

# Christmas Ball Ornaments



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**Difficulty:** Beginner

**Size:** Approx. 3" diameter

**Gauge:** Gauge is less important than achieving a dense fabric. Change hook size if needed to get a nice, tight fabric.

### Abbreviations:

ch = chain

dec = decrease by working two stitches as one

inc = increase by

sc = single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

### Materials:

- ◆ Red Heart Super Saver [100% Acrylic; 364 yds/333m per 7oz/198g skein] OR sub smooth, plied worsted weight yarn; small amount per ornament.
- ◆ G/6 (4.25mm) hook
- ◆ Stuffing
- ◆ Yarn needle
- ◆ Cord, ribbon, or yarn to hang ornament

**Note:** do not join rounds; balls are worked in a continuous spiral.

### Basic Ball

Rnd 1: Ch 2; make 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: [Sc inc in next st] around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: [Sc in next st, sc inc in next st] around. (18 sc)

Rnd 4: [Sc in each of the next 2 sts, sc inc in next st] around. (24 sc)

Rnd 5: [Sc in each of the next 3 sts, sc inc in next st] around. (30 sc)

Rnds 6-11: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 12: [Sc in each of the next 3 sts, sc dec] around. (24 sc)

Rnd 13: [sc in each of the next 2 sts, sc dec] around. (18 sc)

Rnd 14: [sc in next st, sc dec] around. (12 sc)  
Stuff ball.

Rnd 15: [Sc dec] around. (6 sc) Sl st in next st.

Finish off, leaving a tail of yarn a few inches long. Weave tail through sts of rnd 15, pull tight to close. Weave in all ends; use hook to pull cord through two or three stitches on top of ball and tie in a loop to hang ornament.

### Wide-Stripe Ball

Rnd 1: With MC, ch 2; make 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6 sc)

Rnds 2-5: Work as for Basic Ball.

Rnd 6: Sc in each sc around. Sl st in next st, switch to CC.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in every stitch around. (30 sc)

Rnds 8-9: Sc in each st around. Sl st in next st, switch to MC.

Rnd 10: Ch 1, sc in each st around. (30 sc)

Rnds 11-15: Work as for Basic Ball.

### Three-Stripe Ball

Rnd 1: With MC, ch 2; make 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: [Sc inc in next st] around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: [Sc in next st, sc inc in next st] around. (18 sc)

Rnd 4: [Sc in each of the next 2 sts, sc inc in next st] around. (24 sc) Sl st in next st; switch to CC1.

Rnd 5: Ch 1; [sc in each of the next 3 sts, sc inc in next st] around. (30 sc)

Rnd 6: Sc in each sc around. Sl st in next st, switch to CC2.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in every stitch around. (30 sc)

Rnd 8: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9: Sc in each st around; sl st in next st. Switch to CC1.

Rnd 10: Ch 1, sc in each st around. (30 sc)

Rnd 11: Sc in each st around. Sl st in next st, switch to MC.

Rnd 12-15: Work as for Basic Ball.