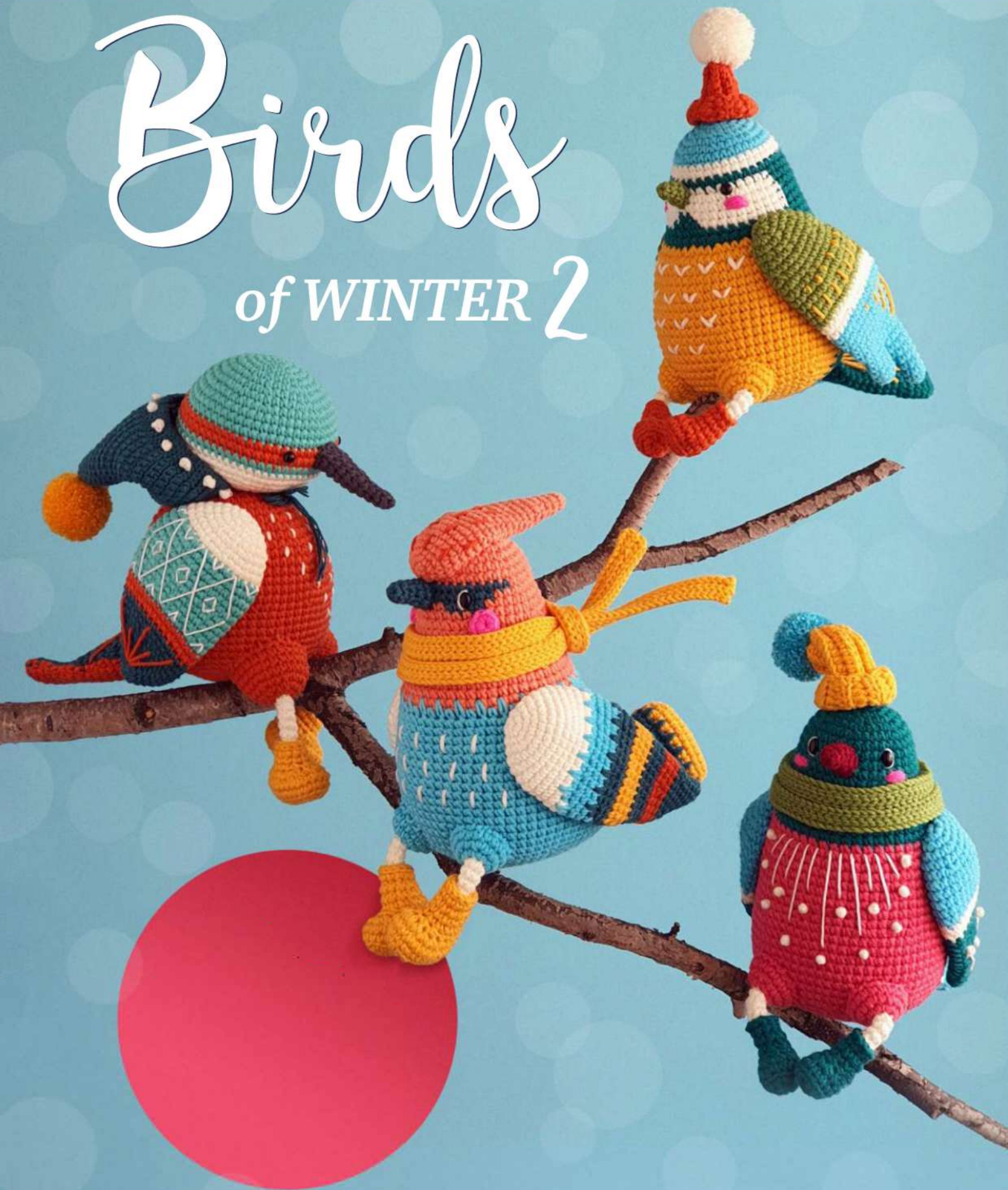


Birds of WINTER 2



Please read carefully before getting started

YOU WILL NEED

- Yarn of your choice in different colors;
- Scraps of yarn or embroidery floss for sewing parts together and decorating the toys;
- Crochet hooks suitable for the yarn;
- Toy stuffing;
- Safety eyes (if using);
- Needles, pins, stitch markers.



ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

MR – magic ring;
ch – chain;
st, sts – stitch, stitches;
sl st – slip stitch;
sc – single crochet;
spike st* – single crochet spike stitch;
hdc – half double crochet;
dc – double crochet;
dec – decrease;
inc – increase;
fl, flo – front loops, work in front loops only;
bl, blo – back loops, work in back loops only;
[...] x n – repeat n times;
(...) – number of stitches in the round.

**Single crochet spike stitch is worked exactly like a regular single crochet stitch except that instead of working into the current round you drop down and work it into a corresponding stitch one round below.*

- The toys have some similar base and repetitive elements. Please look through the pattern before getting started.
- Most of the pieces are crocheted in a spiral.
- Crochet tightly to avoid stuffing showing through.
- Add stuffing in small portions so it's distributed evenly.
- Use your artistic side to find positions for the facial features, body parts and accessories when assembling the toys instead of chasing numbers; the final result must please your eyes.

Go with your gut feeling when choosing materials for your project, but we would recommend to do it within the same brand, so the yarns have similar characteristics and proportions of the toys are preserved.

This pattern was tested with ALIZE Bella (100% cotton), ALIZE Cotton Gold, Gazzal Baby Cotton and YarnArt Jeans (mixed cotton/acrylic) yarns.



Kingfisher

A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT KINGFISHERS

- Kingfishers were given their name because they're expert fishermen. To catch fish, they lazily fly over the water, swooping down to spear a fish with their sharp beaks. Sometimes they perch in a branch near a river and dive when they see a fish.
- Female kingfishers are usually more colorful than males.
- A pair of kingfishers work together to build burrows along the edges of streams or rivers. A borrow might be 3 to 8 feet long.
- Kingfishers make dry, loud screeching sounds.



