

CROCHET TECHNIQUES

ADJUSTABLE RING

1. Hold the end of the yarn and wrap the working yarn round two fingers to form a ring.
2. Insert the crochet hook into the ring.
3. Pick up the yarn. You now have one loop on the hook.
4. Make one chain by wrapping the yarn around the hook and pulling it through the loop.
5. Insert the hook into the ring and pick up the yarn. You now have two loops on the hook.
6. Wrap the yarn round the hook and pull it through both the loops on the hook. You now have one double crochet. Repeat from step 5 until you have the desired number of stitches.
7. Pull the loose end of the yarn to tighten the ring and close up the centre hole (see the illustrations below).

MAKING A CHAIN (ch)

1. Start by making a slip knot on your crochet hook.
2. Yarn over and pull it through the loop. That is the first chain.
3. Continue wrapping the yarn around the hook and pulling the working yarn through the loop until you have the number of chain stitches indicated in the pattern.

SLIP STITCH (sl st)

1. Insert the hook into the next stitch.
2. Yarn over and pull it through the stitch and the loop on the hook. This completes one slip stitch.

DOUBLE CROCHET (dc)

1. Insert the hook into the next stitch.
2. Yarn over and pull it through the stitch. You now have two loops on the hook.
3. Yarn over again and pull it through the two loops on the hook. This completes one double crochet stitch.

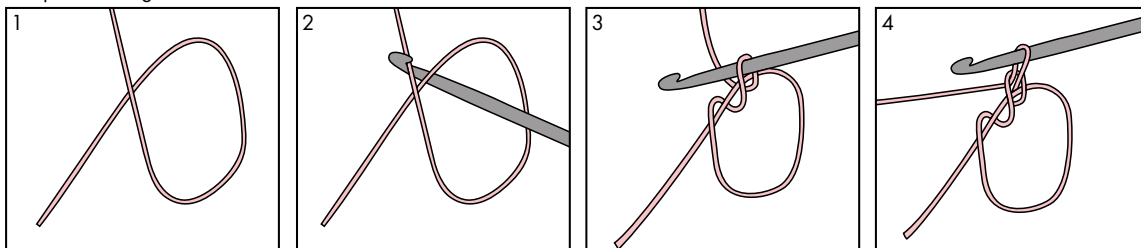
TREBLE CROCHET (tr)

1. Wrap the yarn around the hook, insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over and pull the yarn through the stitch. You now have three loops on the hook.
2. Yarn over again and pull it through the first two loops on the hook. You have two loops left on the hook.
3. Yarn over again and pull it through the two loops on the hook. This completes one treble crochet stitch.

DOUBLE TREBLE CROCHET (dtr)

1. Wrap the yarn over twice, then insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over and pull the yarn through the stitch. You now have four loops on the hook.
2. Yarn over and pull the yarn through the first two loops on the hook. You now have three loops on the hook.
3. Yarn over and pull the yarn through the first two loops on the hook.
4. Yarn over and pull the yarn through the last two loops on the hook.

Adjustable ring



HALF TREBLE CROCHET (htr)

1. Wrap the yarn around the hook, insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over and pull the yarn through the stitch. You now have three loops on the hook.
2. Yarn over again and pull it through all three loops on the hook. This completes one half treble crochet stitch.

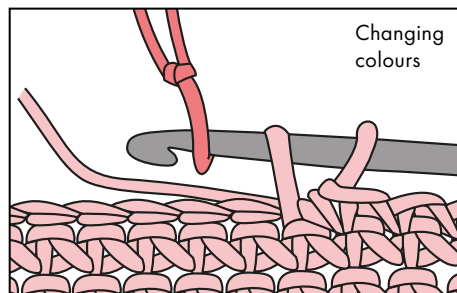
EXTENDED DOUBLE CROCHET (edc)

This stitch is a deeper/longer variation of dc.

