

Valentine's Gonk

Hook size: 4 & 5mm hooks

Yarn: Stylecraft Special Chunky in Lipstick (Red – 88g), Fondant (Pink – 52g) & White (40g).

Stylecraft Special DK in Soft Peach (21g), Lipstick (3g) & Fondant.(2g).

Toy stuffing, 12cm Cardboard Disc & Thick copper wire

This pattern is written in US terms

US Terminology

SC – single crochet

HDC - half double crochet

DC – double crochet

TR – treble crochet

SLST – slip stitch

MR – magic ring

CH – chain

ST(s) – stitch(es)

() – indicate all stitches to be made in one stitch.

[] – pattern repeat

UK Terminology

DC

HTR

TR

DTR



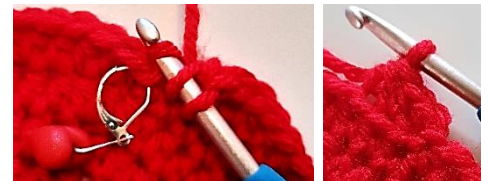
SC2TOG – (DC2TOG) – single crochet decrease . Insert hook, YO, pull up a loop, insert hook into the next stitch YO, pull up a loop. (3 loops on hook). YO and pull through all 3 loops.

HDC2TOG – (HTR2TOG) - half double crochet decrease – YO, insert hook, YO pull up a loop (3loops), YO insert hook into next ST, and pull up a loop. (5 loops on hook). YO and pull through all 5 loops.

HDC3TOG – (HTR3TOG) - half double crochet decrease - follow the instructions for the HDC2TOG but include the next ST also. (7 loops on hook). YO and pull through all 7 loops.

Body – Use LIPSTICK chunky and 5mm hook

1. In a MR make 10HDC. **DO NOT JOIN**. Work in continuous rounds. *(Place marker in the 1st ST of each round)*. (10sts).
2. (2HDC) in each ST around. (20sts).
3. * (2HDC) in the 1st ST, then HDC in the next ST. Repeat from * around. (30sts).
4. * HDC in the 1st 2 stitches, (2HDC). Repeat from * around. (40sts).
5. * (2HDC), then make 1HDC in the next 3 stitches. Repeat from * around. (50sts)
6. * HDC in the 1st 4 stitches, (2HDC). Repeat from * around. **SLST in the 1st HDC made to join.** (60sts). Diameter measures 12cm.
7. CH1- *does not count as a ST*. With **RIGHT** side facing down , make 1HDC in the **BACK LOOP** of each ST around. SLST in the 1st HDC made to join. (60sts).
8. – 19. **Continue working in rounds** – still not joining but placing a marker in the 1st ST of each round. Make 1HDC in each ST around. (60sts).
20. * Make 1HDC in the 1st 4 stitches. (HDC2TOG). Repeat from * around. (50sts). *Insert 12cm diameter cardboard disc here and start filling with stuffing.*
21. * HDC2TOG, 1HDC in the next 3 stitches. Repeat from * around. (40sts).
22. * 1HDC in the 1st 2 stitches. HDC2TOG. Repeat from * around. (30sts).
23. * HDC2TOG, HDC. Repeat from * around. (20sts). *Continue stuffing taking care not to over stuff body.*
24. HDC2TOG around. (10sts).
25. HDC2TOG around. SLST in marker ST to join. (5sts). Fasten off yarn leaving a long tail. Use long tail to weave through the 5 remaining stitches so the gap is closed.



Gnome Nose – Using 2 strands of SOFT PEACH together and a 5mm hook

1. In a MR make 7SC. **DO NOT JOIN**. Work in continuous rounds. (7sts).
2. Make (2SC) in each ST around. *(Place marker in the 1st ST of the round)*. (14sts).
3. * (2SC), SC. Repeat from * around. (21sts).
4. – 5. Make 1SC in each ST around. (21sts).
6. * SC, SC2TOG. Repeat from * around. SLST in 1st SC made to join. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Fill with stuffing. (14sts).

