

Bird of a Color



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...Any color you want her (or him!) to be!

Skill Level: Easy

Materials: Worsted weight yarn of your choice, including contrasting scraps for eyes, feet, and beak. Size F hook or size needed to produce a tight, stuffable fabric in single crochet. Polyester fiberfill or other stuffing material sufficient to stuff bird firmly.

Abbreviations:

ch...chain stitch
dc...double crochet
hdc...half double crochet
sc...single crochet
sl st...slip stitch
yo...yarn over

Special stitches:

sc2tog: Insert hook through both loops of next sc, yo and pull through, insert hook through both loops of next sc, yo and pull through, yo and pull through all 3 loops on the hook: 1 sc2tog (counts as 1 sc).

Notes:

The head and body of this piece are worked in spirals. Do not join rounds. Each increasing or decreasing round features 6 repeats of the increase or decrease stitch pattern. You may find it useful to mark the first stitch of each round.

This pattern can be worked with any weight yarn and an appropriate hook...bigger yarn/hook will produce a bigger piece. As written, the finished bird is approximately 4.5 inches (11.5 cm) tall.

You may want to stuff the head after completing a few rounds of the body rather than stuffing the whole piece at once. This makes it easier to stuff evenly.



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Head and Body:

Working from top of head, ch 4, join with sl st to form ring.

Round 1: 6 sc in ring: 6 sc. Do not join.

Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around: 12 sc.

Round 3: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] around: 18 sc.

Round 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] around: 24 sc.

Round 5: Sc in each sc around: 24 sc.

Round 6: Sc in each sc around: 24 sc.

Round 7: Sc in each sc around: 24 sc.

Round 8: Sc in each sc around: 24 sc.

Round 9: Sc in each sc around: 24 sc. (Total of 5 rounds worked even).

Round 10: [sc2tog over next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc] around: 18 sc.

Round 11: [sc2tog over next 2 sc, sc in next sc] around: 12 sc.



(end head)

Round 12: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] around: 18 sc.

Round 13: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] around: 24 sc.

Round 14: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] around: 30 sc.

Round 15: Sc in each sc around: 30 sc.

Round 16: Sc in each sc around: 30 sc.

Round 17: Sc in each sc around: 30 sc.

Round 18: Sc in each sc around: 30 sc.

Round 19: Sc in each sc around: 30 sc.

Round 20: Sc in each sc around: 30 sc.

Round 21: Sc in each sc around: 30 sc.

Round 22: Sc in each sc around: 30 sc.

Round 23: Sc in each sc around: 30 sc. (Total of 9 rounds worked even.)

Round 24: [sc2tog over next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc] around: 24 sc.

Round 25: [sc2tog over next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc] around: 18 sc.



Stuff firmly.



Round 26: [sc2tog over next 2 sc, sc in next sc] around: 12 sc.

Round 27: Sc2tog around: 6 sc.

Round 28: Sl st as needed around to close remaining gap and finish off. Weave in end.



Wing (make 2):

Ch 7.

Sl st in 2nd ch from hook.
Sc in next 2 ch.
Hdc in next ch.
Dc in next ch.



In last ch, work 6 dc.

Working up the other side of the starting chain, dc in next ch, then hdc in next ch, sc in next 2 ch, and sl st in last chain. Join with sl st to first sl st and finish off, leaving a long end for sewing the wing to the body.

Weave in other end.



Tail:

Ch 4.



Sc in 2nd ch from hook. Hdc in next ch. In last ch, work 7 dc. Working up the other side of the starting chain, hdc in next ch. Sc in last ch. Join with sl st to first sc and finish off, leaving a long end for sewing the tail to the body. Weave in other end.

Beak:

Ch 4. Join with sl st to form ring.

Round 1: 6 sc in ring: 6 sc. Do not join.

Round 2: Sc in each sc around: 6 sc. Turn right side out, sl st in next sc, and fasten off, leaving a long enough end to sew the beak to the body. Weave in the other end, or use it to stuff the beak.



Feet (make 2):

To start:

Ch 9.

Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and next 2 chs: 3 sl st.



To make middle toe:

Ch 4.

Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and next 2 chs: 3 sl st.

Sl st in the same ch as the last sl st from first toe.

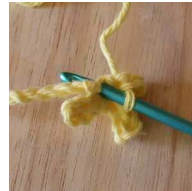


To make last toe:

Ch 3.

Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and next ch: 2 sl st.

Sl st same ch as last sl sts from first two toes.



To finish:

Sl st in each ch back to the beginning of the starter chain: 5 sl st. Finish off, leaving a tail long enough to sew foot to body. Weave in the other end, or sew with both strands if desired.



Assembly and Finishing:

Position beak, wings, feet, and tail as desired and sew to head/body. Embroider eyes.

