

# Holiday Bells

for **CHRISTMAS**.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

**Materials:** Acrylic 4-ply knitting worsted weight yarn, few yards of favorite Christmas colors (red, green, yellow and white); small bits of batting or jingle bells for clappers; yarn needle.

**Hook:** G

**Gauge:** 4 sc = 1 inch; 4 rows sc = 1 inch



# **1**

apx 2¼" high

Starting at top center, with color of choice, leaving 2" yarn before slip knot, ch 2.

**Rnd 1:** 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st, ch 1.

★ **Note:** When working rnds that are joined with a slip stitch, I always work the first stitch of each rnd into the same stitch that the slip stitch was worked into (often called the joining st). That way, at the end of each rnd, all the slip stitches line up on top of each other (or at a slant to the right) and are not counted, nor worked into.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in ea sc, join, ch 1. (16 sc)

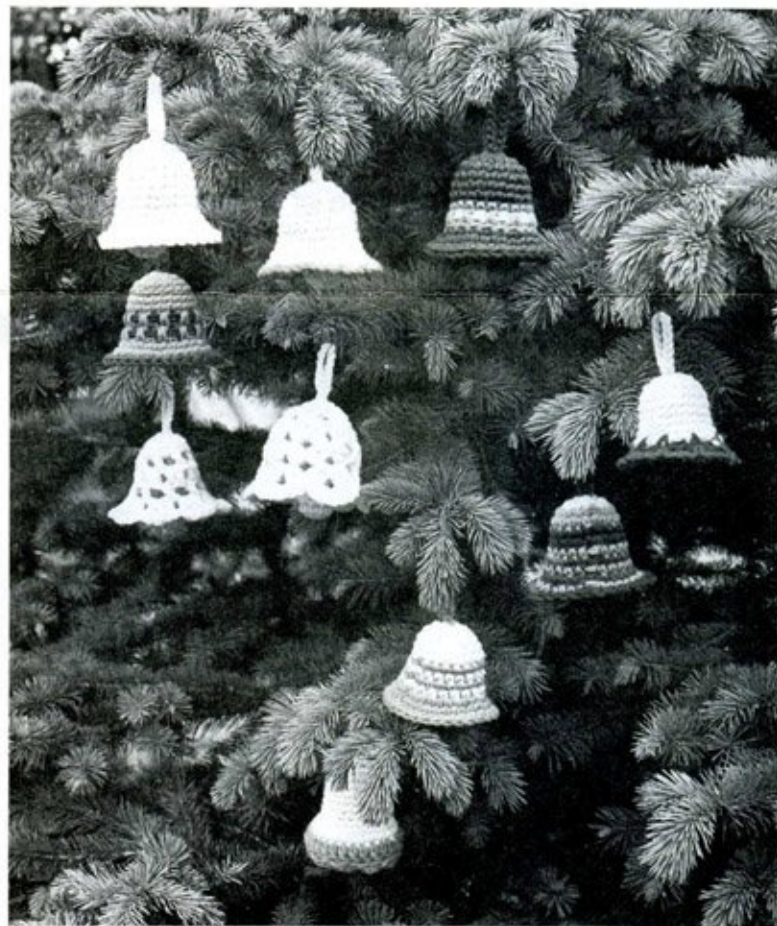
**Rnd 3:** sc in ea sc, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 4:** (sc in ea of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 4 times, join, ch 1. (20 sc)

**Next 5 Rnds—5 thru 9:** sc in ea sc, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 10:** (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) 10 times, join, ch 1. (30 sc)

**Next 2 Rnds—11 & 12:** sc in ea sc, join, ch 1. End off after Rnd 12.



**Clapper:** ch 2

**Rnd 1:** 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join, ch 1.

**Next 2 Rnds—2 & 3:** sc in ea sc, join, ch 1. Fill ball with stuffing (bits of same color yarn work nicely).

**Rnd 4:** (dec next 2 sc) 4 times, join. Extend hook across top of ball, insert it into back of sc opposite the joining st and work a sl st to close up the ball.

Ch 24, sl st into 15th ch from hook, making a hanging loop. Cut yarn, leaving 2". Place hanging loop inside of bell. With hook, pull loop and 2" yarn end thru center to top of bell. Now pull the yarn end back inside bell, going thru a stitch on Rnd 1. Turn bell inside out. Tie yarn ends (from chain and beginning of bell) together in a knot, then knot again around the chain. Trim ends.

If using a jingle bell, tie bell to end of yarn then ch 24 and proceed as described above.