Gnome Hat – Using FONDANT chunky and a 5mm hook

1. In a MR make 4SC. **DO NOT JOIN**. Work in continuous rounds. (4sts).
2. – 3. Make 1SC in each ST around. *(Place marker in the 1st ST of each round)*. (4sts).
4. Make (2SC) in each ST around. (8sts).
5. – 6. 1HDC in each ST around. (8sts).
7. * (2HDC), HDC. Repeat from * around. (12sts).
8. 1HDC in each ST around. (12sts).
9. (2DC), (2DC). Make 1HDC in each of the remaining stitches. (14sts).
10. – 11. 1HDC in each ST around. (14sts).
12. * (2HDC). HDC in the following 2 stitches. Repeat from * around finishing with (2HDC) and then 1HDC in the last ST. (19sts).
13. (2DC), HDC, (2DC). Make 1HDC in each of the remaining stitches. (21sts).
14. * (2HDC). 1HDC in the next 3 stitches. Repeat from * around finishing with (2HDC) in the last ST. (27sts).
15. 1HDC in each ST around. (27sts).
16. [(2DC). 1HDC in the next 4 stitches] twice. * (2HDC), 1HDC in the next 4 stitches. Repeat from * for the remaining stitches finishing with (2HDC) and then 1HDC in the last ST. (33sts).
17. 1HDC in each ST around. (33sts).
18. (2DC) 4 times. Make 1HDC in the next 12 stitches. (2DC), 1HDC in the next 3 stitches. (2DC), 1HDC in the next 6 stitches. (2DC). SC in each of the last 5 stitches. (40sts).
19. – 20. 1HDC in each ST around. (40sts).
21. * (2HDC). 1HDC in the next ST. Repeat from * around. (60sts).
22. [(2DC). 1HDC in the next 29 stitches] twice. (62sts).
23. (2TR). 1HDC in the next 30 stitches. (2TR). HDC in the next 10 stitches, 1DC in the following 10 stitches. 1HDC in the remaining 10 stitches. (64sts).
24. [(2SC), (2SC). 1SC in the next 30 stitches] twice. (68sts).
25. DC, (2DC), (2DC), DC. 1SC in the next 30 stitches. DC, (2DC), (2DC), DC. 1SC in the next 10 stitches. 1HDC in the next 10 stitches – *this will be the front brim of the hat and will sit above the nose*. 1SC in each of the 10 remaining stitches. SLST in 1st DC made to join. Fasten off leaving a very long tail. (72sts).

Envelope – Use WHITE CHUNKY and 5mm hook

1. CH10. SC in 2nd CH from hook and in each ST across. (9sts).
2. – 6. **CH1 and turn for each of the remaining rows**. *CH1 does not count as a ST*. Make 1SC in each ST across. (9sts).
7. SC2TOG. SC in the next 5sts. SC2TOG. (7sts).
8. SC22TOG. SC in the next 3sts. SC2TOG. (5sts).
9. SC2TOG, SC, SC2TOG. (3sts).
10. SC3TOG. Fasten off yarn leaving a long tail. (1 stitch).
11. Using a **4mm hook**, join **LIPSTICK DK** on the top left corner. Make 1SC in each ST around with (2SC) in each bottom corner. Finishing in the ST just before the flap. Fasten off yarn. Turn envelope over and make 1SC in each ST around the flap with (3SC) in the flap point. SLST to join. Fasten off yarn.