1. Wrap the yarn over the hook, then insert the hook into the next stitch and pull up a loop, so there are three loops on your hook.
3. Yarn over and pull through only one loop.
4. Yarn over and pull through two loops. You have two loops left on your hook.
5. Yarn over, and pull through the last two loops.

CHANGING COLOURS

1. Insert the hook into the next stitch.
2. Wrap the working yarn around the hook and pull it through the loop. There are now two loops on the hook.
3. Wrap the new yarn around the hook and pull it through the two loops on the hook.
4. Continue working with the new colour.



DECREASING

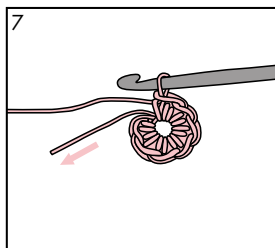
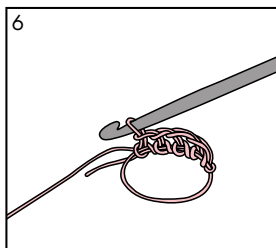
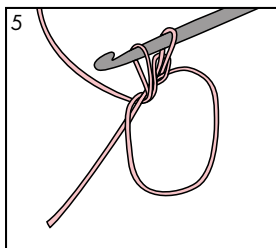
This is done by double crocheting two stitches together (dc2tog).

1. Insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over and pull the yarn through the stitch.
2. Insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over and pull the yarn through this stitch. You now have three loops on the hook.
3. Yarn over and pull the yarn through all three loops on the hook. You have worked a double crochet two together and decreased by one stitch.

POPCORN STITCH (pc)

1 popcorn = 4 incomplete treble stitches in the same stitch.

1. Work one treble crochet, but stop before pulling the yarn through the last time. There are now two loops on the hook. Continue with three more incomplete trebles until you have five loops on the hook.
2. Yarn over and pull through all the loops, finishing with one chain.



HUMMINGBIRD

HEAD, BODY AND TAIL

Work the head, body and tail in one piece from the top down.

Round 1: using blue yarn, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 3: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc* six times (18 sts).

Round 4: *2 dc in next st, 2 dc* six times (24 sts).

Rounds 5–8: 1 dc in each st (24 sts).

Round 9: *dc2tog, 2 dc* six times (18 sts).

Round 10: *dc2tog, 1 dc* six times (12 sts).

Insert the eyes between rounds 6 and 7, with 6 sts in between.

Stuff with toy filling.

Round 11: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc* six times (18 sts).

Rounds 12 and 13: 1 dc in each st (18 sts).

Round 14: *dc2tog, 1 dc* six times (12 sts).

Stuff with toy filling.

Round 15: *dc2tog, 1 dc* four times (8 sts).

Round 16: *2 dc in next st, 3 dc* twice (10 sts).

Round 17: *2 dc in next st, 4 dc* twice (12 sts).

Round 18: *2 dc in next st, 5 dc* twice (14 sts).

Press the tail flat, work 1 ch and turn.

Now crochet through both layers of the tail.

Row 1: 1 dc in each st (7 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end. Sew up the gap between the tail and the body so no filling goes into the tail. Darn in the end.

BEAK

Round 1: using black yarn, 3 dc in an adjustable ring (3 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in next st, 2 dc (4 sts).

Round 3: 1 dc in each st (4 sts).

Round 4: 2 dc in next st, 3 dc (5 sts).

Rounds 5–8: 1 dc in each st (5 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.

Do not stuff the beak. Sew it on between the eyes.

WING (make 2)

Using blue yarn, make 7 ch, then start in the second ch from the hook.

Row 1: 1 dc in each st, 1 ch, turn (6 sts).

Row 2: 1 dc in fl of each st, 1 ch, turn (6 sts).

Row 3: 1 dc in bl of each st, 1 ch, turn (6 sts).

Row 4: 1 dc in fl of each st, 1 ch, turn (6 sts).

Row 5: 1 dc in bl of each st (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.

With the ribs at the front, sew one end of the wing together to make a fan shape before sewing it to the side of the body. Make the second wing in the same way.