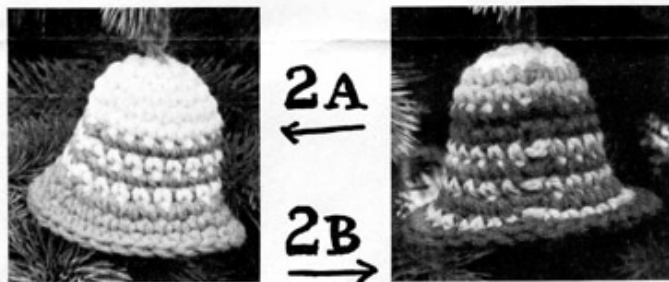


Now, try these two different edgings on the bell.



A. Work Bell #1 thru Rnd 11, then work...  
**Rnd 12:** (ch 3, sk next 2 sc, sl st in next sc) 10 times, join. End off.

B. Work Bell #1 thru Rnd 11, then work...  
**Rnd 12:** ch 2 (not counted as dc), dc in joining st and ea sc around, join to first dc.  
**Rnd 13:** (ch 3, sk next 2 dc, sl st in next dc) 10 times, join. End off.  
 When making clapper, make ch of 27 instead of 24, so ball will hang below the round of dc.



Gather together all your short lengths of yarn and, following directions for Bell #1, make a variety of striped bells, changing colors every rnd, every other rnd or whenever! Two bells are shown to stimulate your imagination!!

**2A:** Rnds 1 thru 5 and Rnds 7 and 9 are white while Rnds 6, 8 and 10 thru 12 are red—a candy cane effect!

**2B:** Rnds 1 and 2 are yellow; Rnds 3 and 4 in bright red; Rnds 5 and 6 in deep red; Rnd 7 in bright red again; Rnd 8 in deep green; Rnd 9 in bright green; Rnd 10 repeats the deep green while Rnds 11 and 12 are bright red followed by deep red.

#### HINTS FOR CHANGING COLORS:

**If a color is to be used in only one round,** insert hook in *sl-st-to-join*, draw up a loop, and ch 1 at the beginning of the round, work the round, join and cut off the color.

**If a color will be used in more than one round,** there is no need to cut it off each round. A very satisfyingly invisible transition can be made by changing colors at the ends of the rounds. To do this, always work off the last 2 loops of the last sc in a round with the new color and use the new color to make the *slip-stitch-to-join* and the ch 1. Drop the color not in use and let it hang inside the bell until you need it again. Once a color has been used the last time, cut it off, leaving 1½".

**To avoid weaving in yarn ends,** lay the ends across the top of the work and crochet right over them.



# # 3

With green, work Bell #1 thru Rnd 6. (See Hints for Changing Colors)

**Rnd 7:** with red, sc in ea of next 19 sc, 2 sc in last sc, join, ch 1. (21 sc)

**Rnd 8:** with yellow, (sc in next sc, ch 1, sk 1) 10 times, sc in last sc, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 9:** with red, (sc in back loop of next sc, long sc [Refer to How to Make a Long Sc] in next sc two rnds below, directly under the ch-1 sp) 10 times, sc in back loop of last sc. To complete the design, insert hook under *sl-st-to-join* two rnds below, draw up a loop as you did when working a long sc, making 2 loops on hook. End off red. With green, sl st to join, drawing yarn thru both loops on hook, and ch 1.

**Rnd 10:** working in back loops only, (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) 10 times, sc in last sc, join, ch 1. (31 sc)

**Rnds 11 & 12:** sc in ea sc, join, ch 1. End off after Rnd 12.

Make green **Clapper** as described in Bell #1.



# # 4

With red, work Bell #1 thru Rnd 5.

**Rnd 6:** sc in ea of next 19 sc, 2 sc in last sc, join, ch 1. (Refer to Hints for Changing Colors) (21 sc)

**Rnd 7:** with green, (sc in next sc, ch 1, sk 1) 10 times, sc in last sc, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 8:** with red, (sc in back loop of next sc, long sc [Refer to How to Make a Long Sc] in next sc two rnds below, directly under the ch-1 sp) 10 times, sc in back loop of next sc. To complete the design, insert hook under *sl-st-to-join* two rnds below and draw up a loop as you did when working a long sc, making 2 loops on hook. Drop red, but do not cut off. With green, sl st to join, drawing yarn thru both loops on hook, ch 1.

