Christmas Ornaments

Materials used:
5 ply cotton yarn in various colors (white, black, green, red, brown light/dark)
Merino wool or any other wool suitable for brushing (for Santa’s and Gnome’s beard)
2 mm crochet hook
darning/embroidery needle
little tiny jungle bells for hats (if you can’t find these, make pom-poms or use bows, beads, buttons…)
4 mm round black beads for eyes
blushing powder (for cheeks)
textile glue (to make everything easier and faster)
5 mm wide satin ribbon
Polyester stuffing or any other of your choice

Abbreviations:
sc – single crochet (US terms)
ch – chain
inc – increase, two stitches in one stitch
dec – decrease, invisible decrease
2sctog – 2 stitches together decrease (used on beard only)
sl st – slip stitch
hdc – half double crochet (US terms)
**Basic Ornament’s Head**

*color of your choice, depending what ornament you will make*

Sc 6 in magic ring
R1 inc6 (12 sts)
R2 *inc1, sc1* x6 (18 sts)
R3 *inc1, sc2* x6 (24 sts)
R4 *inc1, sc3* x6 (30 sts)
R5 *inc1, sc4* x6 (36 sts)
R6 *inc1, sc5* x6 (42 sts)
R7-R11 sc42
R12 *dec1, sc5* x6 (36 sts)
R13 *dec1, sc4* x6 (30 sts)
R14 *dec1, sc3* x6 (24 sts)
R15 *dec1, sc2* x6 (18 sts)

Begin stuffing the head.
R16 *dec1, sc1* x6 (12 sts)
R17 dec6 (6 sts)

Tie off leaving long end for sewing. Sew/close the last row and hide ends.

Once you finish the head, and close the last round nicely and clearly, turn it up. The last row will be up (will be covered by hat later).

Place the eyes in between rows 9-10, leaving three-four stitches between them

With red yarn embroider the nose one row below the eyes.

Embroider or paint the lips and as final touch add blushing on the cheeks.
**Elf’s hat (green top and bottom, white/red stripes)**

Start with green yarn
Sc6in magic ring
R1-R2 sc6

Change color at the last stitch of the previous row.
You will change it following way. Push the hook through the stitch, yarn over and pull the working color yarn. Now you have 2 loops on the hook. Change yarn color at this point to one for the next row and pull thorough both loops in order to finish single crochet stitch. Continue with next row. In the same way, continue changing the yarn color at every row.

R3-R18 sc6 (changing color at each row from R3-R37)
R19 *inc1, sc2* x2 (8 sts)
R20 *inc1, sc3* x2 (10 sts)
R21 *inc1, sc4* x2 (12 sts)
R22 *inc1, sc5* x2 (14 sts)
R23 *inc1, sc6* x2 (16 sts)
R24 *inc1, sc7* x2 (18 sts)
R25 *inc1, sc8* x2 (20 sts)
R26 *inc1, sc9* x2 (22 sts)
R27 *inc1, sc10* x2 (24 sts)
R28 *inc1, sc11* x2 (26 sts)
R29 *inc1, sc12* x2 (28 sts)
R30 *inc1, sc13* x2 (30 sts)
R31 *inc1, sc14* x2 (32 sts)
R32 *inc1, sc15* x2 (34 sts)
R33 *inc1, sc16* x2 (36 sts)
R34 *inc1, sc17* x2 (38 sts)
R35 *inc1, sc18* x2 (40 sts)
R36 *inc1, sc19* x2 (42 sts)
R37 *inc1, sc20* x2 (44 sts) change color to green at last stitch
R38-R40 sc44 following way (one stitch back loop, next one front loop. Work this way for entire row. Overlap the bl/fl for the next two rows as well. If you start with back loop at the first row (R38) start every following row (39 & 40) with back loop stitch as well.
If this seems to complicated, stitch the last three rows in plain single crochet through both loops.

**Elf’s Star collar**
s5 in magic ring
R1 inc5 (10 sts)
*sc1, ch5, starting at the second chain from hook sl st1, sc1, hdc2, slip stitch to next stitch* repeat until all 5 points of the star are made. Tie off, hide ends and sew or glue on the bottom of Elf’s head. Decorate with glitter, beads or anything you like.

**Black Snowman’s hat**
Sc5 in magic ring
R1 inc5 (10 sts)
R2 inc10 (20 sts)
R3 *inc1, sc1* x10 (30 sts)
R4 *inc1, sc2* x10 (40 sts)
R5 work blo sc40
R6-R7 sc40
R8 *dec1, sc6* x5 (35 sts)
R9-R11 sc35
R12 *dec1, sc5* x5 (30 sts)
R13-R15 sc30
R16 work flo *inc1, sc1* x15 (45 sts)
R17 sc45
R18 *inc1, sc2* x15 (60 sts)
Tie off hide end.
For hat decoration I used white/red twisted yarn pieces I placed under tiny crocheted wreath I made by making 8 sc in magic ring, slip stitched last to first stitch and tried not to close the ring to tight.
You can use beads, buttons, glitters, bows…play a little and experiment. Decorate the smiling snowman the way you like.

