

Colorful Birds & Their Nest Crochet Pattern



Great project to use up your scrap yarn! The birds look the cutest when they are all different colors!



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MATERIALS

- E crochet hook
- F crochet hook
- I crochet hook
- 4-ply worsted weight yarn in:
 - Color for body
 - Color for wings
 - Color for hair feathers
 - Yellow for beak
- Yarn Bee Soft Delight Extremes #1205 Ex Brown 3-ply (for nest)
- Red Heart Sport Yarn #0322 Fawn Beige 3-ply (for nest)
- 6mm safety eyes
- Yarn needle
- Fiberfill
- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker or safety pin

OPTIONAL MATERIALS

- Pink tulle for nest
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks or craft glue that dries clear

STITCHES USED

- ch = chain
sc = single crochet
invdec = invisible decrease (see pg. 4)
st = stitch
sts = stitches
sl st = slip stitch
FO = fasten off

GAUGE

Gauge is not essential to this pattern. Just be sure that your sts are tight enough to hide the stuffing.

PATTERN NOTES

1. This pattern is worked in a continuous spiral stitch. You will need to mark the last st of the round with a stitch marker or safety pin. Do not join rounds!
2. The birds are approx. 3" in width x 3 ½" in height. The nest, when the top is folded down, is approx. 6" in width x 2" in height.

PATTERN

BIRD WINGS

*****Use yarn chosen for wings and F crochet hook. Make 2 wings.*****

1. Ch 8, sl st in 5th ch from hook. *ch 5, sl st in next ch*, repeat across. Sl st in first ch-5 loop. Leaving a length of tail for sewing, cut yarn and pull through loop on hook.

BIRD BEAK

*****Use yellow yarn and E crochet hook.*****

1. Ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook. Sc in last sc. Leaving a length of tail for sewing, cut yarn and pull through loop on hook.

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BIRD

*****Use yarn chosen for bird's body and F crochet hook.*****

Round 1: Ch 2. 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6 sc)

Round 2: 2 sc in next sc and each sc around. (12 sc)

Round 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc*, repeat from * to * around. (18 sc)

Round 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc*, repeat from * to * around. (24 sc)

Rounds 5-12: Sc in next sc and each sc around. (24 sc)

Round 13: *invdec, sc in next 2 sc*, repeat from * to * around. (18 sc)

*****We are going to sew on the beak and the wings and add the eyes before finishing body. This way we can hide the tails inside the bird's body.*****

1. Insert safety eyes between Rounds 6 & 7, about 4 sts apart. (Ex. OxxO)
2. Using tail and yarn needle, sew on beak, centered underneath eyes, at the top of Round 8.
3. Using tails and yarn needle, sew on wings to the sides of bird with the 3 points facing the back of bird.

Round 14: *invdec, sc in next sc*, repeat from * to * around. (12 sc)

*****Stuff bird.*****

Round 15: invdec around. (6 sc)

To Finish Bird: Sl st in next sc, leaving a length of tail for sewing, FO. Use tail to sew opening closed. Weave in any remaining tails.

HAIR FEATHERS

1. Cut 2 or more strands of yarn into about 5" pieces.
2. Attach strands to the top of bird's head, latch hook style. (With F crochet hook, insert both strands of yarn into bird's head. Hold middle of yarn strand with hook and pull through stitch to make a small loop. Pull both free ends of yarn strand through loop. Pull tight to secure hair in place.)
3. Unravel the strands of yarn to create wavy look.
4. Trim hair to desired length.



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NEST

***Use Yarn Bee Ex Brown yarn & Red Heart Sport yarn with an I crochet hook. The entire nest is crocheted holding both strands of yarn together. ***

Round 1: Holding both strands together, ch 2. 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6 sc)

Round 2: 2 sc in next sc and each sc around. (12 sc)

Round 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc*, repeat from * to * around. (18 sc)

Round 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc*, repeat from * to * around. (24 sc)

Round 5: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc*, repeat from * to * around. (30 sc)

Round 6: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc*, repeat from * to * around. (36 sc)

Round 7: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc*, repeat from * to * around. (42 sc)

Round 8: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc*, repeat from * to * around. (48 sc)

Round 9: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc*, repeat from * to * around. (54 sc)

Rounds 10-17: Sc in next sc and each sc around. (54 sc)

To Finish Nest: Sl st in next sc, FO and weave in all tails. To use nest, simply fold down the top about an inch.

ADDING TULLE TO NEST (optional)

1. If you haven't already done so, fold down the top of the nest about an inch or so.
2. Cut 2 pieces of tulle into 12" length x 6" width pieces.
3. Add a small amount of hot glue or craft glue (that dries clear) to the center of nest.
4. Gently wad one strip of tulle and press on top of the glue. Allow to dry.
5. Add a small amount of glue on top of the tulle. Take second piece of tulle, wad it a little and place on top of the glue. Allow to dry.
6. After the glue is dry and the tulle is secured in place, take the edges of the tulle and fluff it up the sides.
7. Now you're colorful birds will have a soft, fluffy nest! ☺

INVISIBLE DECREASE EXPLANATION

Insert hook through the **FRONT LOOP ONLY** of the first st, yo, and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook). Then insert your hook into the **FRONT LOOP ONLY** of the second st, yo, and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook). Finally, yo, and pull through all 3 loops on your hook.

***Note:** I have just recently started using this method of decreasing and I do believe it produces a better looking product. If you don't want to use this method, you can use the standard single crochet decrease, which is crocheting 2 sts together.*

Thank You!

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