

Crochet Gnome Beard Tutorial + How to Make Gnomes Stand

Nothing is more frustrating than a gnome that falls over. In this tutorial you'll learn the three tricks that make any amigurumi gnome stand perfectly straight, plus a free **crochet gnome beard** pattern in loop stitch you can add to any gnome — fluffy, even and easy to control.

Free Pattern: Loop-Stitch Gnome Beard

This beard fits a gnome about 6–8 inches tall in worsted yarn with a 3.5 mm hook. Loops form on the side facing away from you, so the loop rows are worked on the wrong side.

How to Make a Loop Stitch

1. Insert the hook into the stitch.
2. Wrap the working yarn from front to back around your index finger (or a pencil for even loops).
3. Grab both strands of yarn behind your finger and pull them through the stitch (3 loops on hook).
4. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. Slide your finger out — one loop made.

Beard Pattern

- ☐ **Foundation:** ch 11.
- ☐ **Row 1 (RS):** sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Ch 1, turn. (10)
- ☐ **Row 2 (WS):** loop stitch in each st across. Ch 1, turn. (10)
- ☐ **Row 3:** dec, sc in next 6, dec. Ch 1, turn. (8)
- ☐ **Row 4:** loop stitch across. Ch 1, turn. (8)
- ☐ **Row 5:** dec, sc in next 4, dec. Ch 1, turn. (6)
- ☐ **Row 6:** loop stitch across. Ch 1, turn. (6)
- ☐ **Row 7:** dec, sc in next 2, dec. Ch 1, turn. (4)
- ☐ **Row 8:** loop stitch across. Ch 1, turn. (4)
- ☐ **Row 9:** dec x2. Fasten off with a long tail. (2)

Sew the straight top edge under the hat brim. Trim any uneven loops — or cut all of them for a shaggy, brushed beard.

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