FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Crochet Candy Cane

A striped candy cane ornament in a spiral · 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	SIZES	HOOK
Easy	4 in and 6 in	3.25 mm (US D-3)

YARN	STITCHES	TIME
Worsted cotton, red + white	sc, inc, sc2tog, colour change	About 30 minutes

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton in red and white: mini 6 yd of each, classic 8 yd of each
- 3.25 mm (US D-3) hook, stitch marker, a chenille stem (pipe cleaner), tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

sc	single crochet	**rnd**	round
sc2tog	sc 2 together	**yo**	yarn over
MR	magic ring	**st(s)**	stitch(es)

Work in a continuous spiral; do not join rounds. The diagonal stripes come from the spiral, not from moving the colour blocks.

Mini candy cane (4 in)

Rnd 1	In red, 4 sc in a magic ring.	**(4)**
Rnd 2	In red, 2 sc in each st around. Join white on the last yo; from now on carry the colour you are not using inside the tube.	**(8)**
Rnds 3–18	*4 sc in white, 4 sc in red*; repeat around. Keep the blocks stacked over the same colour below and let the spiral do the rest: the stripes lean on their own. Work the last colour change on the last yo of the previous st. After about 10 rnds, push a chenille stem (pipe cleaner) into the tube and keep crocheting around it.	**(8)**
Rnd 19	In red, *sc 2tog*; repeat 4 times. Trim the chenille stem 1/4 in below the top.	**(4)**
Finish	Fasten off, thread the tail through the last 4 sts and pull closed. Bend the top third into a hook. Add a thread loop if you like.	

Classic candy cane (6 in)

Rnd 1	In red, 4 sc in a magic ring.	**(4)**
Rnd 2	In red, 2 sc in each st around. Join white on the last yo; from now on carry the colour you are not using inside the tube.	**(8)**

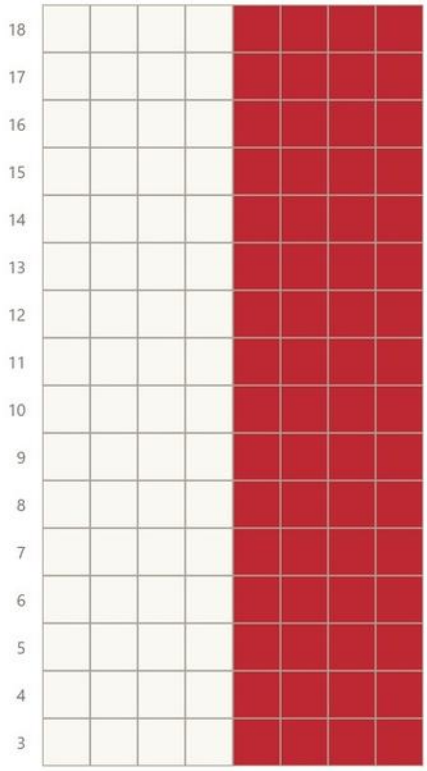
Rnds 3–28	*4 sc in white, 4 sc in red*; repeat around. Keep the blocks stacked over the same colour below and let the spiral do the rest: the stripes lean on their own. Work the last colour change on the last yo of the previous st. After about 10 rnds, push a chenille stem (pipe cleaner) into the tube and keep crocheting around it.	**(8)**
Rnd 29	In red, *sc 2tog*; repeat 4 times. Trim the chenille stem 1/4 in below the top.	**(4)**
Finish	Fasten off, thread the tail through the last 4 sts and pull closed. Bend the top third into a hook. Add a thread loop if you like.	

Tips

Carry	Keep the carried yarn inside the tube and don't pull it tight, or the tube puckers.
Stripes	If the stripes look straight, you are joining the rounds: work in a continuous spiral with a stitch marker.

Candy Cane Stripes · Colour Chart

8 sc per round: *4 white, 4 red*. Stacked blocks + the spiral = diagonal stripes



As you work it (rounds 3+)



What it looks like on the tube

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Crochet Candy Cane · Sizes

Worsted cotton, 3.25 mm (US D-3) hook, tight single crochet

Size	Rounds	Length	Thickness	Yarn	Insert
Mini	20 rounds	4 in straight	0.53 in	6 yd red + 6 yd white	5 in chenille stem
Classic	30 rounds	6 in straight	0.53 in	8 yd red + 8 yd white	7 in chenille stem

The hook takes up about a third of the length once bent.

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