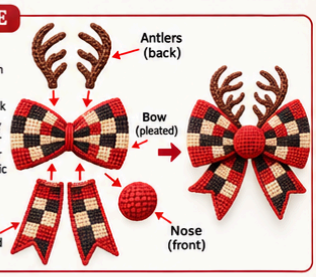
5 • ANTLERS — MAKE 2

- **Brown main stem:** ch 26; sl st in 2nd ch and each ch (25). Fasten off.
- **Branches** per antler: make 2 × ch 9, 2 × ch 7, and 1 × ch 5; sl st back along each chain, starting in 2nd ch.
- Sew branches along upper two-thirds of stem, pointing upward.
- Curve and mirror the pair. Sew joins firmly; weave in ends.
- For extra firmness, use doubled brown yarn and a matching hook.



6 • ASSEMBLE

- Overlap tail tops behind pinched bow center; stitch through all layers.
- Attach antler bases at back with several firm stitches, one above each bow half.
- Sew red nose over center pleats, catching bow fabric securely.
- Keep stitching hidden.



7 • FINISH

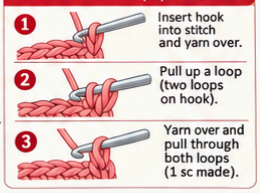
- Shape loops and tails by hand.
- Lightly steam from a distance only if yarn label allows; never press the nose flat.
- Add a hanging loop to the back with secure stitches.
- Check every join and trim yarn ends.
- Decorative use only.



US STITCH & METHOD KEY

- **ch — chain:** yarn over; pull through loop.
- **sl st — slip stitch:** insert hook, yarn over, pull through stitch and loop on hook.
- **sc — single crochet:** insert hook, yarn over, pull up loop; yarn over, pull through both loops.
- **inc — increase:** 2 sc in one stitch.
- **sc2tog / dec — decrease:** insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull up loop; repeat in next stitch; yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.
- **sc3tog** — pull up a loop in each of next 3 stitches; yarn over, pull through all 4 loops.
- **MR — magic ring:** make adjustable yarn loop, work stitches into loop, pull tail tight.
- **Whipstitch** — pass needle through matching edges repeatedly.
- **Fasten off** — cut yarn; pull tail through last loop.
- **[ ] × n** — repeat bracketed instructions n times.
- **R** = round; sc worked under both top loops unless stated.

SINGLE CROCHET (sc) — 3 STEPS



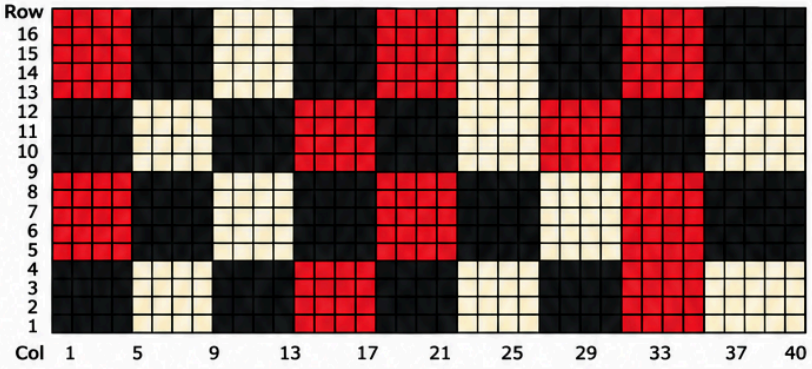
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REINDEER PLAID BOW — CROCHET CHART

US terminology • Photo-inspired construction

MATERIALS: Worsted cotton yarn: red (R), black (B), cream (C), brown. 3.5 mm hook, yarn needle, small amount of stuffing.

