



Sniffle Stations Christmas Puzzle

Santa, Reindeer & Elf

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These patterns create a fun and festive tissue cover that will hold hand sanitizer or cough drops! Put it on your desk at work or on your counter at home. These are novelty and bring smiles.

The Crochet Crowd and Michelle Moore has done an exchange, which makes these available for free to all to enjoy. **Michelle is a really tight crocheter. Use the top of the box to determine gauge when you start.**

Level: Intermediate

Abbreviations

- (SC) Single Crochet
- (HDC) Half Double Crochet
- (DC) Double Crochet
- (inc) Increase
- (dec) Decrease
- (MC) Magic Circle
- (Ch) Chain
- (st) Stitch
- (sl st) Slip Stitch
- (tog) Together
- (rep) Repeat
- (sk st) Skip Stitch
- (BL) Back Loops
- (FL) Front Loops
- (#) Stitch Count
- (WS) Wrong side
- (RS) Right Side
- (FO) Fasten off

Special Stitches

BS: (Yarn over, insert your hook in the stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over once more and draw it through the first 2 loops on hook) 4 times in same st. There should be 5 loops on hook. Yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

Gauge: 14 hdc sts and 12 rows = 4" [10 cm]

Materials Needed

- Hook H (5mm) (Cover, Hat, Sanitizer Sack)
- Hook G (4mm) (All remaining pieces)
- Red Heart Super Saver in colours to match the concept. By changing colours of skin, hair or eyes, you can give the same character different personalities.
- Bernat Pipsqueak or any Fuzzy or Fun Fur in White
- Tissue Box, (23 cm x 12cm x 12cm) (9" x 4.75" x 4.5")
- Hand Sanitizer - I used Purell Advanced 236 ml
- Sewing needle/ Large eyed Darning needle, Scissors, Polyfill Stuffing, Stitch Markers, and Pins

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Tissue Box Covers - 5 mm / H Hook

Santa, Reindeer & Elf

The box is turned upright with the opening of the tissue box facing forward. All three versions have the exact same start. Once transitioning to the facial features, you can play with skin tones and more.

With Red,

Row 1: Ch17, HDC in 2nd ch from hook and next 15 chs, ch1, turn. (16)

Rows 2-14: HDC across, ch1, turn. (16)

Rnd 15: SC around entire piece. Approx. 16 sts across, 14 sts down, 16 sts across and 14 sts down. Sl st to first SC to join. (60)

Rnd 16: In BL, Ch1, HDC around, join with a sl st. (60)

TEST THE PIECE ON YOUR TISSUE BOX FOR FIT, and continue to do so as you work the cover.

Rnds 17-18: Ch1, HDC around, join with a sl st. FO. (60)

Top of box is complete. Let's complete the fluffy brim of the hat next.

With White Fluffy Yarn,

Rnd 19: Turn the piece with the WS facing. You will now be working the piece from the inside. Holding one strand of Bernat Pipsqueak and one strand of RHSS, join yarn (as shown). Ch2 (Does not count as st), and working in BL, DC around. Join with a sl st to top of first DC. FO. (60)

With Skin Colour Choice,

Rnd 20: With WS facing, join yarn in FL of Rnd 12 (red). Ch1, HDC around, join with a sl st, and **TURN.** (60)

You will now be working the RS again. (Be sure that you do NOT work the forward leaning loops of the stitches in the next row, but rather the back leaning loops. There should be a line of loops for attaching the hair later (as shown).

Rnds 21-27: Ch1, HDC around. (60)



At the end of Rnd 27, your cover should be approx. 50% of the length of your tissue box. This is where the tissue will poke out of the nose at the front of the box. If not, add or remove a row. With the seam at the back (or side), mark the FRONT center 8 sts (as shown).

Rnd 28: Ch1, HDC to just before first marker, ch8,

Sk 8, HDC in next st (after second marker) and each HDC around (as shown). Join with a sl st. (60)

Rnd 29: Ch1, HDC around, working the 8 skipped chs as you go. Join with a sl st. (60)

Santa and Elf Only

Rnds 30-32: Ch1, HDC around. Join with a sl st. (60) FO.

Reindeer Only

Rnds 30 - 34: Ch1, HDC around. Join with a sl st. (60) FO.