Gnome legs – make 2 using 5mm hook

1. Using **LIPSTICK CHUNKY** CH7. Make (3SC) in the 2nd CH from the hook. *Place marker in the 2nd ST.* SC in the next 4 chains. (3SC) in the last CH. *Place marker in the 2nd ST.* Working down the other side of the CH. Make 1SC in the next 4 chains. Do not join work in continuous rounds. (14sts).
2. SC. Make (3SC) in the marker ST – *(move marker to the 2nd ST of the 3)*. SC in the next 6 stitches. Make (3SC) in the 2nd marker ST – *(move marker to the 2nd ST of the 3)*. SC in the next 5 stitches. (18sts).
3. **SC**, [(2SC), (3SC- in the marker ST. Move ST marker to the middle ST of the 3SC), (2SC), SC in the next 6 stitches] twice. (26sts).
4. SC, (2SC) 3 times. (3SC – in the marker ST. Move marker to the middle ST of the 3SC). (2SC) 3 times. 1SC in the next 9 stitches, (2SC), 1SC in each of the remaining 8sts. **SLST in the 1st SC made to join.** (35sts).
5. CH1- *does not count as a ST.* Make 1HDC in the **BACK LOOPS** in each ST around. SLST in the 1st HDC made to join. (35sts).
6. 1HDC in the 1st 6 stitches. *Place marker in the 1st HDC ST.* [HDC2TOG, HDC] twice. HDC2OG, HDC in the next 6 stitches. SC in the next 15 stitches. **DO NOT JOIN** .Work in continuous rounds for the rest of the pattern. (32sts).
7. SC twice. HDC twice. HDC2TOG 5 times. HDC twice. SC in the next 16 stitches. (27sts).
8. SC twice. HDC, HDC2TOG, HDC3TOG, HDC2TOG, HDC. SC in the remaining 16sts. (23sts).
9. SC twice. HDC, HDC3TOG, HDC, SC in the next 8 stitches. SC2TOG, SC in remaining 6 stitches. (20sts).
10. SC in the 1st 3 stitches. HDC3TOG, SC in the next 7 stitches. SC2TOG. SC in each of the remaining 5 stitches. SLST in top of HDC3TOG to join. (17sts). Fasten off yarn. **Foot made.**
11. Join **FONDANT CHUNKY** in the centre back ST of the foot. Make 1HDC in each ST around in the **BACK LOOPS. DO NOT JOIN** .Work in continuous rounds. Place marker in 1st ST. (16sts).
12. HDC2TOG, then make 1HDC in each ST around. (16sts).
13. - 15. Make 1HDC in each ST around. Round 15 - SLST in the 1st HDC to join. Fasten off yarn. (16sts).
16. – 17. Join **WHITE CHUNKY** in the back centre ST of the leg and make 1HDC in each ST around. SLST in 1st HDC made to join. Fasten off yarn. (16sts). Stuff foot and bottom of leg with toy stuffing.
18. Join **LIPSTICK CHUNKY** in the **FRONT** centre ST of the leg. CH1. * To make the **HEART - (2DC Cluster, CH2, 2DC cluster)** – see notes below. CH2 and skip the next 3 stitches. Repeat from * around. CH2 and SLST in the 1st cluster made to join. Fasten off yarn. (4 hearts made).



To make 2DC cluster ST - YO (Yarn over) insert hook into ST, YO and pull through (3 loops on hook), YO and pull through 2 loops on hook. (2 loops left on hook). YO insert hook into same ST, YO and pull through (4 loops on hook). YO and pull through 2 loops. (3 loops left on hook). YO and pull through all 3 loops.



19. Join **WHITE CHUNKY** in any CH2 space between the red clusters of the heart at the back of the leg. SC * and then make 1HDC in the next 3 white stitches from **Round 17**. SC in between the next set of clusters. Repeat from * around. SLST in the 1st SC made to join. (16sts). Continue lightly stuffing leg up to the hearts round.
20. Make 1HDC in each ST around. SLST in the 1st HDC made to join. Fasten off yarn. (16sts).
21. – 25. Join **FONDANT CHUNKY** in the centre back ST of the leg and make 1HDC in each ST around. **DO NOT JOIN** .Work in continuous rounds. Place marker in 1st ST of each round. Round 25 - SLST in the 1st HDC made to join. Fasten off yarn. (16sts).
26. – 29. Join **WHITE CHUNKY** and repeat Round 21. Fasten off yarn leaving a long tail. (16sts).



Arms – make 2 using a 5mm hook*CH1 at the start of each round. CH1 does not count as a stitch.*