1 • BOW BAND — make 1



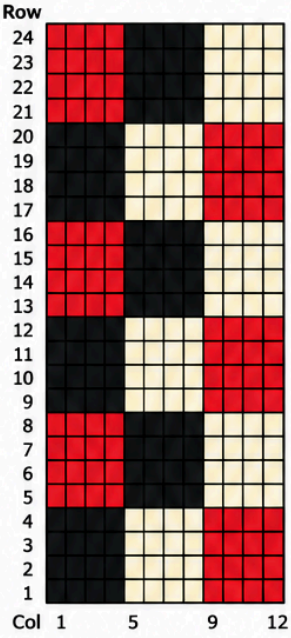
Ch 41. **Row 1:** sc in 2nd ch and across (40).
Rows 2–16: ch 1, turn, sc across (40).

Read odd rows right to left; even rows left to right.
Ch 1 does not count as a stitch.

Change color on final pull-through. Use small bobbins; keep floats short.

Join short ends into a ring. Place seam at center back; flatten and cinch center to form two loops.

2 • TAILS — make 2



Ch 13. Work 24 rows of 12 sc, ch 1 and turn each row. Follow color grid.

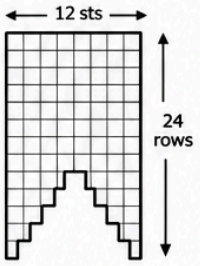
Fork Shaping (each tail)

Row 25: sc 6; leave remaining 6 unworked.
Row 26: ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc 4 (5).
Row 27: ch 1, turn, sc 3, sc2tog (4).

Continue decreasing at inner edge each row to 1 st; fasten off.

Rejoin at unused half of Row 24; mirror shaping.

Red sc edging around each tail.

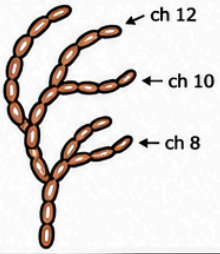


3 • RED CENTER — continuous rounds



R1: 6 sc in MR (6).
R2: inc ×6 (12).
R3: [sc, inc] ×6 (18).
R4: [2 sc, inc] ×6 (24).
R5–7: sc around (24).
R8: [2 sc, dec] ×6 (18).
Stuff lightly.
R9: [sc, dec] ×6 (12).
R10: dec ×6 (6). Close.

4 • ANTLERS — make 2, mirror placement

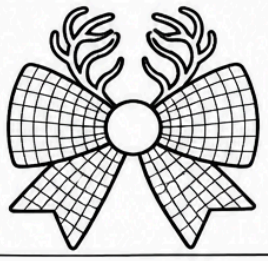


Brown stem: ch 25; sl st in 2nd ch and each ch back (24). Fasten off.

Make 3 branches per stem: ch 8, ch 10, ch 12; sl st back along each chain. Sew branches to upper half of stem, pointing outward.

For fuller antlers, make a second matching set and sew layers together.

5 • ASSEMBLY



Sew tails behind cinched band. Sew antlers securely behind upper loops.

Sew red center over cinch. Weave in ends.

Decorative use only.

SYMBOL LEGEND

= ch (chain)	= sc (single crochet)	= sl st (slip stitch)	= inc (2 sc in one stitch)	= sc2tog / dec (single crochet 2 together)	= MR (magic ring)

ch: chain • **sl st:** slip stitch • **sc:** single crochet • **inc:** 2 sc in one stitch • **sc2tog / dec:** single crochet 2 together • **MR:** magic ring • **st:** stitch

sc: insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop; yarn over, pull through both loops.

COLOR KEY

- **R** = red (bow band, tails, center, edging)
- **B** = black (plaid)
- **C** = cream (plaid)
- = brown (antlers)

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Reindeer Plaid Crochet Bow: Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

Create a festive Reindeer Plaid Crochet Bow with red, black, and cream checks, two pointed tails, brown antlers, and a stuffed red nose. This tutorial follows the construction shown in the supplied graphic and uses US crochet terminology throughout.

The graphic suggests an overall size of approximately 28 × 30 cm, although your finished measurements will depend on your yarn, tension, and assembly. Treat the stitch and row counts as the main instructions: some measurements in the graphic are approximate and do not fully match its stated gauge.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials

You will need:

- **Worsted-weight yarn in red, black, cream, and brown.**
- **A 3.5 mm crochet hook.**
- **A tapestry needle.**
- **Scissors.**
- **Stitch markers.**
- **A small amount of polyester stuffing.**
- **Optional hanging cord or extra yarn for a hanging loop.**
- **Small yarn bobbins for managing the plaid colors.**

Choose yarns of similar thickness so the checks remain consistent. A firm fabric helps the bow hold its shape and prevents stuffing from showing through the nose.