With Green,

Rnds 35- 37: Join yarn, ch1, HDC around. Join with a sl st. (48) (60) FO.

With Light Brown,

Rnds 38 to end: Join yarn, ch1, HDC around.

Join with a sl st.

You should be at the bottom of the box. Last round rests flat on a surface.

The bottom of the tissue cover should not show any of the box, but should also not bunch (as shown). Pull all tails to the inside of the tissue cover and weave in all ends.



Sanitizer Sack - 5 mm/H Hook

All characters have the same size sack.

Suggestion Black Yarn, you can change the sack and chain the length of the bottom of the bottle. The recommended size is as follows:

Row 1: Ch11 (or the length of the bottom of the hand sanitizer bottle), HDC in 2nd ch from hook and next 9 chs across, ch1, turn. (10)

Rows 2-4: HDC across, ch1, turn. 10) You will now be working in rounds.

Rnd 5: HDC around entire piece, placing 2 HDC in each corner. (10 across, inc, 2 down, inc, 10 across, inc, 2 down, inc). Sl st to join. (32)

Rnd 6: In BL, Ch1, HDC around. (32)

Test the fit of the Sanitizer in the sack. It should fit snugly. If not, you may have to adjust the length of your chain at row 1.

Rnds 7-11: Ch1, HDC around. (32)

Rnd 12: Crab stitch around. (32)

FO. Weave in ends.



Hats - 5 mm/H Hook

All characters have the same hat size.

The elf hats have 3 rows of each colour that officially starts on rnd 5. Start with Green for the elf and then introduce red on the 5th rnd and then change back to green on rnd 8 and so on to create the stripe. I've grouped the instructions in sets of 3 for the making it easier to follow the elf version.

Santa and Reindeer shares the same colour hat. Pom Pom was added to Santa's hat and not the reindeer but you can decide that for yourself.

Start with Green for the Elf or start with Red for the Reindeer or Santa.

TIP: I have a tip in the video tutorial for the best possible seamlines for the elf version hats as you are changing colour. DO NOT do continuous rnds for the elf version.

Rnd 1: Ch 2, 6HDC in 2nd ch from hook. (6) Place st marker.

Rnd 2: Inc around. (12)

Rnd 3: HDC around. (12)

Rnd 4: (HDC, inc) around. (18)

Elves change colour by doing a **sl st to join** at the end of the last rnd and introduce the red colour next.

Rnds 5-6: HDC around. (18)

Rnd 7: (HDC2, inc) around. (24)

Elves change colour.

Rnds 8-9: HDC around. (24)

Rnd 10: (HDC3, inc) around. (30)

Elves change colour.

Rnds 11-12: HDC around. (30)

Rnd 13: (HDC4, inc) around. (36)

Elves change colour.

Rnds 14-15: HDC around. (36)

Rnd 16: (HDC5, inc) around. (42)

Elves change colour.

Rnds 17-18: HDC around. (42)

Rnd 19: (HDC6, inc) around. (48)

Elves change colour.

Rnds 20-21: HDC around. (48)

Rnd 22: (HDC7, inc) around. (54)

Elves change colour.

Rnds 23-24: HDC around. (54)

Rnd 25: (HDC8, inc) around. (60)

Elves change colour.

Rnds 26-28: HDC around. (60)

Elves change colour.

Rnds 29-31: HDC around. (60)

Sl st to FO, leaving very long tail for sewing.

Hat Pom Pom

Use both white yarn and fluffy yarn to form pom pom. Warning, the fluffy yarn will shed fibres.

Use Pom Pom maker or cardboard to make generous pom poms.





Facial Features

Some characters share the same instructions.

Brows - Elf Only - 5mm/H Hook

With Yellow (or Brow Color of Choice),

Ch6, SC in 2nd ch from hook and next 4 chs. Sl st to FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

The noses, for all characters have the same back plate that is attached to the nose. After completing the main nose, do the back plate that is sewn to the open space of the nose after the nose is stuffed.

Nose - Santa or Elf - 4 mm/G Hook

With Beige (or Skin Color of Choice),

Rnd 1: 6SC in MC. (6) Place st marker.

Rnd 2: Inc around. (12)

Rnd 3: (SC, inc) around. (18)

Rnd 4: (SC2, inc) around. (24)

Rnds 5-9: SC around. (24)

Rnd 10: (SC2, dec) around. (18)
FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

Proceed to create the back nose plate next.