**Santa’s hat**
White yarn (I used Red Heart, Soft Merino yarn, but any yarn you can brush later or one that will give you fuzzy effect will work fine)
Sc6 in magic ring
R1 *inc1, sc1* x3 (9 sts)
R2 sc9
R3 *dec1, sc1* x3 (6 sts)
Change to red yarn
R4-R5 sc6
R6 *inc1, sc2* x2 (8 sts)  
R7 sc8  
R8 *inc1, sc3* x2 (10 sts)  
R9 sc10  
R10 *inc1, sc4* x2 (12 sts)  
R11 *inc1, sc5* x2 (14 sts)  
R12 *inc1, sc6* x2 (16 sts)  
R13 *inc1, sc7* x2 (18 sts)  
R14 *inc1, sc8* x2 (20 sts)  
R15 *inc1, sc9* x2 (22 sts)  
R16 *inc1, sc10* x2 (24 sts)  
R17 *inc1, sc11* x2 (26 sts)  
R18 *inc1, sc12* x2 (28 sts)  
R19 *inc1, sc13* x2 (30 sts)  
R20 *inc1, sc14* x2 (32 sts)  
R21 *inc1, sc15* x2 (34 sts)  
R22 *inc1, sc16* x2 (36 sts)  
R23 *inc1, sc17* x2 (38 sts)  
R24 *inc1, sc18* x2 (40 sts)  
R25 *inc1, sc19* x2 (42 sts)  
R26 *inc1, sc20* x2 (44 sts)  
Change color to white  
R27-R29 sc44 sts  
Tie off, hide ends and brush well top of the hat and bottom edge.

Santa’s/Gnome’s Beard  
ch17  
we are making rows here, don’t forget to chain one before turning  
R1-R2 sc16  
R3 2sctog, sc12, 2sctog (14 sts)  
R4 sc14  
R5 2sctog, sc10, 2sctog (12 sts)  
R6 sc12  
R7 2sctog, sc8, 2sctog (10 sts)  
R8 sc10  
R9 2sctog, sc6, 2sctog (8 sts)  
R10 sc8  
R11 2sctog, sc4, 2sctog (6 sts)  
R12 sc6  
R13 2sctog, sc2, 2sctog (4 sts)  
R14 sc4  
R15 2sctog x2 (2 sts)  
R16 sc2  
R17 2sctog (1st)  
R18 sc1 (tie off)
**Gnome’s Nose**
sc6 in magic ring
R1 *inc1, sc1* x3 (9 sts)
R2 sc9
add some stuffing
R3 *dec1, sc1* x3 (6 sts)
R4 flatten the piece and stitch through both sides (should make 2sc). Tie of leaving long end for sewing.
Instead of embroidering the nose, sew this one on the Gnome’s had.

**Gnome’s hat – longer**
In order to make gnome’s hat longer, what you will do is repeat each increased row. For example, if you increased working row is 8 sc, the next one you won’t increase, but will repeat same stitch count.
I suggest increasing+repeat way, maximum reaching stitch count 20 (otherwise the hat will be too long), then continue with increasing each line (as written in the pattern for Santa’s hat)
Gnome’s hat has no fuzzy edges, so make it all one colored. Add one or two extra rows at the end so the hat falls more over Gnome’s eyes.

**Reindeer**

*Horns*

*Tiny Side Horns x2*
sc4 in magic ring
R1-R2 sc4
Tie off

Top horn to start with:
Sc4 in magic ring
R1-R3 sc4
R4 sc2 attaching one of the smaller horns previously made (stitch through the
loose horn and working horn), sc2 (on the working horn) (4 sts)
R5 sc2 (recently attached horn only), sc2 working horn (4 sts)
R6 inc1, sc1, inc1, sc1 (attaching the third horn-again stitch through both, lose
horn and working piece) (6 sts)
R7 sc5, sc3 (work the stitches attached horn only) (8 sts)
R8 sc8
R9 *dec1, sc2* x2 (6 sts)
R10-R11 sc6
Tie off leaving long end for sewing

Ears x2
leave long end here, when starting the chain
for sewing the ear on the head later Ch5
Starting as second chain from the hook: slst1, sc1, hdc1, 3hdc in last stitch,
work around chain, hdc1, sc1, slst1
Tie off. To secure the knot at the end of the ear piece, I like to add drop of glue
or drop of clear nail polish (this way don’t have to hide the end and ear finish
with nice pointy look)

Nose
Ch4
R1 sc2, 3sc in one stitch, continue working around chain, sc1, inc1 (8 sts)
R2 inc1, sc1, inc3, sc1 inc2 (14 sts)
R3 sc1, inc1, sc2, *inc1, sc1* x2, inc1, sc2, inc1, sc1, inc1 (20)
R4-R6 sc20
Tie off, stuff, pin and sew onto head.
On top, with red yarn and embroidery or darning needle embroider red nose.
GingerMen heads are just in addition to all above! One is using Santa’s hat. Girl has Elf’s collar. You can really use many different variations.

The bows used:
ch6
R1-22 sc5
Tie off, sew ends together. Use yarn to wrap around middle in order to create bow.
or
ch23
R1-R6 sc22 (changing colors as desired)
Tie off, sew the ends, create the bow.

You can also use star collar (pattern described under Elf’s section)