- The largest kingfisher is the giant kingfisher, which measures up to 19 inches (48 centimeters) long and is found in Africa. It is not the heaviest kingfisher, however. The laughing kookaburra of Australia can weigh up to 1.11 pounds (500 grams), though it is usually only 16-18 inches (40-45 centimeters) long.

HEAD

Start in Turquoise. Stuff as you go.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)
 2. inc x 6 (12)
 3. [sc, inc] x 6 (18)
 4. sc, [inc, 2 sc] x 5, inc, sc (24)
 5. [3 sc, inc] x 6 (30)
 6. 2 sc, [inc, 4 sc] x 5, inc, 2 sc (36)
 7. [5 sc, inc] x 6 (42)
 8. 3 sc, [inc, 6 sc] x 5, inc, 3 sc (48)
 9. [7 sc, inc] x 6 (54)
 - 10-12 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (54)
- Change to Orange, don't cut the Turquoise yarn.
- 13-14. sc in each st around (54)
- Change to Turquoise, cut the Orange yarn.
15. sc in each st around (54)
- Change to White, cut the Turquoise yarn.



If you're a safety eyes user, you may place them between rounds 13 and 14 (the distance between the eyes is 12 stitches), but we recommend to do it when the toy is finished because you won't be able to adjust them once they're secured.

- 16-17. sc in each st around (54)
18. 12 sc, [3 sc, dec] x 6, 12 sc (48)
19. 12 sc, [2 sc, dec] x 6, 12 sc (42)
20. 12 sc, [1 sc, dec] x 6, 12 sc (36)
21. 12 sc, dec x 6, 12 sc (30)
22. [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24)
23. BLO [2 sc, dec] x 6 (18)
24. [sc, dec] x 6 (12)
25. dec x 6 (6)

Fasten off leaving a tail about 10 cm long and cut the yarn. Using a tapestry needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loops of each of the six stitches and pull tight to close. Weave in the end.



BODY

Join Orange yarn to Rnd 22 of the head and start crocheting the body (see pics on the next page). Stuff as you go.

1. FLO [3 sc, inc] x 6 (30)
2. 12 sc, 6 inc, 12 sc (36)
3. 12 sc, [sc, inc] x 6, 12 sc (42)
4. 3 sc, [inc, 6 sc] x 5, inc, 3 sc (48)
5. sc in each st around (48)
6. [7 sc, inc] x 6 (54)
7. sc in each st around (54)
8. 4 sc, [inc, 8 sc] x 5, inc, 4 sc (60)
9. sc in each st around (60)
10. [9 sc, inc] x 6 (66)
- 11-15 (5 rounds). sc in each st around (66)
16. 12 sc, [5 sc, dec] x 6, 12 sc (60)

- 17-21 (5 rounds). sc in each st around (60)
22. 12 sc, [4 sc, dec] x 6, 12 sc (54)
23. sc in each st around (54)
24. [7 sc, dec] x 6 (48)
25. 3 sc, [dec, 6 sc] x 5, dec, 3 sc (42)
26. [5 sc, dec] x 6 (36)
27. 2 sc, [dec, 4 sc] x 5, dec, 2 sc (30)
28. [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24)
29. sc, [dec, 2 sc] x 5, dec, sc (18)
30. [sc, dec] x 6 (12)
31. dec x 6 (6)

Fasten off leaving a tail about 10 cm long and cut the yarn. Using a tapestry needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loops of each of the six stitches and pull tight to close. Weave in the end.



WINGS

Right wing

Start in White. Don't stuff.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)
2. inc x 6 (12)
3. [sc, inc] x 6 (18)
4. sc, [inc, 2 sc] x 5, inc, sc (24)
5. 12 sc, [sc, inc] x 6 (30)
6. sc in each st around (30)
7. 12 sc, [2 sc, inc] x 6 (36)

Change to Turquoise, cut the White yarn.

8-12 (5 rounds). sc in each st around (36)

13. 12 sc, [6 sc, dec] x 3 (33)

14-17 (4 rounds). sc in each st around (33)

Change to Orange, cut the Turquoise yarn.

18. sc in each st around (33)

19. 12 sc, [5 sc, dec] x 3 (30)

Change to Dark Turquoise, cut the Orange yarn.

20-22 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (30)

23. 12 sc, [1 sc, dec] x 6 (24)

24. sc in each st around (24)

25. sc, [dec, 2 sc] x 5, dec, sc (18)

26. sc in each st around (18)

27. [sc, dec] x 6 (12)

28. sc in each st around (12)

29. dec x 6 (6)

Fasten off leaving a tail about 10 cm long and cut the yarn.

Using a tapestry needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loops of each of the six stitches and pull tight to close. Weave in the end.

Left wing

Start in White. Don't stuff.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)
2. inc x 6 (12)
3. [sc, inc] x 6 (18)
4. sc, [inc, 2 sc] x 5, inc, sc (24)
5. [sc, inc] x 6, 12 sc (30)
6. sc in each st around (30)
7. [2 sc, inc] x 6, 12 sc (36)

Change to Turquoise, cut the White yarn.

8-12 (5 rounds). sc in each st around (36)

13. [6 sc, dec] x 3, 12 sc (33)

14-17 (4 rounds). sc in each st around (33)

Change to Orange, cut the Turquoise yarn.

18. sc in each st around (33)

19. [5 sc, dec] x 3, 12 sc (30)

Change to Dark Turquoise, cut the Turquoise yarn.

20-22 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (30)

23. [1 sc, dec] x 6, 12 sc (24)

24. sc in each st around (24)

25. sc, [dec, 2 sc] x 5, dec, sc (18)

26. sc in each st around (18)

27. [sc, dec] x 6 (12)

28. sc in each st around (12)

29. dec x 6 (6)

Fasten off leaving a tail about 10 cm long and cut the yarn.

Using a tapestry needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loops of each of the six stitches and pull tight to close. Weave in the end.

Using scraps of yarn in different colors, decorate the wings to your taste. We used crossed stitches and French knots.

Sew the wings to the sides of the body as shown in the pictures.

BEAK

In Dark Gray. Stuff as you go if possible.

