

Tió de Nadal Crochet Pattern

A crochet pattern for a Catalanian Tió de Nadal (“Christmas Log”), also known as a Caga Tió (“Shitting log”). More information and pictures can be found in [this blogpost](#) and in [the Ravelry pattern page](#).

Supplies needed:

- Light brown yarn
- Dark brown yarn
- 2 small beads or safety eyes
- Black and red embroidery yarn
- Stuffing
- 3.0mm or 3.5 mm hook (E) depending on your yarn thickness

Special techniques:

- Magic loop ([video](#))
- 4 dc pop: popcorn stitch used for legs. Work 4 dc into a single sc, pull up the loop on your hook, take out the hook and reinsert in first dc. Catch the loop of your last dc and pull through ([video](#))
- Changing color ([video](#))
- BLO: work stitch into back loop only ([video](#))
- INVDEC: invisible decrease ([video](#))

Pattern:

- **Round 1:** Using the light brown yarn: 6 sc in magic loop (6)
- **Round 2:** 2 sc in each sc (12)
- **Round 3:** Switch to dark brown yarn: BLO sc in each sc around (12)
- **Round 4:** 4 dc pop, sc in next 8 sc, 4 dc pop, 2 sc (12)
- **Round 5 to 16:** sc in each sc around (12)
- - **Add eyes, embroider red nose and black mouth and stuff** -
- **Round 17:** Switch to light brown yarn: BLO sc in each sc around (12)
- **Round 18:** INVDEC in each sc around (6)
- - **Finish off with a length of yarn and close up the hole** -

Optional Accessories:

- **Small poop:** chain 6 in dark brown yarn and make a small knot to create a poop shape
- **Stick:** cut the sharp ends off a toothpick and wrap dark brown yarn around it
- **Blanket:** in red yarn, chain 21 and double crochet back and forth for 8 rows
- **Barretina hat:**
 - **Round 1:** in red yarn: 6 sc in magic loop (6)
 - **Round 2:** inc in every sc (12)
 - **Round 3:** sc in every sc (12)
 - **Round 4:** switch to black yarn: sc in every sc, finish off and weave in the ends