

## Keeper Gnome



### Description

These were designed to be a fun keychain. All of the pieces can be sewn together, or left in pieces so the hats and bodies can be interchanged. There is a crocheted chain that slides through the body and hat. A key ring can be attached to the top or bottom of the chain, with a carabiner (clip) to the opposite end. A key, fob, measuring tape, or any other little thing you want the gnome to keep safe. These little guys could also be stuffed and sewn closed for a little shelf sitter.

### Materials

- Yarn: Worsted weight yarn in a variety of colors.  
Sample yarns - Red Heart Super Saver Cherry, Royal, Pretty N Pink, Pumpkin, White, Spring Green, Bright Yellow; I Love This Yarn Light Peach
- Crochet Hooks: G
- Miscellaneous: yarn needle, small amount of stuffing
- Optional: Key ring, small caribiner
- Size: 4.5" tall x 3" at widest part!



**Body**

This starts at the top of the head.

1. With a G hook and worsted weight yarn for the head (Sample: Lt Peach), start with a magic circle of 8 sts (or preferred method for starting a circle of 8 sts), pull closed, but not tight. There should still be a small opening for the crocheted chain to slide in and out. Sl st to join. (8sts)
2. Ch 1, \*sc, 2sc in next st\*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (12sts)
3. Ch 1, \*sc 2, 2sc in next st\*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (16sts)
4. Ch 1, \*sc 7, 2sc in next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (18sts)
5. Ch 1, \*sc 8, 2sc in next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (20sts)
- 6-7. Ch 1, sc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
8. Ch 1, sc 2, \*sc2tog, sc 2\*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (14sts)
9. Finish off the current yarn and change color for the body. Ch 1, \*sc 6, 2sc in the next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (16sts)
10. Ch 1, \*sc 7, 2sc in the next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (18sts)
11. Ch 1, \*sc 8, 2sc in the next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (20sts)
12. Ch 1, \*sc 9, 2sc in the next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (22sts)
13. Ch 1, \*sc 10, 2sc in the next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (24sts)
14. Ch 1, \*sc 11, 2sc in the next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (26sts)
15. Ch 1, \*sc 12, 2sc in the next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (28sts)
16. Ch 1, \*sc 13, 2sc in the next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (30sts)
17. Ch 1, \*sc 14, 2sc in the next st\*, repeat once, sl st to join. (32sts)
- 18-19. Ch 1, sc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
20. Ch 1, sc 2, \*sc2tog, sc 3\*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (26sts)
21. Ch 1, sc 2, \*sc2tog, sc 2\*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (20sts)
22. Sl st in each st to end of round. Finish off and weave in ends.



**Beard**

1. Leave a long tail in the beginning to sew to the body. With a G hook and worsted weight white yarn, ch 8, sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (7sts)
2. Ch 1, turn, 2sc in the same st, sc in each st across until 1 st remains, 2sc in the last st. (9sts)
3. Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st across until 2 sts remain, sc2tog. (7sts)
4. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.
5. Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st across until 2 sts remain, sc2tog. (5sts)
6. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.
7. Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc, sc2tog. (3sts)
8. Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sl st. Finish off and weave in the end.

With a yarn needle, use the beginning yarn tail to sew the beginning edge of the beard to the body where the colors change.

**Nose**

1. With a G hook and worsted weight yarn (Sample: Lt Peach), start with a magic circle of 8 sts (or preferred method for starting a circle of 8 sts), pull closed and place a marker for working in the round.(8sts)
  - 2-3. Sc in each st to end of round. (16sts)
- Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing in place.

Lightly stuff the nose. With a yarn needle, use the yarn tail to sew the nose to the body, overlapping the color change from head to body.

**Braids**

- Cut 2 pieces of yarn to match the braids, 6" long and set aside.
- Cut 12 pieces of yarn 10" long each. Divide the strands in half and pull one section through sts to the side of the nose, ½" above the color change line. Pull the yarn pieces apart for a frizzy, fuller look.
- Pull the yarn tails so they are even with each other and divide in thirds. Loosely braid the yarn.
- Use one of the 6" pieces of yarn to tie around the bottom section of the braid.
- Repeat for the second braid and then trim the ends so both braids match.