**Rnd 9:** repeat Rnd 7.

**Rnd 10:** repeat Rnd 8, continuing with red to join and ch 1.

**Rnd 11:** (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) 10 times, sc in last sc, join, ch 1. (31 sc)

**Rnd 12:** sc in ea sc, join, ch 1. End off red.

**Rnd 13:** with green, sc in ea sc, join. End off.

With green, make **Clapper** as described in Bell #1.

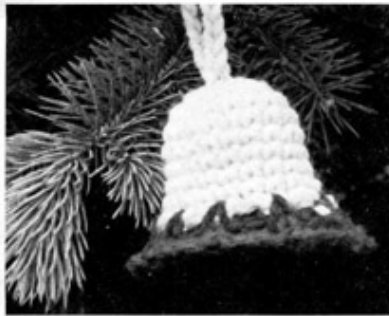
## How to Make a Long Single Crochet



Insert your hook into the stitch 2 rows below the next stitch you plan to work into, yo, pull a loop thru and up to the level of the row you are working on. Then, complete the stitch as you would any regular single crochet. Sometimes, a long sc is worked 3, 4 or more rows below for interesting pattern effects. The trick is to allow enough yarn, without stretching, to return to level of row you're working on, to avoid puckering.



# # 5



With white, work Bell #1 thru Rnd 9. End off white.

**Rnd 10:** with green, work 1 long sc (Refer to How to Make a Long Sc) in joining st 2 rnds below, (2 sc in next sc, long sc in next sc two rnds below) 9 times, 2 sc in last sc, join. End off green.

**Rnd 11:** with red, (work 1 long sc in long sc, inserting hook in middle of V, so you have a red V inside a green V, sc in back loops of ea of next 2 sc) 10 times, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 12:** (sl st in long sc, ch 3, sk 2 sc) 10 times, join. End off.

Measure off 24 inches of bright yellow yarn. Thread into needle so yarn is doubled. Take running sts with the double yarn along Rnd 9, leaving a slight puff of yellow between ea of the green long scs.

With red, make **Clapper** as described in Bell #1.

★ When I first began making these, I thought only of Christmas... but I soon realized that BELLS are symbols for many occasions throughout the year! You can make "BRIGHT" ones for NEW YEARS and Birthdays; WHITE ones for WEDDING DINNERS, PARTIES and RECEPTIONS; White, Gold or Silver for ANNIVERSARIES; RED-WHITE-BLUE for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and pastels for SHOWERS!

Make them in all sizes... wear them and hang them EVERYWHERE!! BUT - most of all... Have Fun!

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# # 6

apx 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " high

Starting at top center, with color of choice, ch 2, leaving 2" before slip knot.

**Rnd 1:** 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join, ch 3.

**Rnd 2:** dc in joining st, 2 dc in ea of next 7 sc, join, ch 5. (16 dc)

**Rnd 3:** (sk next sc, dc in next sc, ch 2) 7 times, join in 3rd ch of ch-5. (8 ch-2 sps)

**Rnd 4:** sl st into first ch-2 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 1, (2 dc, ch 1 in next ch-2 sp) 7 times, join in top of ch-3.

**Rnd 5:** sl st over to first ch-1 sp, ch 6, (dc, ch 3 in next ch-1 sp) 7 times, join in 3rd ch of ch 6.

**Rnd 6:** sl st into first ch-3 sp, ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 1 in next ch-3 sp) 7 times, join in top of ch-3.

**Rnd 7:** ch 1, sc in joining st, 3 dc in next dc, sc in next dc, sl st in ch-1 sp, (sc in next dc, 3 dc in next dc, sc in next dc, sl st in ch-1 sp) 7 times. End off pulling yarn end thru sl st at beg of rnd.

Make **Clapper** as described in Bell #1, working 27 chs instead of 24.

# # 7

apx 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " high

Starting at top center, with color of choice, ch 2, leaving 2" before slip knot.

**Rnd 1:** 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in ea sc, join, ch 5. (12 sc)

**Rnd 3:** dc in joining st, \* sk next sc, (dc, ch 1, dc) all in next sc, repeat from \* around, join in 3rd ch of ch-5. (6 ch-1 sps)

**Next 3 Rnds—4, 5 & 6:** sl st over to first ch-1 sp, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) all in same sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) all in ea ch-1 sp around, join in top of ch-3. (6 split-shells)

**Rnd 7:** (6 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk 2 dc, sl st in next dc) 6 times. End off.

Make **Clapper** as described in Bell #1, working 27 chs instead of 24.

