

## Oana's Gingerbread Man Ornament (as transcribed and adapted by MaryFairy)

### [Oana's How-to on Youtube](#)

A very nice Italian lady named Oana created this crocheted gingerbread man ornament. Her video is easy to follow and very complete. It is a rather long video (about 41 minutes) and if it goes too slow for you, what follows is a row by row pattern and instructions by MaryFairy, who made several for one of her annual ornament specialities to share with family and friends.



### What you need to get started:

- a crochet hook E-G (the gingerbread man pictured here was crocheted using a size F (3.75mm). It measures 4.5 (almost 12 cm) tall. Whatever size you use, you want your stitches tight enough so that any stuffing does not show through.
- yarn, medium weight 4 in two colors: brown and white
- scissors
- tapestry needle to work in yarn ends
- buttons, ribbons
- stuffing (white poly fiberfil)

### **Instructions:**

#### Legs and Body

R 1: Ch 4, work 3 sc (3 sc)

R 2 - 6: = 5 rows of sc. You should have 6 rows of sc, Fasten off.

Make another leg, but don't fasten off

R 7: ch1, sc 3 of this leg and then 3 sc of the 1st leg, (6)

R 8 - 11: = 4 rows of sc. Fasten off

#### Arms

R 12: Ch 17, work 16 sc

R 13: sc 16

R 14: sc 5, then working in back loops and with wrong side of legs/body facing, join using 6 sl sts, sc remain 5 sts of arms, fasten off.

#### Head

R 15: sc into 7th st, work 4sc

R 16: 2sc into 1st st, 1sc into next 2 sts, 2 sc in last st (6)

R 17: sc (6)

R 18: 2sc into 1st st, 2 sc into next 4 sts, 2sc into last st. (8)

R 19: Sc 2 tog, sc into next 4 sts, sc 2 tog (6)

R 20: Sc 2 tog, sc into next 2 sts, sc 2 tog (4)

R 21: Sc 2 tog twice. Fasten off.

### Assembly

Make another identical piece and sc both pieces together not forgetting to stuff him lightly as you go and before completely joining him.

### Icing Edging

Oana's instructions have a different edging. MaryFairy's edging looks more like icing, which is like the icing in the example photo on page one. To do this, you sl st *through* the two layers at the outer edge of the joined halves instead of going over it. The end result looks very much like a chain stitch going all around the gingerbread man.

Ed note: I used white polyfiberfil stuffing that didn't show through the stitches. However, MaryFairy cut up some flesh colored pantyhose into very small pieces for the stuffing when her white stuffing was showing through.