1. 4 sc in a MR (4)

2. sc in each st around (4)

3. [sc, inc] x 2 (6)

4. sc in each st around (6)

5. [2 sc, inc] x 2 (8)

6-7. sc in each st around (8)

8. [3 sc, inc] x 2 (10)

9. sc in each st around (10)

10. [4 sc, inc] x 2 (12)

Make a sl st, fasten off and cut the yarn, leaving a tail about 15 cm long for sewing. Sew the beak to the head between Rounds 13 and 15.

TAIL

Don't stuff the tip (first 9 rounds) so you can shape the tail.

Work alternating Turquoise and Orange yarn. The color that's currently in use is indicated in curly brackets. See pictures on the next page.

1. {turquoise} 3 sc, {orange} 3 sc in a MR (6)

2. {turquoise} inc, 2 sc, {orange} inc, 2 sc (8)

3. {turquoise} 3 sc, inc, {orange} 3 sc, inc (10)

4. {turquoise} 5 sc, {orange} 5 sc (10)

5. {turquoise} inc, 4 sc, {orange} inc, 4 sc (12)

6. {turquoise} 5 sc, inc, {orange} 5 sc, inc (14)

7. {turquoise} 7 sc, {orange} 7 sc (14)

8. {turquoise} inc, 6 sc, {orange} inc, 6 sc (16)

9. {turquoise} 8 sc, {orange} 8 sc (16)

10. {turquoise} 7 sc, inc, {orange} 7 sc, inc (18)

11. {turquoise} 9 sc, {orange} 9 sc (18)

12. {turquoise} inc, 8 sc, {orange} inc, 8 sc (20)
 13. {turquoise} 10 sc, {orange} 10 sc (20)
 14. {turquoise} 9 sc, inc, {orange} 9 sc, inc (22)
 15. {turquoise} 11 sc, {orange} 11 sc (22)
 16. {turquoise} inc, 10 sc, {orange} inc, 10 sc (24)
 17. {turquoise} 12 sc; fasten off the turquoise yarn, leaving a tail about 15 cm long for sewing; {orange} 12 sc; fasten off, leaving a tail about 15 cm long for sewing (24)
- Sew the tail to the back of the body (see pictures).



LEGS (make 2)

Part 1

Start in Yellow. Stuff as you go.

Ch 7. Work around both sides of the foundation chain.

1. start in the 2nd ch from the hook: inc, 4 sc, 4 sc in the last ch; do not turn your work, crochet on the other side of the chain: 4 sc, inc (16)
2. [sc, inc] x 8 (24)
3. BLO sc in each st around (24)
4. sc in each st around (24)
5. 4 sc, 9 dec, 2 sc (15)
6. 5 sc, 3 dec, 4 sc (12)

Stuff your work very firmly at this point, because it will be very difficult to do it later.

Change to White. Don't cut the Yellow yarn, leave it hanging on the outside.

7. BLO dec x 6 (6)
- 8-14 (7 rounds). sc in each st around (6)



Make additional 1-2 sc and change to Orange, cut the White yarn.

15. FLO inc x 6 (12)
16. [1 sc, inc] x 6 (18)
17. [2 sc, inc] x 6 (24)
- 18-20 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (24)

Stuff your work and fasten off, leaving a tail about 10 cm long for sewing and cut the yarn.

Part 2

Go back to round 7 and the Yellow yarn. Crochet the top of the boot.

1. FLO sc in each st around (12)
2. sc in each st around (12)
3. sl st in each st around (12)

Fasten off, cut the yarn, weave the end in between the stitches. Sew the legs to the body between rounds 20 and 26.



HAT

In Dark Turquoise.

Ch 26. Crochet in rows. Start from the 2nd ch from hook.

1. 25 sl st, ch 1, turn (25)

2. BLO 20 sc, 5 sl st, ch 1, turn (25)

3. BLO 25 sl st, ch 1, turn (25)

Repeat rows 2-3 at least 28 more times and try the hat on.

Keep crocheting until it hugs the head nicely. The one you see in the pictures has 74 rows in total (rows 2-3 repeated 35 times), but you may want to make a few rows more or less depending on how firmly you crochet.

Fasten off leaving a tail about 20 cm long for sewing and cut the yarn. Fold your work in half and sew the back of the hat as shown in the photo.

Join the Dark Turquoise yarn (leaving a tail about 15 cm long at the beginning) to the bottom of the hat and crochet one row along the bottom (see photos):

BLO 1 sc, [2 sc, dec] x 6, [dec, 2 sc] x 6, sc (38)

Fasten off, leaving another tail about 15 cm long. The tails are supposed to be used as ties. Decorate the headpiece with a small pompom.



ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING TOUCHES

- Sew the tail to the back of the body, centered, approx. between Round 19 and 25.
- Sew the legs between Round 19 and 28 of the body. The distance between the legs should be approx. 3 stitches.
- Decorate the wings to you taste using scraps of yarn or embroidery floss in different colors. Feel free to use any crafting materials you have on hand to make the toy your very own.
- Sew the wings to the sides of the body at approx. 45° angle.
- Sew the beak to the center of the face between rounds 17 and 22.
- Insert the eyes between rounds 13 and 14. The distance between the eyes is about 11 stitches. We used 4 mm safety eyes and hot glue. Do not hesitate embroidering the eyes instead.
- Put the hat on bird's head and tie a bow using the yarn ends you left while making it.

See more pictures of assembly on the next page.





Waxwing

A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT WAXWINGS

- Waxwings are named for the waxy red tips on the end of their secondary feathers. The number of wax tips and their size increase as the bird gets older.
- Cedar Waxwings LOVE fruit. They can even survive on fruit alone for several months!
- Waxwings can get drunk from eating overripe berries that have started to ferment and produce alcohol! Flocks of intoxicated birds have been known to simultaneously hit large windows.

This is real snow :)



- Cedar Waxwings don't have a real song. Instead they make a quiet trilling or buzzing sound.
- They eat in shifts. One group will eat first and then moves out of the way for the next group to come in. This is very polite compared to most birds, who just try to grab what they can individually.
- A group of waxwings is called an «ear-full» or a «museum» of waxwings.