PEACOCK

HEAD AND BODY

Work the head and body in one piece from the top down.

Round 1: using dark blue yarn, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 3: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc* six times (18 sts).

Rounds 4–6: 1 dc in each st (18 sts).

Round 7: 3 dc, *dc2tog* six times, 3 dc (12 sts).

Insert the eyes between rounds 5 and 6, with 5 sts in between. The decreases form the front of the head, so the eyes should be positioned above the decreases. Place a marker in the exact centre of the front.

Round 8: 4 dc, *dc2tog* twice (one decrease on each side of the marker), 4 dc (10 sts).

Stuff the head with toy filling.

Rounds 9–11: 1 dc in each st (10 sts).

Round 12: Place a marker in the centre stitch of the back. This stitch is the start of the round. Work 2 dc in next st, 8 dc, 2 dc in next st (12 sts).

Round 13: *2 dc in next st* three times, 6 dc *2 dc in next st* three times (18 sts).

Round 14: *2 dc in next st* four times, 12 dc, *2 dc in next st* twice (24 sts).

Round 15: 1 dc in each st (24 sts).

Round 16: *2 dc in next st* four times, 18 dc, *2 dc in next st* twice (30 sts).

Round 17: 1 dc in each st (30 sts).

Round 18: *dc2tog, 3 dc* six times (24 sts).

Round 19: *dc2tog, 2 dc* six times (18 sts).

Stuff with toy filling.

Round 20: *dc2tog* until the hole is closed.

CREST

Attach dark blue yarn to round 1 of the head with a sl st.

Make 4 ch, start in the second ch from the hook, 1 htr, 2 sl st, work one more sl st in round 1 of the head. Repeat until you have 3 crest feathers. Fasten off and darn in the end. Sew the crest to the top of the head, on the adjustable ring.

BEAK

Round 1: using beige yarn, 3 dc in an adjustable ring (3 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in next st, 2 dc (4 sts).

Round 3: 1 dc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc (5 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Do not stuff the beak. Sew it on between the eyes.

LEG (make 2)

Using beige yarn, make 7 ch, then start in the second ch from the hook.

Row 1: 2 sl st in the chain, 3 ch, 2 sl st in the new chain, 3 ch, 2 sl st in the new chain, 4 sl st further down the first chain. Leave an end for sewing. Sew the legs to the underside of the peacock's body.



WING (make 2)

Round 1: using dark blue yarn, 5 dc in an adjustable ring (5 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in next st, 4 dc (6 sts).

Round 3: 2 dc in next st, 5 dc (7 sts).

Round 4: 1 dc in each st (7 sts).

Do not stuff the wings. Press them flat and sew them to the sides of the peacock's body.

TAIL FEATHER (make 5)

Round 1: using dark blue yarn, 5 dc in an adjustable ring (5 sts).

Round 2: using turquoise yarn, 2 dc in each st.

Round 3: attach green yarn with a sl st, make 6 ch, then start in the second ch from the hook.

1 sl st, 2 dc, 1 htr, 1 tr, skip 1 st of round 2 *1 dc, 2 dc in next st* four times, skip 1 st and continue along the other side of the chain, 1 tr, 1 htr, 2 dc, 1 sl st.

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. When you have made all five feathers, sew them together through the back loops of the first 5 sts. Then sew the entire tail to the rear of the bird.



OSTRICH

HEAD AND BODY

Work the head and body in one piece following the instructions for the peacock (page 20). Work rounds 1–12 in pink, then change to black yarn and work the remainder.

BEAK

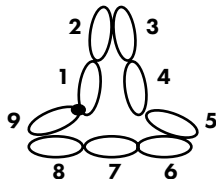
Round 1: using beige yarn, 3 dc in an adjustable ring (3 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (6 sts).

Round 3: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc* three times (9 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Do not stuff the beak. Insert the end of the yarn between the first and fourth sts of the last round and draw together.