### Abbreviations

beg .....	beginning	pat .....	pattern
ch .....	chain	rnd .....	round
dc .....	double crochet	sc .....	single crochet
dec (s) .....	decrease (s)	sk .....	skip
dtr .....	double treble crochet	sl st (s) .....	slip stitch (es)
dec ng .....	decreasing	sp (s) .....	space (s)
ea .....	each	st (s) .....	stitch (es)
hdc .....	half double crochet	thru .....	through
inc (s) .....	increase (s)	tog .....	together
inc ng .....	increasing	tr .....	treble crochet
lp (s) .....	loop (s)	yo .....	yarn over hook



### LAPEL PINS or PACKAGE TRIMS

**Materials:** acrylic sport weight yarn, few yds in Christmas colors; jingle bells; 1 foot of 1/2" ribbon in color of your choice; small safety pin; sprig of holly.

**Hook:** E

**Gauge:** 6 sc = 1 inch; 6 rows sc = 1 inch

**# 1**

**Size:** 1 3/4" high

Starting at top center, with color of choice, leaving 2" yarn before slip knot, ch 2.

**Rnd 1:** 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in ea sc, join, ch 1. (16 sc)

**Next 5 Rnds - thru 7:** sc in ea sc, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 8:** (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) 8 times, join, ch 1. (24 sc)

**Rnd 9:** sc in ea sc, join, ch 1.

**For plain edge—Rnd 10:** (sc in ea of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 4 times, join. End off.

**For scalloped edge—Rnd 10:** (ch 3, sk 1 sc, sl st in next sc) 12 times, sl st into sl-st-to-join. End off.

**Clapper:** Tie a jingle bell onto the end of yarn, then ch 20, sl st in 12th ch from hook to make hanging loop. Attach to bell as described in Bell #1, Tree Ornaments.

Pull ribbon thru hanging loop and tie into neat bow. Sew the safety pin on back of bow. You can use one, two or three bells in ea lapel pin, as you choose. If you use more than one bell, you may want to make the hanging loop chains different lengths to stagger the positions of the bells. Tie the sprig of holly behind the ribbon with a twist of wire or yarn.

**# 2**

**Size:** 1 1/4" high (thimble size)

Starting at top center, with color of choice, leaving 2" yarn before slip knot, ch 2.

**Rnd 1:** 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in ea sc, join, ch 1. (12 sc)

**Next 4 Rnds - thru 6:** sc in ea sc, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 7:** (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) 6 times, join, ch 1. (18 sc)

**Rnd 8:** sc in ea sc, join, ch 1.

**Rnd 9:** (ch 3, sk 1 sc, sl st in next sc) 9 times, sl st in sl-st-to-join. End off.

**Clapper:** Tie jingle bell onto end of yarn, ch 16, sl st in 12th ch from hook to make hanging loop. Attach to bell as described in Bell #1, Tree Ornaments.

Make Lapel Pins as described above in #1.

- ★ *For Fun... use a fuzzy yarn on the last round!*
- For Weddings and Anniversaries, make these in white with gold or silver on the last round!*
- For 4<sup>th</sup> of July, make one each in RED, WHITE, BLUE!*



### FRONT DOOR DECORATION

**Materials:** Acrylic Rug and Craft yarn, few ozs of red, few yds of green; several yds of 1 1/2" wide ribbon; some pine boughs; small bits of stuffing or 1 inch jingle bells for clappers; florist wire.

**Hook:** J

**Gauge:** 3 sc = 1 inch; 3 rows sc = 1 inch

Make 2 bells as described in Bell #4, working **Rnds 1 thru 6:** in red.

**Rnd 7:** in green.

**Rnd 8:** in red.

**Rnd 9:** in green.

**Rnds 10 & 11:** in red.

**Rnd 12:** in red as described in Edging 1-A.

Make **Clappers** as described in Bell #1, working 24 ch for one bell. For the other bell, ch 30 and sl st into the 20th ch from the hook for a longer hanging loop.

Wire the pine boughs together in an arrangement that pleases your eye. Wrap wire around your fingers several times to make a ring (or use a pop-top ring or cabone ring, or something similar) and secure it in place (near top middle) for a hanger. Tie the bells, thru their loops, with the ribbon, making a large bow (with or without streamers). Tie or wire the bow and bells to the boughs.

- ★ Now—you can see the many possibilities of making any of the tree ornament bells larger by using craft yarn. You can choose a wide variety of color combinations! And you can arrange these larger bells on wreaths, straw brooms, swags, over doorways, under lighting fixtures .....Keep Thinking..... you'll have bells all over the place!