HEAD AND BODY

This part is crocheted from the top down.

Start in Coral.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)

2. inc x 6 (12)

3. [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

4. [sc, inc, sc] x 6 (24)

5. [3 sc, inc] x 6 (30)

6. [2 sc, inc, 2 sc] x 6 (36)

7-8. sc in each st around (36)

Rounds 9-11 are crocheted in Coral and Dark Gray to create the «face mask»; the color that's currently in use is indicated in curly brackets.

9. {coral} 9 sc, {dark gray} 18 sc, {coral} 9 sc (36)

10. {coral} 11 sc, {dark gray} 14 sc, {coral} 11 sc (36)

11. {coral} 12 sc, {dark gray} 4 sc, {coral} 4 sc, {dark gray} 4 sc, {coral} 12 sc (36)

Cut the Dark Gray yarn, continue in Coral.

12. sc in each st around (36)

13. [5 sc, inc] x 6 (42)

14-16 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (42)

If you're a safety eyes user, you may want to insert them between Rnds 11 and 12, approx. 8-10 sts apart from each other, but we really recommend to do it after sewing the beak to the head.

17. 8 sc, [3 sc, inc] x 6, 10 sc (48)

18-21 (4 rounds). sc in each st around (48)

Change to Beige, cut the Coral yarn.

22. [sc, spike st*] x 24 (48)

**See more pics on the next page.*

23. [sc, inc] x 6, 24 sc, [sc, inc] x 6 (60)

24-27 (4 rounds). sc in each st around (60)

Stuff the head and keep gradually stuffing your work as you go.

28. [9 sc, inc] x 6 (66)

29-38 (10 rounds). sc in each st around (66)

39. [9 sc, dec] x 6 (60)

40. [4 sc, dec, 4 sc] x 6 (54)

41. [7 sc, dec] x 6 (48)

42. [3 sc, dec, 3 sc] x 6 (42)

43. [5 sc, dec] x 6 (36)

44. [2 sc, dec, 2 sc] x 6 (30)

45. [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24)

46. [sc, dec, sc] x 6 (18)

47. dec x 9 (9)

Check if the body is stuffed very firmly; it should be as stiff as a tennis ball. Add more stuffing using a bamboo skewer, if needed.

Finish off and cut the yarn leaving a 10 cm tail, thread a tapestry needle and pass it through each of the 9 front loops of the last round; pull tight to close the hole and weave in the end.





WINGS (make 2)

Start in Cream. Do not stuff.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)
2. inc x 6 (12)
3. [sc, inc] x 6 (18)
4. [sc, inc, sc] x 6 (24)
5. [7 sc, inc] x 3 (27)
6. [4 sc, inc, 4 sc] x 3 (30)
- 7-11 (5 rounds). sc in each st around (30)
- Change to Beige, cut the Cream yarn.
12. [sc, spike st] x 15 (30)
- 13-15 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (30)
- Change to Dark Gray, cut the Beige yarn.
16. [sc, spike st] x 15 (30)
17. [4 sc, dec, 4 sc] x 3 (27)
18. sc in each st around (27)
- Change to Mustard Yellow, but don't cut Dark Gray, leave it hanging in the inside of your work.
19. sc in each st around (27)
20. [7 sc, dec] x 3 (24)
21. sc in each st around (24)
- Change back to Dark Gray, cut Mustard Yellow yarn.

22. sc in each st around (24)
 23. [3 sc, dec, 3 sc] x 3 (21)
 24. sc in each st around (21)
 - Change to Red, but don't cut Dark Gray; again, leave it hanging in the inside of your work.
 25. sc in each st around (21)
 26. [5 sc, dec] x 3 (18)
 27. sc in each st around (18)
 - Change back to Dark Gray, cut Red yarn.
 28. sc in each st around (18)
 29. [2 sc, dec, 2 sc] x 3 (15)
 30. sc in each st around (15)
 31. dec x 2, 9 sc, dec (12)
 32. dec, 8 sc, dec (10)
 33. dec, 8 sc (9)
 34. dec, 7 sc (8)
 35. dec, 4 sc, dec (6)
- Finish off and cut the yarn leaving a tail about 10 cm long. Using a tapestry needle, pass it through the front loop of each stitch of the last round and pull tight to close the hole. Weave in the end.

TAIL

Start in Mustard Yellow. Do not stuff.

Ch 12, start crocheting from the 2nd ch from hook.

1. 10 sc, 3 sc in the bottom ch; don't turn your work, crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: 9 sc, inc in the last st (24)

2-4 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (24)

Change to Dark Gray, cut Mustard Yellow yarn.

5. [sc, spike st] x 3 (12)

6. [3 sc, dec, 3 sc] x 3 (21)

7-9 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (21)

Change to Beige, cut Dark Gray yarn.

10. sc in each st around (21)

11. [5 sc, dec] x 3 (18)

12-17 (6 rounds). sc in each st around (18)

Make a sl st and finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

LEGS (make 2)

These legs are made the same way as the Kingfisher's, but they're a little bit smaller. Start in Dark Gray.

Ch 4, start from the 2nd ch from hook.

1. 2 sc, 3 sc in the bottom ch; don't turn your work, crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc, inc in the last st (8)

2. inc, sc, inc x 3, sc, inc x 2 (14)

3. Working in BLO, sc in each st around (14)

4. 4 sc, dec x 3, 4 sc (11)

5. 4 sc, dec x 2, 3 sc (9)

6-8 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (9)

Change to Mustard Yellow, but don't cut the Dark Gray yarn, leave it hanging on the outside as you're going to need it later.

Stuff the lower part of the leg (the boot).

9. BLO [dec, sc] x 3 (6)

10-12 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (6)

Change to Beige, cut the Mustard Yellow yarn.

13. FLO inc x 6 (12)

14. [inc, sc] x 6 (18)

15. sc in each st around (18)

Make a sl st and finish off leaving a tail for sewing.

Go back to Rnd 8 and crochet a sl st in each unworked front loop of the round. Finish off, cut the yarn and hide the tail inside the leg.

