

crochet pattern

Birds in Love



Difficulty level of this pattern: Intermediate.

This pattern does not include crochet lessons. You must know how to read crochet patterns and have basic skills to crochet in continuous rounds and in turning rows. Pattern contains links to additional videos.

To watch a video tutorial, click or scan the QR code.

The time to make one bird is approximately **two and a half hours**.

It depends on your skills and crochet speed.

The height of the smaller bird is approximately **3.5" / 9 cm**, whilst the taller bird is approximately **4.3" / 11 cm** (when using recommended tools and materials). Remember that appearance and size of a finished toy depends on your crochet tension, crochet method and chosen tools and materials. I recommend to use a “yarn under” crochet method.

Abbreviations (US terminology)

ch – chain

MR – magic ring

sc – single crochet

sl st – slip stitch

inc – increase

dec – decrease

hdc – half double crochet

dc – double crochet (yarn over the hook)

tr – treble crochet (yarn over the hook twice)

dtr – double treble (triple) crochet (yarn over the hook three times)

BLO – back loops only

(...)*x – repeat x times

(x) – total stitches in the round/row

x. – number of the round/row

Tools and Materials

1. Yarn (three colors for each bird; weight 2: Fine, Sport; 55% cotton + 45% acrylic; 175 yds / 160 m; 1.76 oz / 50 g):

- main color – body and head;
- additional color 1 (AC1) – wings and tail;
- additional color 2 (AC2) – beak and feet.

For the smaller (blue) bird I used:

- Alize Cotton Gold color №728 (main) ≈ 11 g;
- Alize Cotton Gold color №374 (additional color 1 - AC1) ≈ 1 g;
- Gazzal Baby Cotton color №3447 (additional color 2 - AC2) ≈ 1 g.

For the taller (lilac) bird I used:

- YarnArt Jeans color №89 (main) ≈ 13 g;
- Gazzal Baby Cotton color №3420 (additional color 1 - AC1) ≈ 1 g;
- Alize Cotton Gold color №87 (additional color 2 - AC2) ≈ 1 g.

You can use any other yarn with the same or different weight/type;

2. thin black thread for embroidery (embroidery floss DMC / YarnArt Iris / sewing thread / any similar thread);

3. 2 plastic or cardboard circles, d ≈ 1.6" / 4 cm;

4. crochet hook (I used 2 mm crochet hook);

5. scissors;

6. tapestry and embroidery needles.



Photos from Pattern Testers



As mentioned before, I recommend to use a “yarn under” crochet method. Crochet tightly and pull the last loop with the hook positioned perpendicularly to the round (*see the pictures and video*). This will keep your stitches from slanting and the beginning of the round from shifting.



If you choose to crochet as usual, the beginning of the round will shift. This means you will need to adjust it and if it is shifted, add or remove stitch(es). Do not count these stitches as a part of the round. Place a stitch marker after shift stitch(es). This will be a new beginning of the round. Continue to crochet the next round from here.

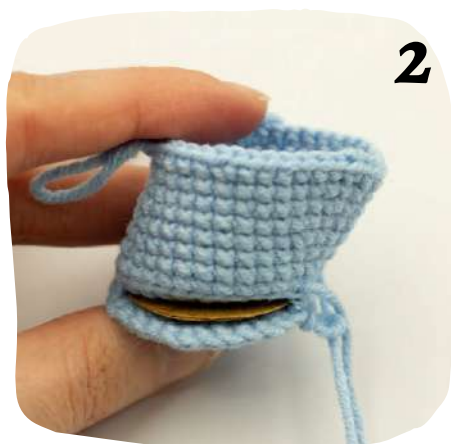
Base of the Bird (for balance)

Crochet with main color in continuous rounds.

1. 6 sc into MR (6)
2. 6 inc (12)
3. (1 sc, 1 inc)* 6 (18)
4. (1 sc, 1 inc, 1 sc)* 6 (24)
5. (3 sc, 1 inc)* 6 (30)

Cut the yarn, leave a loop and a long end (25,6" / 65 cm) for attaching the base to the body.

Cut out a plastic/cardboard circle of the same size as the base.



Body and Head

Crochet with main color in continuous rounds.

Stuff when instructed.