The suggested gauge is approximately 20 single crochet stitches × 22 rows = 10 × 10 cm. Make a small swatch if finished size matters to you.

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At that gauge, the 48-stitch bow strip will be approximately 24 cm wide, and 24 rows will measure approximately 11 cm high.

Measurement clarification: The graphic labels the 30-row tails as approximately 24 cm long. At its stated gauge, 30 rows would be closer to 14 cm before edging. Follow the written counts below for consistency with the construction, and expect the finished dimensions to vary.

Step 2: Learn the US Crochet Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning	How to work it
ch	Chain	Yarn over and pull through the loop on your hook.
sl st	Slip stitch	Insert the hook, yarn over, and pull through the stitch and the loop on your hook.
sc	Single crochet	Insert the hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, and pull through both loops.
inc	Increase	Work 2 sc into the same stitch.
sc2tog / dec	Single crochet two together	Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, and pull through all 3 loops.

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sc3tog	Single crochet three together	Pull up a loop in each of the next 3 stitches, yarn over, and pull through all 4 loops.
MR	Magic ring	Make an adjustable yarn ring and work the first round into it.
st / sts	Stitch / stitches	The stitches in a row or round.
R	Round	Used for the spiral construction of the nose.
[ ] × number	Repeat	Repeat the instructions inside the brackets the specified number of times.

Unless otherwise stated, work single crochet through both top loops of each stitch.

For the flat pieces, ch 1 and turn after every row. The turning chain does not count as a stitch.

To fasten off, cut the yarn and pull the tail completely through the last loop.

Step 3: Set Up the Plaid Color Pattern

The plaid consists of 4-stitch-wide × 4-row-high blocks.

Use these color abbreviations:

- R: Red.
- B: Black.

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- **C: Cream.**

The graphic uses an eight-row repeat:

- **Rows 1–4: Alternating red and black blocks.**
- **Rows 5–8: Alternating black and cream blocks.**
- **Repeat these eight rows for the required length.**

The important detail is to keep each block stacked directly above the block below it. Because you turn your work, you must read the color arrangement from the opposite direction on the next row.

For the 48-stitch bow strip, use this sequence:

Rows	Color sequence in the direction you crochet
1 and 3	[4 red, 4 black] × 6
2 and 4	[4 black, 4 red] × 6
5 and 7	[4 black, 4 cream] × 6
6 and 8	[4 cream, 4 black] × 6

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Repeat that table for Rows 9–16 and Rows 17–24.

For the 12-stitch tails, the arrangement is symmetrical:

- Rows 1–4: 4 red, 4 black, 4 red.
- Rows 5–8: 4 black, 4 cream, 4 black.
- Repeat through Row 24.

Changing Colors Neatly

Work the last stitch of the current color until you have two loops on the hook. Drop that yarn, yarn over with the next color, and pull through both loops.

The next stitch will now begin in the new color.

Use small bobbins for separate color sections. Keep unused yarn on the wrong side, and cross the yarns gently at each color change to prevent gaps. Avoid pulling the joins tight, which can make the fabric pucker.

Step 4: Crochet the Main Bow Strip

The bow begins as a flat rectangle that will be joined into a loop.

Foundation: With red yarn, ch 49.

Row 1: Sc in the second chain from the hook and in each remaining chain, changing colors according to the plaid plan. 48 sc.

Rows 2–24: Ch 1, turn, and sc in each stitch across. Maintain the 4-stitch × 4-row checks using the bow-strip color table. 48 sc in every row.

Check your stitch count regularly. The edges should remain straight, and each block should cover exactly four stitches.

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After Row 24, fasten off. The strip should measure approximately 24 × 11 cm, depending on your tension.