CREST

In Coral. Do not stuff.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)

2. inc x 6 (12)

3. [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

4. [5 sc, inc] x 3 (21)

5-11 (7 rounds). sc in each st around (21)

12. [5 sc, dec] x 3 (18)

13-14. sc in each st around (18)

15. [2 sc, dec, 2 sc] x 3 (15)

16-17. sc in each st around (15)

18. [3 sc, dec] x 3 (12)

19-20. sc in each st around (12)

21. [sc, dec, sc] x 3 (9)

22-23. sc in each st around (9)

24. [dec, sc] x 3 (6)

Finish off and cut the yarn leaving a tail about 10 cm long.

Using a tapestry needle, pass it through the front loop of each stitch of the last round and pull tight to close the hole. Weave in the end.

Flatten the crest and, using a scrap of red yarn, embroider a few random stitches on its front (top) part.

BEAK

In Black. Stuff, if needed. We didn't as it was very small.

1. 4 sc in a MR (4)

2. inc, 3 sc (5)

3. inc, 4 sc (6)

4. inc, 5 sc (7)

5. inc, 6 sc (8)

6. inc, 7 sc (9)

Make a sl st and finish off leaving a tail for sewing.



CHEEKS (make 2)

In Red.

8 hdc in a MR; pull the ring tight (8)

Finish off, cut the yarn leaving a tail for sewing.

SCARF

In Peach.

Crochet in turning rows, make ch 1 and turn at the end of each row. Crochet loosely to make your work easier.

Ch 91*; start from the 2nd ch from hook.

1-6 (6 rows). 90 sl st, ch 1, turn (90)

**Adjust the length to your liking.*

ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING TOUCHES

- Sew the beak to the center of the «face mask» (the coral section) between rounds 9 and 11.
- Attach, sew or embroider the eyes between Rounds 11 and 12 of the head, on either side of the beak, 3-4 sts apart from it. We used 4x3 mm plastic eyes and hot glue.
- To make the eyes more prominent, embroider a straight stitch on one side of each eye using a scrap of Cream yarn.
- Sew the cheeks on either side of the face. Don't hesitate using a glue gun instead of a needle as these parts are flat and very small.
- Sew the tail to the back of the body, centered, approx. between rounds 36 and 38. It's a good idea to try it on with the wings first.
- Sew the legs to the bottom of the belly, approx. between rounds 36 and 41 of the body, approx. 6 sts apart from each other. Make sure the toes of the boots are pointing upwards. If you think the thighs (the beige parts of the legs) need stuffing, don't hesitate adding it. We didn't, as ours were very small and stiff.
- Sew the wings to the sides of the body at approx 45 angle. We encourage you to play around with them first, finding the option you like best.
- Using scraps of Cream yarn, embroider some vertical stitches on the bird's belly to make it look shabby.
- Tie the scarf on the bird's «neck».





Chickadee

A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT CHICKADEES

- These little birds are known as «chickadees» because of their alarm call. This type of name is onomatopoeic — the word is the sound that it describes.
- While some species may move seasonally, for the most part chickadees are non-migratory.
- Chickadees are known to store food items like seeds or insect larvae in times of abundance. The cached food may be retrieved in leaner times.



- Chickadees are cavity nesters. They use old woodpecker holes or excavate their own cavities in rotted or soft wood. They will also use birdhouses.
- Chestnut-backed Chickadees like to line their nests with animal hair, with fur from animals like coyotes, skunk, rabbits, and others making up to half of the nest's materials.
- A group of chickadees can be called a banditry of chickadees. This collective noun probably refers to the mask-like appearance of chickadee species.

HEAD AND BODY

This part is crocheted from the top down.

Start in Baby Blue.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)

2. inc x 6 (12)

3. [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

4. [sc, inc, sc] x 6 (24)

5. [3 sc, inc] x 6 (30)

6. [2 sc, inc, 2 sc] x 6 (36)

7. sc in each st around (36)

Change to Off-white, cut Baby Blue yarn.

8-9. sc in each st around (36)

From now on, crochet alternating Navy Blue, Off-white and Mustard Yellow. The color that's currently in use is indicated in curly brackets.

10. {navy blue} sc in each st around (36)

11. {navy blue} 9 sc, {off-white} 18 sc, {navy blue} 9 sc (36)

12. {navy blue} 9 sc, {off-white} [sc, inc, sc] x 6, {navy blue} 9 sc (42)

13-14. {navy blue} 9 sc, {off-white} 24 sc, {navy blue} 9 sc (42)

If you're a safety eyes user, you may want to insert them between Rnds 10 and 11, approx. 8-10 sts apart from each other, but we really recommend to do it after sewing the beak to the head.

15. {navy blue} 9 sc, {off-white} 11 sc, {navy blue} 2 sc, {off-white} 11 sc, {navy blue} 9 sc (42)

16. {navy blue} 9 sc, {off-white} 10 sc, {navy blue} 4 sc, {off-white} 10 sc, {navy blue} 9 sc (42)

17. {navy blue} sc in each st around (42)

18. {navy blue} 9 sc, [3 sc, inc] x 6, 9 sc (48)

19. {navy blue} [8 sc, inc]; join Mustard Yellow yarn; {mustard yellow} [sc, inc, sc] x 10, {navy blue} [inc, 8 sc] (60)

20-27 (8 rounds). {navy blue} 10 sc, {mustard yellow} 40 sc, {navy blue} 10 sc (60)

28. {navy blue} 4 sc, inc, 5 sc, {mustard yellow} 4 sc, inc, 9 sc, inc, 10 sc, inc, 9 sc, inc, 4 sc, {navy blue} 5 sc, inc, 4 sc (66)

29-34 (6 rounds). {navy blue} 11 sc, {mustard yellow} 44 sc, {navy blue} 11 sc (66)

35. {navy blue} 4 sc, dec, 5 sc, {mustard yellow} 4 sc, dec, 9 sc, dec, 10 sc, dec, 9 sc, dec, 4 sc, {navy blue} 5 sc, dec, 4 sc (60)

36. {navy blue} 4 sc, dec, 4 sc, {mustard yellow} 4 sc, [dec, 8 sc] x 3, dec, 4 sc, {navy blue} 4 sc, dec, 4 sc (54)

37. {navy blue} 9 sc, {mustard yellow} [2 sc, dec, 2 sc] x 6, {navy blue} 9 sc (48)

38. {navy blue} 3 sc, dec, 4 sc, {mustard yellow} 2 sc, [dec, 6 sc] x 3, dec, 2 sc, {navy blue} 4 sc, dec, 3 sc (42)

39. {navy blue} 3 sc, dec, 3 sc, {mustard yellow} 2 sc, dec, 5 sc, dec, 4 sc, dec, 5 sc, dec, 2 sc, {navy blue} 3 sc, dec, 3 sc (36)

Stuff the upper part of your work (the head) firmly and keep stuffing the rest of the body as you go.