1. 6 sc into MR (6)
2. 6 inc (12)
3. (1 sc, 1 inc)* 6 (18)
4. (1 sc, 1 inc, 1 sc)* 6 (24)
5. (3 sc, 1 inc)* 6 (30)
6. BLO 30 sc (30)
7. 1 sc, 1 dec, 10 sc, 1 inc, 2 sc, 1 inc, 10 sc, 1 dec, 1 sc (30)
8. 30 sc (30)
9. 11 sc, 1 inc, 6 sc, 1 inc, 11 sc (32)
10. 32 sc (32)
11. 1 sc, 1 dec, 10 sc, 1 inc, 4 sc, 1 inc, 10 sc, 1 dec, 1 sc (32)
12. 32 sc (32)
13. (6 sc, 1 inc)* 2, 4 sc, (1 inc, 6 sc)* 2 (36)

Attach the base to the body (front side out) and crochet 30 sl st, inserting the hook through back loops of the base and front loops of the 5th round of the body (*pic. 1*). In the process, put the plastic/cardboard circle between the base and the body (*pic. 2-3*).

The number of rounds in the smaller bird and the taller bird is different. Follow the instructions for the specific bird you're making.

Instructions for the smaller bird

14-17 (4 rounds). 36 sc (36)

Make sure to keep the stitch marker in the center of the back. If necessary add or remove stitch(es).

18. 1 sc, 1 dec, 30 sc, 1 dec, 1 sc (34)

19. 3 sc, (2 sc, 1 dec)*3, 4 sc, (1 dec, 2 sc)*3, 3 sc (28)

Start to stuff the bird.

20. 3 sc, (1 sc, 1 dec)*3, 2 dec, (1 dec, 1 sc)*3, 3 sc (20)

21. 3 sc, 7 dec, 3 sc (13)

22-25 (4 rounds). 13 sc (13)

Make sure to keep the stitch marker in the center of the back of the neck. If necessary add or remove stitch(es).

26. 3 sc, 7 inc, 3 sc (20)

27. 3 sc, (1 inc, 1 sc)*3, 2 inc, (1 sc, 1 inc)*3, 3 sc (28)

28. 3 sc, (1 inc, 2 sc)*7, 1 inc, 3 sc (36)

29-34 (6 rounds). 36 sc (36)

35. (2 sc, 1 dec, 2 sc)*6 (30)

Stuff the body and the head tightly.

36. (3 sc, 1 dec)*6 (24)

37. (1 sc, 1 dec, 1 sc)*6 (18)

38. (1 sc, 1 dec)*6 (12)

39. 6 dec (6)

Cut the yarn. Close the opening.

Hide the end inside (*pic. 4*).



Instructions for the taller bird

14-20 (7 rounds). 36 sc (36)

Make sure to keep the stitch marker in the center of the back. If necessary add or remove stitch(es).

21. 1 sc, 1 dec, 30 sc, 1 dec, 1 sc (34)

22. 3 sc, (2 sc, 1 dec)*3, 4 sc, (1 dec, 2 sc)*3, 3 sc (28)

Start to stuff the bird.

23. 3 sc, (1 sc, 1 dec)*3, 2 dec, (1 dec, 1 sc)*3, 3 sc (20)

24. 3 sc, 7 dec, 3 sc (13)

25-31 (7 rounds). 13 sc (13)

Make sure to keep the stitch marker in the center of the back of the neck. If necessary add or remove stitch(es).

32. 3 sc, 7 inc, 3 sc (20)

33. 3 sc, (1 inc, 1 sc)*3, 2 inc, (1 sc, 1 inc)*3, 3 sc (28)

34. 3 sc, (1 inc, 2 sc)*7, 1 inc, 3 sc (36)

35-40 (6 rounds). 36 sc (36)

41. (2 sc, 1 dec, 2 sc)*6 (30)

Stuff the body and the head tightly.

42. (3 sc, 1 dec)*6 (24)

43. (1 sc, 1 dec, 1 sc)*6 (18)

44. (1 sc, 1 dec)*6 (12)

45. 6 dec (6)

Cut the yarn. Close the opening.

Hide the end inside.

Beak

Crochet with AC2 in continuous rounds, don't stuff.

1. 8 sc into MR (8) – the base of the beak

2. BLO 8 sc (8)

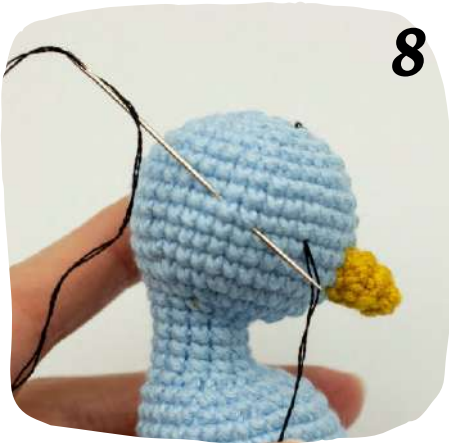
3. (1 sc, 1 dec)*2, 2 sc (6) (*pic. 5*) – the end of the beak

Cut the yarn, leave a long end for sewing. Close the opening, insert the needle with the yarn end in the center and come out between rounds 1 and 2. Sew the beak to the head on rounds 30-31 for the smaller bird; on rounds 36-37 for the taller bird (*pic. 6-7*).

