



# Shell Stitch Bell Ornament

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This bell is fast and easy to make and can be made with any color thread you want for any occasion whether it is for Christmas, New year's or a wedding.

## Materials Needed

Size 10 Crochet Cotton in color of choice. Southmaid in yellow was used in the example

Size 7 steel crochet hook

1 hard foam bell shaped form 2 1/4" h x 2" w at base

1 5/8" jingle bell of any color

1 ornament hanger

Plastic Wrap

Fabric Stiffener

Paper cup for fabric stiffener

Tapestry Needle

Different embellishments such as bows for decorating



**Yarn Thickness:** 10thread

**Gauge:** 8sc = 1"

**Finished Size:** 2 1/4" h x 2" w at base

**Skill Level:** Beginner

## Instructions

**RND 1:** Ch6. Join w/slst to first ch to form ring. Ch5. Dc in ring, ch2, 7 times. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch5. (8 ch2 sps)

**RND 2:** Ch5, dc in same st as slst. Dc, ch2, dc in each dc around. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch5.

**RND 3 & 4:** Ch5. Dc in next dc. \*Dc in next dc. Ch2, dc in next dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch5.

**RND 5:** Slst into the next ch2 sp. Ch3, dc, ch1, 2dc in same sp. 2dc, ch1, 2dc in each ch2 sp around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 6 & 7:** Slst in next dc and in next ch1 sp. Ch3, dc, ch1, 2dc in same sp. 2dc, ch1, 2dc in each ch1 sp around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 8:** Slst in next dc and in next ch1 sp. Ch3, 2dc, ch1, 3dc in same sp. Ch1. \*3dc, ch1, 3dc in next ch1 sp. Ch1. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 9:** Slst into the next 2 dc. Slst in the next ch1 sp. Ch3, 2dc, ch1, 3dc in same sp. 2dc in next ch1 (not the space but the actual chain.) \*3dc, ch1, 3dc in next ch1 sp. 2dc in next ch. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 10:** Slst into the next 2 dc. Slst into the next ch1 sp. Ch3, 5dc in same sp. (Sk next 3 dc. Dc in next dc. Ch4, slst in 4th ch from hook. Dc in next dc.) \*6dc in next ch1 sp. Rep bet () once. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. Fasten off and weave finishing end into back of work.

Leave the starting end long for sewing in jingle bell after stiffening.

## Finishing

**1.** Tape or pin waxed paper to bell form.

**2.** Pour fabric stiffener into paper cup. A 5oz kitchen cup would work.

**3.** Dip crocheted bell into stiffener leaving the starting end out. Allow to saturate completely.

**4.** Put soaked bell onto bell form and stretch and shape as desired. Allow to dry overnight.

**5.** When bell is completely dry, take it off of the form, sew jingle bell to the inside. Glue on the embellishments and attach hanger to top.