40. {navy blue} 2 sc, dec, 3 sc, {mustard yellow} sc, [dec, 4 sc] x 3, dec, sc, {navy blue} 3 sc, dec, 2 sc (30)



41. {navy blue} 3 sc, dec, sc, {mustard yellow} 2 sc, [dec, 2 sc] x 4, {navy blue} sc, dec, 3 sc (24)

42. {navy blue} 2 sc, dec, sc, {mustard yellow} [sc, dec] x 2, 2 sc, [dec, sc] x 2, {navy blue} sc, dec, 2 sc (18)

43. {navy blue} dec x 2, {mustard yellow} dec x 5, {navy blue} dec x 2 (9)

Check if the body is stuffed very firmly; it should be as stiff as a tennis ball. Add more stuffing using a bamboo skewer, if needed. Finish off and cut the yarns leaving a 10 cm tail of any of the two colours, thread a tapestry needle and pass it through each of the 9 front loops of the last round; pull tight to close the hole and weave in the end.

WINGS (make 2)

The lower half of the wing consists of two parts that are crocheted separately and then are joined together. Do not stuff.

Part 1 (the smaller part)

In Navy Blue.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)

2. inc. 5 sc (7)

3. inc. 6 sc (8)

4. sc in each st around (8)

Finish off, cut the yarn, weave in the end. Set aside.

Part 2 (the bigger one) and joining parts

In Navy Blue.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)

2. inc. 5 sc (7)

3. sc in each st around (7)

4. inc. 6 sc (8)

5. sc in each st around (8)

6. inc. 7 sc (9)

7. sc in each st around (9)

8. inc. 8 sc (10)

9. Working on Part 2, sc; join Part 1 with a sc, sc in each of the remaining 7 sts of Part 1; 9 sc along Part 2. Now the parts are joined and there are 18 sts in total at the end of Round 9.

Crochet additional 5 sc to move the beginning of the round to the side of the wing (18)

10. [5 sc, inc] x 3 (21)

11. sc in each st around (21)

12. [3 sc, inc, 3 sc] x 3 (24)

13. sc in each st around (24)

14. [7 sc, inc] x 3 (27)

15. sc in each st around (27)

16. [4 sc, inc, 4 sc] x 3 (30)

Change to Off-white.

17-18. sc in each st around (30)

Change to Olive Green.

19-23 (5 rounds). sc in each st around (30)

24. [4 sc, dec, 4 sc] x 3 (27)

25. sc in each st around (27)

26. [7 sc, dec] x 3 (24)

27. sc in each st around (24)

28. [3 sc, dec, 3 sc] x 3 (21)

29. [5 sc, dec] x 3 (18)

30. [2 sc, dec, 2 sc] x 3 (15)

31. [3 sc, dec] x 3 (12)

32. [sc, dec, sc] x 3 (9)

Finish off and cut the yarn leaving a tail 10 cm long. Using a tapestry needle, pass it through the front loops of each of the nine stitches of the last round and pull tight to close the hole. Weave in the end. Decorate the upper part of the wing with French knots (or any other way you like to).



TAIL

In Baby Blue.

Do not stuff.

Ch 12, start crocheting from the 2nd ch from hook.

1. 10 sc, 3 sc in the bottom ch; don't turn your work, crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: 9 sc, inc in the last st (24)

2-5 (4 rounds). sc in each st around (24)

6. [3 sc, dec, 3 sc] x 3 (21)

7-10 (4 rounds). sc in each st around (21)

11. [5 sc, dec] x 3 (18)

12-16 (5 rounds). sc in each st around (18)

Make a sl st and finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

LEGS (make 2)

Start in Brown.

Ch 4, start from the 2nd ch from hook.

1. 2 sc, 3 sc in the bottom ch; don't turn your work, crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc, inc in the last st (8)

2. inc, sc, inc x 3, sc, inc x 2 (14)

3. Working in BLO, sc in each st around (14)

4. 4 sc, dec x 3, 4 sc (11)

5. 4 sc, dec x 2, 3 sc (9)

6-8 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (9)

Change to Olive Green, but don't cut the Brown yarn, leave it hanging on the outside as you're going to need it later.

Stuff the lower part of the leg (the boot).

9. BLO [dec, sc] x 3 (6)

10-12 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (6)

Change to Mustard Yellow, cut the Olive Green yarn.

13. FLO inc x 6 (12)

14. [inc, sc] x 6 (18)

15. sc in each st around (18)

Make a sl st and finish off leaving a tail for sewing.

Go back to Rnd 8 and crochet a sl st in each unworked front loop of the round. Finish off, cut the yarn and hide the tail inside the leg.

BEAK

In Olive Green.

1. 4 sc in a MR (4)

2. inc, 3 sc (5)

3. inc, 4 sc (6)

4. inc, 5 sc (7)

Make a sl st and finish off leaving a tail for sewing.

CHEEKS (make 2)

In Fuchsia.

8 hdc in a MR; pull the ring tight (8)

Finish off, cut the yarn leaving a tail for sewing.

HAT

In Berry Red.

Leave a 10 cm long tail at the beginning.

Crochet in turning rows, make ch 1 and turn at the end of each row. The first and the last st of each row are worked in both loops, the rest are crocheted in BLO; we believe the edges look more neat this way.

