



Candy Cane

CROCHET PATTERN BY

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Welcome!

I hope you will enjoy the creation of this candy cane! Please don't hesitate to contact me at hello@theresascrochetshop.com with any questions that you may have along the way. Have fun!



Did You Know

- The original candy cane was made hundreds of years ago, but it was white, completely straight, and only flavored with sugar.
- The red stripes were added to candy canes around 1900.
- Almost 2 billion candy canes are made each year, and 90% of them are sold between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In fact, candy canes are the #1 selling non-chocolate candy in December!

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Materials You Will Need

- Crochet hook size: 3.75mm
- Medium/worsted/aran weight yarn: red and white (see note 1)
- Yarn needle
- 6-7 white craft pipe cleaners, also called chenille stems

Abbreviations

ch – chain

st(s) – stitch(es)

sc – single crochet

Size

Final measurement for the finished candy cane will be 6 inches (or 15.5 cm) tall.

Videos

Did you know I have a YouTube channel? I'm posting a growing selection of how-to videos that may help you when crocheting this pattern.

Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCetrFlr_6O3j8QhAAruhe_w

Notes

1. When choosing the red and white yarn, it is important that they are the exact same thickness! To ensure this, choose a red and white yarn of the same brand.
2. Unlike my other crochet patterns, this candy cane pattern is crocheted in rows, not rounds.

Instructions

Strip 1

With white yarn,

Ch 74, turn, and starting in the 2nd ch from your hook, sc 73.

(73 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail (about 2 feet) for sewing.

With red yarn,

Attach your red yarn at the beginning of the white strip, so you will be crocheting the same direction as the previous white row (as indicated by the blue arrow in Figure 1), and sc 73. *(73 sts)*

Fasten off, leaving a short yarn tail for weaving in.

Strip 2

(Hint: it's the same as strip 1, but with the colors reversed!)

With red yarn,

Ch 74, turn, and starting in the 2nd ch from your hook, sc 73.

(73 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a short yarn tail for weaving in.

With white yarn,

Attach your white yarn back at the beginning of the red strip, and sc 73. *(73 sts)*

Fasten off, leaving a short yarn tail for weaving in. Now lay down the 2 strips you've just made, with the white sides together and the front sides both facing up* (Figure 1).

**Note: because you crocheted both rows in the same direction, there will be a front and back side of the strips. Make sure the front sides are both facing up.*

With your yarn needle and the white yarn tail from Strip 1, sew the 2 white ends together (Figure 2 & Figure 3). Pull each stitch tightly as you go for a neater finish. As you sew, check if



Figure 1: Finished Strips



Figure 2: Sewing the Strips Together

the 2 strips are the same length at the end (Figure 3); if one strip is ending up longer than the other, you may need to skip a stitch on the one side or the other to make sure that they end on the same stitch.

Now, begin to twist the strip into a spiral shape. You will be sewing the red sides together in a spiral to create a tube.

Note: If you have a long red yarn tail on the bottom right corner, you can use that to sew up the tube, but to make sure you have enough without needing to switch strands halfway through, I recommend starting a new strand. Cut a long red strand of yarn, knot 1 end, and thread it onto your yarn needle. Insert it at the bottom right corner of the strip – indicated by the green arrow in Figure 4. Then count 7 stitches over on the top of the strip, and insert your needle into the 7th stitch – as indicated by the black arrow in Figure 4.

Now continue sewing around the tube, twisting as you go. It is important you do not skip red stitches on either side. Also, be sure to pull each stitch tightly as you go.

If the candy cane tube begins to get wider or skinnier as you sew, you have skipped a stitch or sewn 2 stitches in 1. Pull out your stitches until the spot where it changed and re-sew tube so you won't have a "wonky" candy cane! :)

Once you have sewn all the way up the tube, your tube will look like Figure 6.

Time To Insert The Pipe Cleaners!

