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Every once in a while, I need a quick crochet project to keep my hands busy. Well, these adorable little ducks are just the solution! They work up in less than an hour with less yarn than you probably have in your scrap bin. They're colorful, cute and oh-so-addictive!



MATERIALS

- Yarn
- E Hook (3.5 mm)
- Fiber Fill
- Yarn Needle
- Embroidery Floss
- Stitch Marker

STITCHES & ABBREVIATIONS

CH	Chain Stitch
SC	Single Crochet
HDC	Half Double Crochet
DC	Double Crochet
TC	Treble (Triple) Crochet
DECR	Single Crochet Decrease
SL	Slip Stitch
ST/S	Stitch/Stitches
MM	Move Marker
FO	Finish Off

PATTERN NOTES

For the project used in the photos, I used Red Heart Super Saver yarn in the following colors:

0324 Bright Yellow
0254 Pumpkin

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PART 1: BODY

Because this piece is worked in a continuous spiral, you may want to use a stitch marker to keep track of your rounds.

Work the body in yellow (or desired body color).



Round 1: CH 2. 6 SC in second chain from hook. Place stitch marker in the last SC to mark the end of the round.

Round 2: 2 SC in each ST around (12 SC). MM.

Round 3: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in next. Repeat from * around (18 SC). MM.

Round 4: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next two STS. Repeat from * around (24 SC). MM.

Rounds 5-6: SC in each ST around (24 SC). MM.

Round 7: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next three STS. Repeat from * around (30 SC). MM.

Round 8: SC in each ST around (30 SC). MM.

Round 9: *DECN across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 3 STS. Repeat from * around (24 SC). MM.

Round 10: SC in each ST around (24 SC). MM.

Round 11: *DECN across first 2 STS and SC in next. Repeat from * twice more. SC in each of the next 6 STS. ** DECN across next 2 STS and SC in next. Repeat from ** twice more (18 SC). MM.

Round 12: *DECN across first 2 STS and SC in next. Repeat from * once more. SC in each of the next 6 STS. ** DECN across next 2 STS and SC in next. Repeat from ** once more (14 SC). MM.

Round 13: SC in each ST around (14 SC). MM.

Round 14: DECN across first 2 STS. SC in each of the next 10 STS. DECN across remaining 2 STS (12 SC). MM.

Note: Stuff the body thoroughly at this point.

Round 15: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in next. Repeat from * around (18 SC). MM.

PART 1: BODY (CONTINUED)

Round 16: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next two STS. Repeat from * around (24 SC). MM.

Round 17: SC in each ST around (24 SC). MM.

Round 18: *DECN across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 2 STS. Repeat from * around (18 SC). MM.

Round 19: *DECN across first 2 STS, SC in next. Repeat from * around (12 SC). MM.

Note: Stuff the head.

Round 20: DECN around. FO, leaving an 8 inch tail.

PART 2: BODY FINISHING

1. Gather the remaining stitches from round 20 using the leftover tail and yarn needle. Pull the gather down inside the head so the knot is hidden.
2. Loop the yarn back up and bring the needle out the top of the head, as shown below.



3. Repeat step 2 to make two little loops on the top of your duck's head.
4. Finish off and weave in ends.

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PART 3: BEAK

Work the beak in orange (or your desired beak color)

Round 1: CH 4. Work 2 SC in second CH from hook and 1 SC in next. Work 4 SC in remaining CH ST, then rotate work 180 degrees so the bottom side of the foundation chain is facing up. Work 1 SC in next ST and 2 SC in the remaining ST (10 SC).

Round 2: SC in each ST around. Join to first ST in round with SL and FO, leaving a tail for sewing.



PART 4: ASSEMBLY

1. Using yarn needle and the tail from the beak, stitch the beak in place between rounds 15 and 16 of the body.



2. Using black embroidery floss (or black yarn), stitch eyes just above the beak.



3. QUACK! All done!