**Hat**

This starts at the top, tip of the hat. This can be made in a variety of colors to switch out for different seasons and holidays.

1. With a G hook and worsted weight yarn, start with a magic circle of 5 sc sts (or preferred method for creating a circle of 5 sc sts), pull closed and sl st to join. (5sts)
2. Ch 1, sc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
3. Ch 1, 2sc in the same st, sc 4, sl st to join. (6sts)
4. Ch 1, 2sc in the same st, sc 2, 2sc in the next st, sc 2, sl st to join. (8sts)
5. Ch 1, 2sc in the same st, sc 3, 2sc in the next st, sc 3, sl st to join. (10sts)
6. Ch 1, 2sc in the same st, sc 4, 2sc in the next st, sc 4, sl st to join. (12sts)
7. Ch 1, 2sc in the same st, sc 5, 2sc in the next st, sc 5, sl st to join. (14sts)



8. Ch 1, 2sc in the same st, sc 6, 2sc in the next st, sc 6, sl st to join. (16sts)
9. Ch 1, 2sc in the same st, sc 7, 2sc in the next st, sc 7, sl st to join. (18sts)
10. Ch 1, sc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
11. Ch 1, sc 2, hdc 13, sc 2, leave one st unworked. (17sts)
12. Ch 1, TURN, sc2tog, sc 2, hdc 9, sc 2, sc2tog. Do not join. (15sts)
13. Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, hdc 4, 2hdc in the next st, hdc 2, 2hdc in the next st, hdc 3, sc2tog. Do not join. (15sts)
14. Ch 1, sc in the same st, sc 5 across nose, 2sc in next st, hdc 2, 2hdc in the next st, hdc 8, 2hdc in the next st, hdc 2, 2sc in the next st, sl st to join. (26sts) Finish off and weave in ends.

### Flower

1. With a G hook and worsted weight yarn for the center (Sample: Bright Yellow), start with a magic circle of 5 sc sts (or preferred method for creating a circle of 5 sc sts), pull closed and sl st to join. (5sts)
2. Finish off the current yarn and change to a color for the petals (Sample: White). Ch 2, (2dc, ch 2, sl st) in the same st, \*ch 2, (2dc, ch 2, sl st) in the next st\*, repeat to end of round, creating a total of 5 petals. Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing the center in place.

With a yarn needle, use the yarn tail to sew the flower center to the chain or directly to the hat.

**Ladybug Spots** (make 3-5): With a G hook and black worsted weight yarn, create a magic circle of 5 sc sts (or preferred method for creating a circle of 5 sc sts), pull closed and sl st to join. (5sts) Finish off leaving a long tail for sewing the spot to the hat.

With a yarn needle, use the yarn tail to sew the spot to the hat. Repeat for each spot.

### Stars

1. With a G hook and worsted weight white yarn, create a magic loop of 5 sc sts (or preferred method for starting a circle of 5 sc sts), pull closed and sl st to join. (5sts)
2. \*ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in 3rd ch, sl st in next st on circle\*, repeat to end of round. (5 points) Finish off, leaving a yarn tail for sewing in place.

With a yarn needle, use the yarn tail to sew the star to the chain or directly to the hat.

### Center Chain

This will be slipped through the top of the head and tip of the hat.

With a G hook and worsted weight yarn, ch 50. Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing the ends of the chain together.

Wrap the chain around the item (key ring, fob, etc) before inserting the opposite end through the gnome pieces.





Common Abbreviations	
beg	beginning
ch	chain
sl	slip
st	stitch
sp	space
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
tr	treble/triple crochet
bp	back post
fp	front post
blo	back loop only
flo	front loop only
sc2tog	single crochet 2 sts together
hdc2tog	half double crochet 2 sts together
dc2tog	double crochet 2 sts together
*	repeat instructions
yo	yarn over

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