You will need 6 or 7 pipe cleaners to fill your candy cane tube. *Note – if the pipe cleaners you are using are thin, you will need more of them; if they are thick and fluffy, you will need fewer.* Bundle the pipe cleaners together; bend the tips of all of the pipe cleaners over and twist to hold in place.

Then push them inside the candy cane tube (Figure 7) until you can see them on the other side. If they get stuck in the tube before they are all the way in, you can pull down on the crocheted tube while pushing on the pipe cleaners to push them through.



Figure 3: Sewing the Strips Together #2

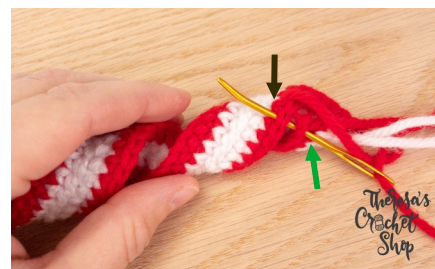


Figure 4: Begin to Sew the Tube



Figure 5: Sewing the Tube

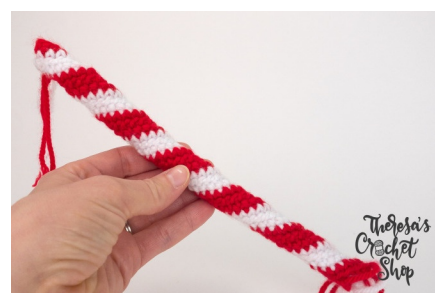


Figure 6: Finished Candy Cane Tube

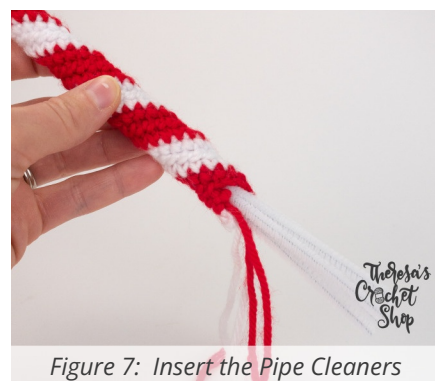


Figure 7: Insert the Pipe Cleaners

Cut off the extra pipe cleaner ends that are hanging out the bottom of the tube, and again, bend the tips of the pipe cleaners over and twist them around each other to hold in place.

Closing The Ends

Now, to close the ends of the candy cane, cut off all of the yarn ends to just a few inches long – **leaving 1 long red strand on either end** for sewing. Thread the short yarn ends onto your yarn needle and pull them inside the candy cane on both sides.

Fold over the pointed end of the candy cane (Figure 8-B) and then sew in place with 4-5 red stitches across (Figure 8-C). Secure with a knot and weave in the ends.

Now bend the tube into the shape of a candy cane!

Optional: if you would like to add some extra, thin red stripes, thread a long strand of red yarn onto your yarn needle, and sew 2 stripes, 1 st at a time, all around the candy cane (Figure 9). Secure with a knot and weave in your ends.

And there you go, your candy cane is finished! It's all ready to hang on your Christmas tree, embellish a Christmas gift, display on a shelf, or dunk in a cup of hot chocolate (okay, maybe not the last one). Enjoy!

~Theresa

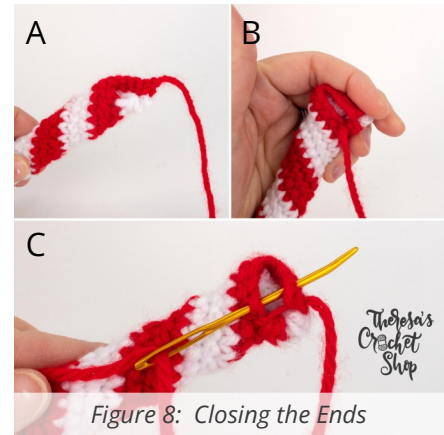


Figure 8: Closing the Ends



Figure 9: Adding Extra Red Stripes



Figure 10: Yum!