Nose - Reindeer Only - 4 mm/G Hook

With Red,

Rnd 1: 6SC in MC. (6) Place st marker.

Rnd 2: Inc around. (12)

Rnd 3: (SC, inc) around. (18)

Rnd 4: (SC2, inc) around. (24)

Rnd 5: (SC3, inc) around. (30)

Rnds 6-10: SC around. (30)

Rnd 11: (SC3, dec) around. (24)

Rnd 12: (SC2, dec) around. (18)

Rnd 13: SC around. (18)

Sl st to FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

Back Nose Plate for All Noses

4 mm/G Hook

Rnd 1: 6SC in MC. (6) Place st marker.

Rnd 2: Inc around. (12)

Rnd 3: (SC, inc) around. (18)

FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

Eyes - All Characters - 4 mm/G Hook

With White,

Rnd 1: 6SC in MC. (6) Place st marker.

Rnd 2: Inc around. (12)

Rnd 3: (SC, inc) around. (18)

Rnd 4: (SC2, inc) around. (24)
Sl st to FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

Facial Features

Continued

Pupils - All Characters - 4 mm/G Hook

You could use safety uses if you prefer.

With Black,

Rnd 1: 5SC in MC. SI st to join.
SI st to FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

Irides - All Characters - 4 mm/G Hook

You could customize for a family or friend member who the character is for.

With Blue (or Eye Color of Choice),

Rnd 1: 6SC in MC. (6) Place st marker.

Rnd 2: Inc around. (12)
SI st to FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

Ears - Elf Only - 4 mm/G Hook

You need to make 4 pieces that are sewn together in pairs later.

With Beige (or Skin Color of Choice),

Rnd 1: 8SC in MC. (8) Place st marker.

Rnd 2: Inc around. (16)

Rnd 3: (SC, inc) around. (24)

Rnd 4: (SC2, inc) around. (32)

Rnd 5: SC around. (32)

Rnd 6: SC8, ch1, **TURN.** (8)

You will now be crocheting in rows.

Row 7: Dec, SC4, dec, Ch1, **TURN.** (6)

Row 8: SC6, ch1, **TURN.** (6)

Row 9: Dec, SC2, dec, Ch1, **TURN.** (4)

Row 10: SC4, ch1, **TURN.** (4)

Row 11: Dec, dec, Ch1, **TURN.** (2)

Row 12: Dec, ch1, **DO NOT TURN.** (1)

With RS facing, SC around entire piece. (40)
FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

You may not get the exact number of sts as above.
That is okay, but be sure that each of the 4 ear
pieces have the same number of sts around, as
they will be sewn together later.

Ears - Santa - 4 mm/G Hook

With Skin Color of choice,

Row 1: 6HDC in MC. (6) Pull ring tight.

Row 2: Ch1, turn, inc in each st across. (12)

Row 3: Ch1, turn, (HDC, inc) across. (18)
FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

Secure the starting tail and weave it in at the back
of the ear.

Ears - Reindeer - 4 mm/G Hook

With Light Brown:

Rnd 1: 6SC in MC. (6) Place st marker.

Rnd 2: Inc around. (12)

Rnd 3: (SC, inc) around. (18)

Rnd 4: (SC2, inc) around. (24)

Rnd 5: (SC3, inc) around. (30)

Rnds 6-9: SC around. (30)

Rnd 10: (SC3, dec) around. (24)

Rnd 11: SC around. (24)

Rnd 12: (SC2, dec) around. (18)

Rnd 13: SC around. (18)

Rnd 14: (SC, dec) around. (12)

Rnds 15-18: SC around. (12)

SI st to FO, leaving long tail for sewing. DO NOT STUFF.

Main Antlers - Reindeer - 4 mm/G Hook

With Dark Brown,

Rnd 1: 8SC in MC. (8) Place st marker.

Rnds 2-16: SC around. (8)

SI st to FO, leaving long tail for sewing. **This forms a tube shape. The small antlers are added to one end and a midway section with sewing later.**

Small Antlers - Make 4

With Dark Brown:

Rnd 1: 8SC in MC. (8) Place st marker.