This will make the beak triangular (see the diagram below). Sew the beak on between the eyes over rounds 5 and 6.



LEG (make 2)

Using pink yarn, make 8 ch, then start in the second ch from the hook.

Row 1: 3 sl st in the chain, 4 ch, 3 sl st in the new chain, 4 ch, 3 sl st in the new chain, work a sl st around the ankle and continue with 3 sl st in the last sts of the first chain.

Leave an end for sewing. Sew the legs to the underside of the body.

WING (make 2)

Round 1: using black yarn, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 3: using white yarn, work *1 pc and 1 dc in the same st* three times (only a part of the round is to be worked).

Fasten off, leaving an end of black yarn for sewing. Attach the wings to the sides of the body with the white part towards the back.

TAIL

Using black yarn, make 6 ch and join into a ring with a sl st, then continue working in rounds.

Round 1: 6 dc in the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: *2 dc in next st, 2 dc* twice (8 sts).

Round 3: 1 dc in each st (8 sts).

Round 4: press the tail flat, using white yarn, work through both layers of the tail, *1 pc and 1 dc in the same st* three times, 1 pc, sl st.

Fasten off, leaving an end of black yarn and sew the tail to the rear of the body.



PENGUIN

BODY

Using black yarn, make the body following the instructions for the cockatoo (page 12).

FACE

Using white yarn, make 6 ch, then start in the second ch from the hook.

Round 1: 2 dc in next st, 3 dc, 3 dc in next st, continue on the other side of the ch, 4 dc (12 sts).

Round 2: *2 dc in next st twice, 4 dc* twice (16 sts).

Round 3: 3 dc, skip 1 st, 5 tr in next st, skip 1 st, 1 sl st in next st, skip 1 st, 5 tr in next st, skip 1 st, 6 dc, 1 sl st (21 sts). Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.



HEAD

Using black yarn, make the head following the instructions for the cockatoo.

Insert eyes in the face in the centre of the sts in which you worked 5 tr. Then insert them in the head between rounds 6 and 7, with 5 sts in between. Sew the face to the head, then the head to the body.

BEAK

Round 1: using yellow yarn, work 4 dc in an adjustable ring (4 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in next st, 3 dc (5 sts).

Round 3: 2 dc in next st, 4 dc (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing on.

Sew the beak on just below the eyes.

BREAST

Round 1: using white yarn, work 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 3: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc* six times (18 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.

Sew the breast to the front of the body before sewing on the feet and wings.

FOOT (make 2)

Round 1: using yellow yarn, work 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: *2 dc in next st, 2 dc* twice (8 sts).

Round 3: 1 dc in each st (8 sts).

Round 4: *dc2tog, 2 dc* twice (6 sts).

Round 5: 1 dc in each st (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Do not stuff the feet. Sew them to the underside of the body.

WING (make 2)

Round 1: using black yarn, work 4 dc in an adjustable ring (4 sts).

Round 2: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc* twice (6 sts).

Round 3: *2 dc in next st, 2 dc* twice (8 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.

Sew the wings to the top round of the body so they hang down the sides.

ROBIN

BREAST

Using orange yarn, make 4 ch, then start in the second ch from the hook.

Row 1: 1 dc in the next two sts, 3 dc in next st, continue on the other side of the ch, 1 dc, 2 dc in last st (8 sts).

Row 2: 2 dc in the same st, 2 dc, *2 dc in next st* twice, 2 dc, 2 dc in next st (12 sts).

Row 3: *2 dc in the same st* twice, 3 dc, *2 dc in next st* three times, 3 dc, 2 dc in next st (18 sts).

Row 4: *2 dc in the same st, 1 dc* twice, 2 htr, 1 tr, *2 tr in next st* twice, 1 tr, *2 tr in next st* twice, 1 tr, 2 htr, 1 dc, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc (25 sts).

The trebles should face downwards. Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.

HEAD AND BODY

Work the head and body in one piece from the top down.