Ch 13, start from the 2nd ch from hook.

1. 3 sl st, 4 sc, 5 hdc, ch 1, turn (12)

2. hdc, BLO 4 hdc, BLO 4 sc, BLO 2 sl st, sl st, ch 1, turn (12)

3. sl st, BLO 2 sl st, BLO 4 sc, BLO 4 hdc, hdc, ch 1, turn (12)

4-13 (10 rows). repeat rows 2, 3 (12)

Finish off, cut the yarn leaving another tail for sewing the top of the hat.

Fold your work in half and, using the starting tail, sew the sides of the hat (rows 1 and 13) together. Pull another yarn tail through the stitches at the top of the hat using a tapestry needle and pull tight to close the hole. Decorate the hat with a pompom.



ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING TOUCHES

- Sew the beak to the centre of the «face» (the white section) between rounds 10 and 13.
- Attach, sew or embroider the eyes to Rnd 10 of the head, on either side of the beak, 3-4 sts apart from it. We used 4x3 mm plastic eyes and hot glue.
- Sew the cheeks on either side of the face. Don't hesitate using a glue gun instead of a needle as these parts are flat and very small.
- Sew the tail to the back of the body, centered, approx. between rounds 34 and 36. It's a good idea to try it on with the wings first.
- Sew the legs to the bottom of the belly, approx. between rounds 29 and 34 of the body, approx. 8 sts apart from each

other. Make sure the toes of the boots are pointing upwards. If you think the thighs (the yellow parts of the legs) need stuffing, don't hesitate adding it. We didn't, as ours were very small and stiff.

- Decorate the wings to your taste using scraps of yarn (or embroidery floss) in different colours. Crafting materials you have on hand (beads, sequins, small buttons and etc.) would help making your work extra special and unique.
- Sew the wings to the sides of the body at approx 45 angle. We like them pointing downwards, but we encourage you to play around with them first, finding the option you like best.
- Sew the hat to the top of chickadee's head, wrap the scarf around its neck.



Snowbird

(BONUS TRACK)

A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT SNOWBIRDS

- Snowbirds (bullfinches) are birds, the return of which in spring is considered a sign of the approach of cold weather, at least, so says the national sign. These birds are immediately evident due to their colorful feathers, and it is they who, quite possibly, wake you up in the morning with their chirping, very reminiscent of the singing of sparrows.
- Snowbirds are fairly easy to tame and live with humans. They have a superbly developed ability to imitate different sounds. Some of them can memorize and whistle very complex tunes. All it takes is patience to train the bird.



- The main danger that a snowbird lurks in captivity is the risk of obesity. These birds do not know how to eat at all.
- They prefer to wind their nests away from human habitation, but they usually choose a low place – on average, no higher than human height.
- Only males of snowbirds can boast of a memorable red color of the breasts, while females have brown breasts.

Please note that this bird is very similar to chickadee, except but some color work, so there is no use in making any step-by-step pictures.

HEAD AND BODY

This part is crocheted from the top down.

Start in Dark Gray.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)
2. inc x 6 (12)
3. [sc, inc] x 6 (18)
4. [sc, inc, sc] x 6 (24)
5. [3 sc, inc] x 6 (30)
6. [2 sc, inc, 2 sc] x 6 (36)
- 7-11 (5 rounds). sc in each st around (36)
12. [5 sc, inc] x 6 (42)
- 13-15 (3 rounds) sc in each st around (42)

If you're a safety eyes user, you may want to insert them between Rnds 9 and 10, approx. 8-10 sts apart from each other, but we really recommend to do it after sewing the beak to the head.

16. [3 sc, inc, 3 sc] x 6 (48)
17. sc in each st around (48)

From now on, crochet alternating Gray and Red, cut the Dark Gray yarn. The color that's currently in use is indicated in curly brackets.

18. {gray} 24 sc, {red} 24 sc (48)
 19. {gray} [3 sc, inc] x 6, {red} [3 sc, inc] x 6 (60)
 - 20-26 (7 rounds). {gray} 30 sc, {red} 30 sc (60)
 27. {gray} 30 sc, {red} [2 sc, inc, 2 sc] x 6 (66)
 - 28-35 (8 rounds). {gray} 30 sc, {red} 36 sc (66)
 36. {gray} 30 sc, {red} [2 sc, dec, 2 sc] x 6 (60)
 37. {gray} [4 sc, dec, 4 sc] x 3, {red} [4 sc, dec, 4 sc] x 3 (54)
- Start gradually stuffing your work.
38. {gray} [7 sc, dec] x 3, {red} [7 sc, dec] x 3 (48)
 39. {gray} [3 sc, dec, 3 sc] x 3, {red} [3 sc, dec, 3 sc] x 3 (42)
 40. {gray} [5 sc, dec] x 3, {red} [5 sc, dec] x 3 (36)
 41. {gray} [2 sc, dec, 2 sc] x 3, {red} [2 sc, dec, 2 sc] x 3 (30)
 42. {gray} [3 sc, dec] x 3, {red} [3 sc, dec] x 3 (24)
 43. {gray} [sc, dec, sc] x 3, {red} [sc, dec, sc] x 3 (18)
 44. {gray} [sc, dec] x 3, {red} [sc, dec] x 3 (12)

Check if the body is stuffed very firmly; it should be as stiff as a tennis ball. Add more stuffing using a bamboo skewer, if needed.

45. {gray} dec x 3, {red} dec x 3 (6)

Finish off and cut the yarns leaving a 10 cm tail of any color, thread a tapestry needle and pass it through each of the 6 front loops of the last round; pull tight to close the hole and weave in the end.

WINGS (make 2)

Start in Blue. Do not stuff.