1. Using **LIPSTICK CHUNKY** In a MR make 4SC. **DO NOT** join. *Work in continuous rounds – placing stitch marker in the 1st ST of each round.* (4sts).
2. (2SC), SC, (2SC), SC. (6sts).
3. [(2SC), SC in the next 2 stitches.] twice. (8sts).
4. [(3HDC), 1HDC in the next 3 stitches.] twice. (12sts).
5. – 6. Make 1HDC in each ST around. (12sts).
7. * (2HDC), HDC. Repeat from * around. (18sts).
8. Make 1HDC in each ST around. (18sts).
9. Make 1SC in each ST around. (18sts).
10. Make 1HDC in each ST around in the **FRONT LOOPS**. SLST in 1st HDC made to join. Fasten off yarn leaving a long tail. (18sts).
11. Working with **2 strands** of **SOFT PEACH DK** join in the unworked **BACK LOOP** stitches of **Round 9**. Make 1SC in each ST around. For the remaining rows **DO NOT** join, work the following in continuous rounds placing a stitch marker in the 1st ST of each round. (18sts).
12. * (2HDC), 1HDC in the next 2 stitches. Repeat from * around. (24sts).
13. Make 1HDC in the 1st 8 stitches. Skip 8 stitches - *this will leave a thumb gap*, and then make 1HDC in each of the remaining 8 stitches. (16sts).
14. * HDC2TOG, 1HDC in the next 2 stitches. Repeat from * around. (12sts).
15. * HDC2TOG, HDC. Repeat from * around. (8sts).
16. HDC2TOG 4 times. SLST in top of 1st HDC2TOG to join. Fasten off yarn leaving a long tail. (4sts). Use long tail to sew the 4 remaining stitches close.
17. Using the open thumb hole stuff hand (*use end of hook to push stuffing into place*). Rejoin yarn in the 1st ST of the thumb hole (*the unworked skipped 8 stitches from Round 13*). Make 1SC in each ST around thumb hole. SLST in 1st SC made to join. (8sts).
18. [SC2TOG, SC in the next 2 stitches.] twice. SLST in top of 1st SC2TOG made to join. (6sts).
19. [SC2TOG, SC.] twice. SLST in top of 1st SC2TOG made to join. Fasten off yarn leaving a long tail. (4sts). Use long tail to sew the 4 remaining stitches close and the small gap between the thumb and hand.

**Balloon Heart – Make 3****2 in Lipstick DK and 1 in Fondant DK - using a 4mm hook***CH1 at the start of each round. CH1 DOES NOT count as a ST throughout.*

1. In a MR make 5SC. SLST in the 1st SC to join. (5sts).
2. Make 2SC in each ST around. SLST in the 1st SC to join. (10sts).
3. * (2SC), SC. Repeat from * around. SLST in the 1st SC made to join. (15sts).
4. SC in each ST around. SLST in 1st SC made to join. Fasten off yarn. (15sts). Place to one side.

Make a 2nd piece repeating ROWS 1- 4 but **DO NOT fasten off after ROW 4.**

5. SC in each ST around piece 1. Do not join instead continue straight making a SC in each ST around piece 2. This will join both pieces together. SLST in 1st SC made to join on piece 1. (30sts).
6. SC in each ST around. SLST in the 1st SC made to join. (30sts).
7. * SC2TOG, SC in the next 4 stitches. Repeat from * around. SLST in the top of the SC2TOG to join. (25sts).
8. * SC2TOG, SC in the next 3 stitches. Repeat from * around. SLST in the top of the SC2TOG to join. (20sts).
9. * SC2TOG, SC in the next 2 stitches. Repeat from * around. SLST in the top of the SC2TOG to join. (15sts).
10. * SC2TOG, SC in the next stitch. Repeat from * around. SLST in the top of the SC2TOG to join. (10sts).



11. SC2TOG around. SLST in 1st SC2TOG to join. Fasten off yarn leaving a long tail. (5sts). Using tail end weave through remaining 5 stitches to close gap.

Making Up

1. Fill top of hat with stuffing, but not too full so there are creases in the hat . Place onto body and pin into place. Place nose so it just lifts up the brim of the hat. Pin onto body and using the long tail stitch into place.
2. To create the beard * cut long strand of **WHITE** yarn. Fold strand in half. Insert hook under the stitch around the nose , grab the folded loop of yarn and pull through slightly. Remove hook and pull yarn ends through loop and pull tight. To make beard wavy. Starting at the top of the yarn strand – where you tightened the loop. Pull strand apart all the way down to the end. Repeat from * all around the nose and just under the hat line, until the beard is nice and thick. Trim ends so that they are all the same length.
3. When beard is complete sew hat into place making sure it overlaps the beard.
4. When red heart is completed use the long tail end and sew up through the centre of the heart. Using this end sew into place at the very end of the hat so it hangs off it.
5. Pin legs to base of gnome so that the white band sits just underneath. Sew into place.
6. Sew left arm facing down wards just under ear flap on hat.
7. Using long tail on envelope sew letter onto hand as show in photo.
8. Sew right arm so it is angled slightly upwards just under ear flap.
9. Using a piece of thick wire approx. 25cm long . Bend in half and wrap each end loosely around a pencil to curl it. Make a hook shape in the top of each end and place hook through the bottom of the heart and push up until secure. Repeat for 2nd heart. Then loop the base around the right hand and twist to tighten .



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