Weave in the color-change ends on the wrong side before joining the strip. Keep the ends within matching color sections whenever possible.

Step 5: Join and Shape the Bow

Bring the two short ends of the rectangle together with the right side facing outward.

Thread a tapestry needle with a matching yarn color and whipstitch the short edges together. Match the rows carefully so the seam is even. This creates a wide fabric loop.

Rotate the loop until the seam sits at the center back. Flatten the loop with the seam centered behind the front layer.

Pinch the middle into small accordion pleats. Both sides should spread outward into balanced bow loops.

Wrap red yarn firmly around the pinched center several times. Tie it securely at the back and stitch through the wrapped section to hold the pleats in place.

Leave the center compact enough for the red nose to cover it later.

Step 6: Crochet Two Plaid Tails

Make two identical tails.

Foundation: With red yarn, ch 13.

Row 1: Sc in the second chain from the hook and in each chain across. Work 4 red, 4 black, 4 red. 12 sc.

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Rows 2–4: Ch 1, turn, and continue with 4 red, 4 black, 4 red. 12 sc.

Rows 5–8: Ch 1, turn, and work 4 black, 4 cream, 4 black. 12 sc.

Rows 9–24: Repeat the eight-row plaid sequence twice more. Keep 12 sc in each row.

Do not fasten off after Row 24. You will now divide the lower edge into two sections to create the forked end.

Step 7: Shape the Two Points on Each Tail

Each point is worked over six stitches. The center stitches are left progressively unworked as the points taper.

Continue the plaid colors where practical; the red edging will define the final outline.

First point:

- **Row 25: Ch 1, turn, sc in the first 6 stitches. Leave the remaining 6 stitches unworked. 6 sc.**
- **Row 26: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, then sc in the remaining 4 stitches. 5 sc.**
- **Row 27: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, then sc in the remaining 3 stitches. 4 sc.**
- **Row 28: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, then sc in the remaining 2 stitches. 3 sc.**
- **Row 29: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, then sc in the remaining stitch. 2 sc.**
- **Row 30: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog. 1 sc.**

Fasten off.

Second point:

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Return to the six unworked stitches from Row 24. With the appropriate side facing you, join the yarn at the outer edge of that remaining section.

Work Rows 25–30 again, following the same stitch counts:

6 → 5 → 4 → 3 → 2 → 1.

Fasten off.

Repeat the entire tail construction to make the second tail.

Step 8: Add the Red Edging

Join red yarn at the upper edge of one tail.

Work single crochet evenly around the entire outline:

- **Work approximately 1 sc into each stitch across horizontal edges.**
- **Work approximately 1 sc into each row end along the sides.**
- **Work 3 sc at each outward tip to help the edging turn neatly.**
- **Work sc3tog across the inner V, using three available edge positions around the notch.**

Continue around to the starting point and join with a slip stitch.

The edging should lie flat. If the sides ripple, use fewer stitches along the row ends. If they pull inward, add a few stitches where needed.

Fasten off and weave in the ends. Edge the second tail in the same way.

Step 9: Crochet the Stuffed Red Nose

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Work the nose in continuous spiral rounds. Do not join rounds or turn.

Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you work.

With red yarn:

- **Round 1: Work 6 sc into a magic ring. 6 sts.**
- **Round 2: Inc in every stitch. 12 sts.**
- **Round 3: [Sc in the next stitch, inc] × 6. 18 sts.**
- **Round 4: [Sc in the next 2 stitches, inc] × 6. 24 sts.**
- **Round 5: [Sc in the next 3 stitches, inc] × 6. 30 sts.**
- **Rounds 6–9: Sc in every stitch around. 30 sts per round.**
- **Round 10: [Sc in the next 3 stitches, dec] × 6. 24 sts.**
- **Round 11: [Sc in the next 2 stitches, dec] × 6. 18 sts.**

Add stuffing after Round 11. Shape the nose into a rounded ball, keeping it firm without stretching the stitches.