1. 6 sc in a MR (6)
2. inc x 6 (12)
3. [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

4. [sc, inc, sc] x 6 (24)
 5. [7 sc, inc] x 3 (27)
 6. [4 sc, inc, 4 sc] x 3 (30)
 - 7-11 (5 rounds). sc in each st around (30)
- Change to Gray, cut the Blue yarn.
- 12-13. sc in each st around (30)
- Change to Black, cut the Gray yarn.
14. sc in each st around (30)
 15. [4 sc, dec, 4 sc] x 3 (27)
 16. sc in each st around (27)
 17. [7 sc, dec] x 3 (24)
 18. sc in each st around (24)
 19. [3 sc, dec, 3 sc] x 3 (21)
 20. sc in each st around (21)
 21. [5 sc, dec] x 3 (18)
 22. sc in each st around (18)
 23. [2 sc, dec, 2 sc] x 3 (15)
 24. sc in each st around (15)
 25. [3 sc, dec] x 3 (12)
 26. [sc, dec, sc] x 3 (9)
 27. [dec, sc] x 3 (6)

Finish off and cut the yarn leaving a tail about 10 cm long.

Using a tapestry needle, pass it through the front loop of each stitch of the last round and pull tight to close the hole. Weave in the end.

Using scraps of Baby Blue and Gray yarn, embroider French knots on the upper part of the wing and a few lines on its lower part respectively.

Don't hesitate using any crafting materials you have on hand (leftover embroidery floss, beads, spare buttons and sequins to decorate it to your taste instead.

TAIL

Start in Blue. Do not stuff.

Ch 13, start crocheting from the 2nd ch from hook.

1. 11 sc, 3 sc in the bottom ch; don't turn your work, crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: 10 sc, inc in the last ch (26)
 - 2-4 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (26)
 5. [dec, 11 sc] x 2 (24)
- Change to Gray, cut the Blue yarn.
6. sc in each st around (24)
 7. [3 sc, dec, 3 sc] x 3 (21)
- Change to Black, cut the Gray yarn.
- 8-10 (3 rounds) sc in each st around (21)
 11. [5 sc, dec] x 3 (18)
 - 12-14 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (18)
- Make a sl st and finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

LEGS (make 2)

Start in Black.

Ch 4, start from the 2nd ch from hook.

1. 2 sc, 3 sc in the bottom ch; don't turn your work, crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc, inc in the last st (8)

2. inc, sc, inc x 3, sc, inc x 2 (14)

3. Working in BLO, sc in each st around (14)

4. 4 sc, dec x 3, 4 sc (11)

5. 4 sc, dec x 2, 3 sc (9)

6-8 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (9)

Change to Yellow, but don't cut the Black yarn, leave it hanging on the outside as you're going to need it later.

Stuff the lower part of the leg (the boot).

9. BLO [dec, sc] x 3 (6)

10-12 (3 rounds). sc in each st around (6)

Change to Red, cut the Yellow yarn.

13. FLO inc x 6 (12)

14. [inc, sc] x 6 (18)

15. sc in each st around (18)

Make a sl st and finish off leaving a tail for sewing.

Go back to Rnd 8 and crochet a sl st in each unworked front loop of the round. Finish off, cut the yarn and hide the tail inside the leg.

BEAK

In Black.

1. 4 sc in a MR (4)

2. inc, 3 sc (5)

3. inc, 4 sc (6)

4. inc, 5 sc (7)

5. inc, 6 sc (8)

Make a sl st and finish off leaving a tail for sewing.

CHEEKS (make 2)

In Fuchsia.

8 hdc in a MR; pull the ring tight (8)

Finish off, cut the yarn leaving a tail for sewing.

SCARF

In Moss Green.

Crochet in turning rows, make ch 1 and turn at the end of each row. Crochet loosely to make your work easier.

Ch 151*; start from the 2nd ch from hook.

1-6 (6 rows). 150 sl st, ch 1, turn (150)

*Adjust the length to your liking; this one is enough to wrap the scarf around the bird's neck twice.

HAT

In Moss Green.

Leave a 10 cm long tail at the beginning.

Crochet in turning rows, make ch 1 and turn at the end of each row. The first and the last st of each row are worked in both loops, the rest are crocheted in BLO; we believe the edges look more neat this way.

Ch 19, start from the 2nd ch from hook.

1. 14 hdc, 4 sc, ch 1, turn (18)

2. sc, BLO 3 sc, BLO 13 hdc, hdc, ch 1, turn (18)

3. hdc, BLO 13 hdc, BLO 3 sc, sc, ch 1, turn (18)

4-13 (10 rows). repeat rows 2, 3 (18)

Finish off, cut the yarn leaving another tail for sewing the top of the hat.

Fold your work in half and, using the starting tail, sew the sides of the hat (rows 1 and 13) together. Pull another yarn tail through the stitches at the top of the hat and pull tight to close the hole. Decorate the hat with a small pompom.



ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING TOUCHES

- Sew the beak to the centre of the «face» between rounds 8 and 11.
- Attach, sew or embroider the eyes approx. between rounds 9 and 10 of the head, on either side of the beak, 3-4 sts apart from it. We used 4x3 mm plastic eyes and hot glue.
- To make the eyes more prominent (our Dark Gray yarn turned out to be almost Black), embroider a straight stitch on one side of each eye using a scrap of Gray yarn.
- Sew the cheeks on either side of the face. Don't hesitate using a glue gun instead of a needle as these parts are flat and very small.
- Sew the tail to the back of the body, centered, approx. between rounds 34 and 36. We believe it's a good idea to try it on with the wings first.





- Sew the legs to the bottom of the belly, approx. between rounds 34 and 39 of the body, approx. 6 sts apart from each other. Make sure the toes of the boots are pointing upwards. If you think the thighs (the beige parts of the legs) need stuffing, don't hesitate adding it. We didn't, as ours were very small and stiff.
- Sew the wings to the sides of the body at approx 45 angle. We encourage you to play around with them first, finding the option you like best.
- Using scraps of Coral yarn, embroider some French knots on the bird's belly.
- Sew the hat to the head in the position that looks good for you. Crumple it to give it a funny shape.
- Wrap the scarf around the bird's «neck» and tie it.

Congrats on successful completion of your little crochet project!

Tip: if made with thinner yarn (i.e. ALIZE Bella), these birds make great Christmas ornaments.

Make sure to crochet more feathered friends
(hoopoe, woodpecker and pigeon)!