Rnds 2-6: SC around. (8)

SI st to FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

Hair - Santa Only - 5 mm/H Hook

With White,

Row 1: Ch46, SC in 2nd ch from hook and next 44 chs across. (45)

Row 2: Ch1, turn, sc in first st, (BS, SC) across. (45) (23 BS, 22 SC)

Row 3: Ch1, turn, SC across. (45)

Measure around the back of your box. Each side should be at each corner of the face (as shown). If not, increase your chain in multiples of 2. Eg. 48, or 50.

Rows 4-13: Repeat Rows 2-3 five (5) more times. FO, leaving a very long (about 36 inches) tail for sewing.



The hair is made by creating a Foundation Chain and slip stitching additional chains to the Foundation Chain to create Hair Strands (as shown). If you chain tightly, add a few more chains than listed below, making sure to add hair strands evenly at the sides for the extra chains. Hair should reach around to the front corners.

You can also get quite creative with the hair strands! You can make them longer, or wavy or curly! Every elf is unique!

Hair - Elf Only - 5 mm/H Hook

With Yellow (or Hair Color of Choice),

Ch45, sl st in 2nd ch from hook (Foundation Chain), ch10 , sl st in next 9 chs (Hair Strand), sl st in next ch of foundation chain.

Short Hair Strand:

**(Ch10, sl st in next 9 chs, sl st in next ch of Foundation Chain.)* Repeat from *(to)* 13 times. (14 Short Hair Strands)*

Long Hair Strand:

**(Ch14, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and next 13 chs, sl st in next ch of Foundation Chain.)* Repeat from *(to)* 16 times (16 Long Hair Strands)*

Short Hair Strand:

(Ch10, sl st in next 9 chs, sl st in next ch of Foundation Chain.) Repeat from *(to)* 14 times. (14 Short Hair Strands).

FO, leaving very long tail for sewing.

Santa's Beard - 5 mm/H Hook

With White,

Row 1: With a long starting tail, Ch18, SC in 2nd ch from hook and next 16 chs across. (17)

Row 2: Ch1, turn, sc in first st, (BS, SC) across. (17) (9 BS, 8 SC)

Row 3: Ch1, turn, dec, SC13, dec. (15)

Row 4: Ch1, turn, sc in first st, (BS, SC) across. (15) (8 BS, 7 SC)

Row 5: Ch1, turn, dec, dec, SC7, dec, dec. (11)

Row 6: Ch1, turn, sc in first st, (BS, SC) across. (11) (6 BS, 5 SC)

Row 7: Ch1, turn, dec, SC7, dec. (9)

Row 8: Ch1, turn, sc in first st, (BS, SC) across. (9) (5 BS, 4 SC)

Row 9: Ch1, turn, dec, SC5, dec. (7)

Row 10: Ch1, turn, sc in first st, (BS, SC) across.

(7) (4 BS, 3 SC)

Row 11: Ch1, turn, dec, SC3tog, dec. (3)

FO, leaving very long tail for sewing. At the back, weave the tail up to the top corner of the beard (at the opposite end of the starting tail), so that there is a tail at each end.

Santa's Mustache - 5 mm/H Hook

Make 2 pieces

With White,

Row 1: With a long starting tail, Ch8, SC in 2nd ch from hook and next 6 chs across. (7)

Row 2: Ch1, turn, sc in first st, (BS, SC) across. (7) (4 BS, 3 SC)

Row 3: Ch1, turn, SC across. (7)

Row 4: Ch1, turn, sl st across. (7)
FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

Thumbs - 4 mm/G Hook

Santa and Elves Only

Use Mitten Colours,

With Light Green (Or Mitten Color of choice):

Rnd 1: 8SC in MC. (8) Place st marker.

Rnds 2-5: SC around. (8)
FO, leaving long tail for sewing.

Add personality like rosie cheeks or tongue for fun.



Mittens - Each Character has the same mitten pattern but changes after the white fluffy cuff of the mittens. Each have different lengths of arms, the elf arms are striped to match its hat.

All Characters - 4 mm/G Hook

With Green (or Mitten Color of Choice)

Rnd 1: 6SC in MC. (6) Place st marker.