- **Round 12: [Sc in the next stitch, dec] × 6. 12 sts.**
- **Round 13: Dec × 6. 6 sts.**

Cut the yarn, leaving a long sewing tail. Thread it through the front loops of the remaining six stitches and pull gently to close the opening.

Secure the closure while preserving enough yarn to attach the nose.

The graphic suggests a finished diameter of approximately 5.5–6 cm. Your result may vary with yarn, hook, and stuffing.

Step 10: Crochet the Antler Stems and Branches

Make two brown antlers.

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Each antler consists of one main stem and five separate branches.

Main stem:

Ch 26. Sl st in the second chain from the hook and in every remaining chain. 25 sl sts.

Fasten off, leaving a sewing tail.

Branches for each antler:

Quantity	Foundation chain	Slip stitches
2 branches	Ch 9	8 sl sts each
2 branches	Ch 7	6 sl sts each
1 branch	Ch 5	4 sl sts

For every branch, slip stitch in the second chain from the hook and in each remaining chain. Fasten off with a sewing tail.

You will need two stems and ten branches in total for the pair.

The graphic suggests using doubled brown yarn for extra firmness. If you choose this option, use it consistently for both antlers and select a hook that allows you to work the slip stitches comfortably.

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Step 11: Assemble and Shape the Antlers

Lay one stem flat and arrange its branches along the upper two-thirds, leaving the lower portion free for attachment to the bow.

Use the graphic as a placement guide:

- Position the two ch-9 branches as the longer outer branches.
- Position one ch-7 branch toward the upper section.
- Position the ch-5 branch near the center.
- Position the remaining ch-7 branch lower down.

Angle all branches upward.

Sew each branch base firmly to the stem, taking several small stitches through both pieces. Secure the joins and weave in the ends.

Assemble the second antler as a mirror image of the first.

Gently curve the stems and branches with your fingers. These crocheted antlers are naturally flexible; the doubled-yarn option can improve firmness, but they may still need support when displayed.

Step 12: Attach the Tails Behind the Bow

Place the bow face down, with its center seam visible.

Overlap the straight upper ends of the tails behind the wrapped center. Angle one tail downward to the left and the other downward to the right.

Turn the piece over briefly to check the front:

- Both tails should emerge from behind the center.
- The plaid should face outward.

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- The forked ends should remain visible.
- The tails should look balanced.

Return the piece face down and sew the tail tops securely to the center back. Stitch through the tail layers and the secured center of the bow without flattening the loops.

Step 13: Attach the Antlers

Position the antler bases at the back of the bow, one above each half.

The branches should extend upward and outward, with the two antlers forming a mirrored pair.

Sew each base firmly behind the bow, placing several stitches through the stem and bow fabric. For stability, secure a short section of each lower stem against the back instead of attaching it with only one stitch.

Check the front again before fastening off. Adjust the spacing so the antlers frame the nose area evenly.

Step 14: Sew the Red Nose Over the Center

Place the stuffed red nose over the red wrapping at the front center.

Thread the remaining nose yarn through a tapestry needle. Take small stitches between the back of the nose and the gathered bow center.

Work around the attachment area, catching sturdy sections of the bow fabric. Keep the stitches hidden behind the nose.

The nose should cover the center wrapping and sit securely between the bow loops. Avoid sewing so tightly that the stuffing compresses or the loops lose their shape.

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Secure the yarn at the back and weave in the end.

Step 15: Add a Hanging Loop and Finish

If you want to hang the decoration, attach a folded piece of cord or a crocheted chain loop to the upper center back.

Sew both ends firmly into the secured center area. Test the hanging position and adjust the loop so the bow hangs evenly.

Shape the loops and tails by hand. Spread the pleats gently, straighten the tail edging, and arrange the antlers.

If your yarn allows steaming, apply light steam from a distance and let the piece cool in position. Follow the yarn label, avoid direct iron contact, and do not press the stuffed nose flat.

Check every join, weave in any remaining ends, and trim loose yarn.

Your Reindeer Plaid Crochet Bow is ready to display on a wreath, wall, door, or holiday arrangement. It is intended for decorative use, as indicated in the graphic.