Round 1: using medium grey yarn, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 3: 1 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 4: *2 dc in next st, 3 dc* three times (15 sts).

Round 5: *2 dc in next st, 4 dc* three times (18 sts).

Rounds 6–8: 1 dc in each st (18 sts).

Round 9: *2 dc in next st* four times, 14 dc (22 sts).

Round 10: using light grey yarn, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc* four times, 14 dc (26 sts).

Rounds 11–14: 1 dc in each st (26 sts).

Round 15: 6 dc, *dc2tog* twice, 16 dc (24 sts).

Round 16: *dc2tog, 2 dc* six times (18 sts).

Insert the eyes through the breast in the outermost round, then insert them in the body between rounds 5 and 6, with 5 sts in between.

Stuff with toy filling.

Round 17: *dc2tog, 1 dc* six times (12 sts).

Round 18: *dc2tog* six times (6 sts). Fasten off and darn in the end. Sew the breast to the body.

BEAK

Round 1: using dark grey yarn, 3 dc in an adjustable ring (3 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in next st, 2 dc (4 sts). Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Do not stuff the beak. Sew it on between the eyes.

FOOT (make 2)

Round 1: using dark grey yarn, 5 dc in an adjustable ring, 1 sl st in the first st (5 sts).

Round 2: *2 ch, 1 dc and 1 sl st in the same st* three times (12 sts). Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Sew the feet to the underside of the body.

WING (make 2)

Round 1: using medium grey yarn, 4 dc in an adjustable ring (4 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in next st, 3 dc (5 sts).

Round 3: 2 dc in next st, 4 dc (6 sts).

Round 4: 2 dc in next st, 5 dc (7 sts).

Round 5: 2 dc in next st, 6 dc (8 sts).

Round 6: *2 dc in next st, 3 dc* twice (10 sts).

Round 7: 2 dc in next st, 9 dc (11 sts).

Round 8: dc2tog, 9 dc (10 sts).

Round 9: *dc2tog* five times (5 sts). Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Press the wings flat and sew them to the sides of the body.



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BODY

Using brown yarn, make the body following the instructions for the cockatoo (page 12). Stuff the body and, using dark brown yarn, embroider three rows of zigzags across rounds 4, 6 and 8 of the front.

FACE

Using light brown yarn, make 6 ch, then start in the second ch from the hook.

Round 1: 2 dc in next st, 3 dc, 3 dc in next st, continue on the other side of the ch, 4 dc (12 sts).

Round 2: *2 dc in next st twice, 4 dc* twice (16 sts).

Round 3: 3 dc, skip 1 st, 5 tr in next st, skip 1 st, 1 sl st in next st, skip 1 st, 5 tr in next st, skip 1 st, 6 dc, 1 sl st (21 sts). Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.



HEAD

Using brown yarn, make the head following the instructions for the cockatoo.

Insert the eyes in the face in the centre of the sts in which you worked 5 tr. Then insert them in the head between rounds 6 and 7, with 4 sts in between.

Sew the face to the head, then the head to the body.

BEAK

Round 1: using dark brown yarn, 4 dc in an adjustable ring (4 sts).

Round 2: *2 dc in next st, 2 dc* twice (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Press the beak flat and sew it on between the eyes.

EAR (make 2)

Round 1: using brown yarn, 4 dc in an adjustable ring (4 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in next st, 3 dc (5 sts). Do not stuff the ears. Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Press the ears flat and sew them on opposite each other on round 4.

FOOT (make 2)

Using dark brown yarn, make 5 ch, then start in the second ch from the hook.

Row 1: 2 sl st in the chain, 3 ch, 2 sl st in the new chain, 3 ch, 2 sl st in the new chain, 2 sl st further down the first chain. Leave an end for sewing. Sew the feet to the underside of the body.

WING (make 2)

Round 1: using brown yarn, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: *2 dc in next st, 2 dc* twice (8 sts).

Rounds 3–5: 1 dc in each st (8 sts). Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Sew the wings to the top round of the body so they hang down the sides.