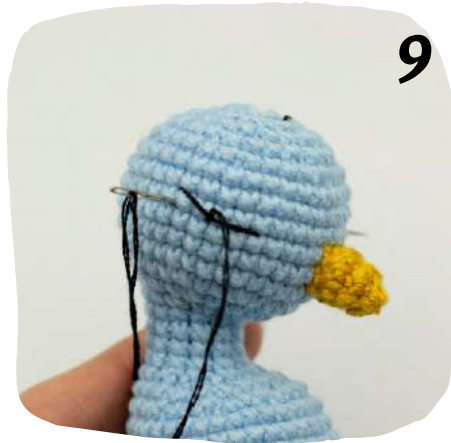


Embroider the eyes on the round 32 for the smaller bird and on the round 38 for the taller bird (*pic. 8-10*).

Distance to the beak – 4 sc, length of the eye – 5 sc, height – 1 round.



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Wings (2 parts)

Crochet with AC1 in turning rows.

Wing base:

1. 3 sc into MR (3), ch 1, turn
2. 3 inc (6), ch 1, turn
3. (1 sc, 1 inc)*3 (9), ch 1
4. 5 sc, as shown in the *pic. 11-12* (5), turn



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Feathers for the smaller bird:

Important:

don't crochet in the loops after the brackets (sl st and ch 1).

1. chain 10, in the second chain from the hook:
9 sc (9), 2 sl st in the base, ch 1, turn (pic. 13-15)
2. BLO 7 sc (7), ch 1, turn
3. BLO 7 sl st (7), 1 sl st in the base (pic. 16), ch 1, turn
4. BLO 5 sc (5), ch 1, turn
5. BLO 5 sl st (5), 1 sl st in the base, ch 1, turn
6. BLO 3 sc (3), ch 1, turn
7. BLO 3 sl st (3), 1 sl st in the base, ch 1, turn
8. BLO 1 sc (1), ch 1, turn
9. BLO 1 sl st (1), 1 sl st in the first loop of the 3rd row of the base, as shown in the pic. 17-18.

Cut the yarn, leave a long end for sewing.

Sew the wings to the body of the smaller bird on rounds 7-17 (pic. 19).



"Crochet a wing" video



Feathers for the taller bird:

Important: don't crochet in the loops after the brackets (sl st and ch 1).

1. chain 14, in the second chain from the hook: 13 sc (13),
2 sl st in the base, ch 1, turn
2. BLO 11 sc (11), ch 1, turn
3. BLO 11 sl st (11), 1 sl st in the base, ch 1, turn
4. BLO 9 sc (9), ch 1, turn
5. BLO 9 sl st (9), 1 sl st in the base, ch 1, turn
6. BLO 7 sc (7), ch 1, turn
7. BLO 7 sl st (7), 1 sl st in the base, ch 1, turn
8. BLO 5 sc (5), ch 1, turn
9. BLO 5 sl st (5), 1 sl st in the first loop of the 3rd row of the base.

Cut the yarn, leave a long end for sewing. Sew the wings to the body of the taller bird on rounds 7-20 (*pic. 20*).



Tail

Crochet with AC1.

Mark 9 middle loops (back loops of the sl st round) on the back of the bird (*pic. 21*).

Hold the part with the head facing away from you. Attach the yarn to the right loop (*pic. 22*) and crochet in marked loops:

- 3 hdc in first loop, 1 sl st in second,
3 dc in third, 1 sc in fourth, 3 tr in fifth, 1 sc in sixth,
3 dc in seventh, 1 sl st in eighth, 3 hdc in ninth (*pic. 23*).

Cut the yarn. Hide the ends inside.



Feet

Crochet with AC2.

Plan 2 spots on the front of the bird for its feet (*pic. 24*). I chose back loops of the sl st round. If the base of the bird is not flat enough for you, you may need to crochet in front loops to have the bird stand on its own.

Distance between the loops (feet) – 3-4 stitches.

Hold the part with the head facing away from you. Join the yarn to the 1st loop and crochet into it: ch 3, 3 dtr, ch 3, 1 sl st.

Cut the yarn. Hide the ends inside the body.

Repeat the same in the second loop.



Congratulations
Your birds are ready ❤️