Rnd 2: Inc, SC, inc, inc, SC, inc. (10)

Rnd 3: Inc, SC3, inc, inc, SC3, inc. (14)

Rnd 4: Inc, SC5, inc, inc, SC5, inc. (18)

Rnd 5: Inc, SC7, inc, inc, SC7, inc. (22)

Rnds 6-9: SC around. (22)

Rnd 10: (SC9, dec) around. (20)

Rnd 11: (SC8, dec) around. (18)

Rnd 12: (SC, dec) around. (12) Sl st to join. FO.

With White

Rnd 13: Turn the piece with the WS facing. You will now be working the piece from the inside. Holding one strand of Bernat Pipsqueak and one strand of RHSS. in white, join yarn. Ch2 (Does not count as st), and working in BL, DC around. Join



with a sl st to top of first DC. FO. (12) Working the BL will create a row of FL to attach the yarn.

All characters now have their specific instructions from this point.

Santa ONLY With Red:

Rnd 14: With WS facing, join yarn in FL of Rnd 12 (green). Ch1, SC around, join with a sl st, and TURN. (12) Stuff mitten lightly.

You will now be working the RS again and crocheting in rounds.

Rnd 15-40: SC around. (12) Stuff arm as you go.

You can make the arms longer if you wish. Sl st to FO, leaving a long tail for sewing. Weave in ends. Sew top of arms closed through middle loops.

Elf ONLY that has Stripes:

Going forward, the instructions are coloured to match the arm colours. Sections of red and green.

With Red,

Rnd 14: With WS facing, join yarn in FL of Rnd 12 (green). Ch1, SC around, join with a sl st, and TURN. (12)

You will now be working the RS again.

Rnds 15-17: Ch1, SC around, sl st to join. (12) Stuff mitten lightly.

With Green:

Rnds 18-21: Ch1, SC around, sl st to join. (12)

Rnds 22-25: Ch1, SC around, sl st to join. (12) Stuff arm lightly as you go.

Rnds 26-29: Ch1, SC around, sl st to join. (12)

Rnds 30-33: Ch1, SC around, sl st to join. (12)

Rnds 34-37: Ch1, SC around, sl st to join. (12)

Rnds 38-41: Ch1, SC around, sl st to join. (12)

Rnds 42-45: Ch1, SC around, sl st to join. (12) FO, leaving long tail for sewing. Weave in all ends.

Reindeer ONLY wtih Deer Skin Tone:

Rnd 14: With WS facing, join yarn in FL of Rnd 12 (red) (as shown). Ch1, SC around, join with a sl st, and TURN. (12) Place st marker. Stuff mitten lightly. You will now be working the RS again and crocheting in rounds.

Rnd 15-34: SC around. (12)
Stuff arm as you go. You can make the arms longer if you wish.
Sl st to FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Weave in all ends.



Reindeer Collar Bells - 4 mm/G Hook

Make 10 bells to evenly space around collar of the reindeer.

With Yellow:

Rnd 1: 8SC in MC. (8)

Rnd 2: SC around. (8)
Sl st to FO, leaving long tail for sewing.



Mouth - Elf Only - 4 mm/G Hook

With Black:

Rnd 1: 6SC in MC. (6) Place st marker.



Assembly

Stuff nose and sew on back plate. Sew to the upper line at the opening at the front of the box.

Layer the eyes and sew together the pieces. Putting in a little white yarn piece at the eye as shown above adds personalization to the character. Sew eyes, eye brows, mouth (if applicable) to the front cover of the box using the nose as a balance point.

For the elf, sew the two pieces together as one for both sets. Position the top of the ears to point to the back and sew onto the cover.

For Santa, wait until the beard is in position first.

For the reindeer, sew near the join of the fluff of the top section of the box. Favour the ears to hang downward.

For Santa, sew the mustouche to the beard. Then sew to the front cover.

Attach Santa's Pom Pom to the hat.



Attach thumbs to mittens (where applicable).



Sew hat to the top of the box so it's just above the white fluffy brim.

Sew antlers together and to the top of the hat section.

Flatten the top of the arms in a fold, then sew arms



to the cover to just below the white fluff of the characters outfit or just under the collar of the reindeer.

Sew Santizer Pot to the mittens to make it appear it's holding the pot.



Sew the bells to the reindeer collar area. Suggestion to pin them first for spacing, then sew.



Sew the elf hair to under the fluffy line of the hat.



Add on any other pieces you may have or even add any extras you may have to add more character or personalization.



