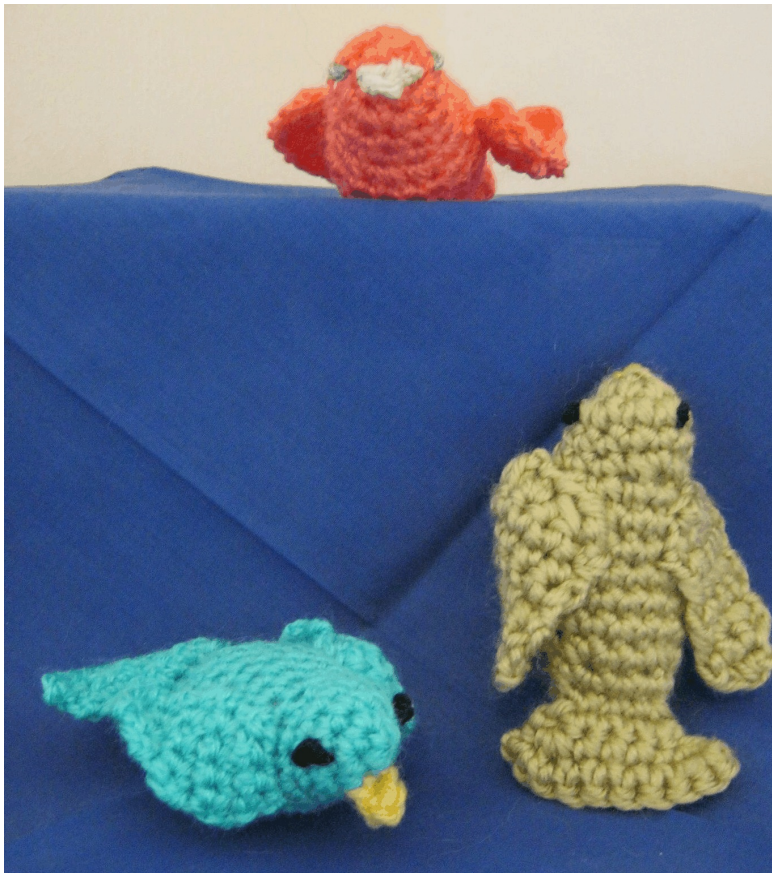


# Birds

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### You will need:

3.5mm crochet hook  
oddments of DK yarn  
small amount of stuffing  
darning needle

### Abbreviations:

ch = Chain  
dc = Double crochet  
d2tog = Double crochet 2 together  
htr = Half treble crochet  
ss = Slip stitch  
st = Stitch

### Special stitches

**Magic Circle :** This a great alternative to making a chain ring as a starting point when working toys in rounds as it gives a solid centre.

Hold the yarn between the thumb and index finger and wrap the yarn round your index finger in a clockwise direction to make a complete circle with overlapping ends - insert the hook into the circle - yarn over hook - pull through - ch1 ( or 3 for a treble) - work the required number of dc into the circle always working over 2 strands of yarn - pull the yarn tail to tighten the circle.

### Head

This is worked in continuous rounds so count carefully.

Make a magic circle with 6dc into it - pull tight

Round 1: 2dc each st (12 st's)

Round 2 - 3: 1dc each st

Round 4: d2tog twice - 2dc next 8 st's (18 st's)

### Body

At this point count to make sure that you have 18 st's plus the loop on the hook

Round 5: 1dc next 8 st's - 1htr next 4 st's - 1dc next 6 st's

Round 6: 1dc next 9 st's - 1htr next 4 st's - 1dc next 5 st's

Round 7: 1dc next 10 st's - 1htr next 4 st's - 1dc next 4 st's

Round 8: 1dc next 11 st's - 1htr next 4 st's - 1dc next 3 st's

Round 9: 1dc next 9 st's - d2tog - 1htr next 4 st's - d2tog - 1dc next st  
(16 st's)

Round 10: 1dc next 8 st's - d2tog - 1htr next 4 st's - d2tog (14 st's)

Round 11: 1dc next st - d2 tog - 1dc next 2 st's - d2tog - 1dc next 3 st's - 1htr next 4 st's (12 st's)

Round 12: d2tog - 1dc next 4 st's - d2tog three times - ss to next st (8 st's)

Do NOT fasten off. Stuff the head and body of the bird.

### **Tail**

This is worked in rows. Fold the body in half and work the first row of the tail through the matching st's of each side to close the body opening.

- Row 1: ch1 - 1dc through each pair of matching st's - turn (4 st's)  
Row 2: ch1 - 2dc next st - 1dc next 2 st's - 2dc next st - turn (6 st's)  
Row 3: ch1 - 2dc next st - 1dc next 4 st's - 2dc next st - turn (8 st's)  
Row 4: ch1 - 2dc next st - 1dc next 6 st's - 2dc next st - turn (10 st's)  
Row 5: ch1 - 2dc next st - 1dc next 8 st's - 2dc next st - fasten off (12 st's)

### **Wings** (make 2 the same)

The wings are worked in rows.

- Make a magic circle with 2dc into it - pull tight - turn (2 st's)  
Row 1: ch1 - 1dc next st - 2dc next st - turn (3 st's)  
Row 2: ch1 - 1dc each st - turn  
Row 3: ch1 - 1dc next 2 st's - 2dc next st - turn (4 st's)  
Row 4: ch1 - 1dc each st - turn  
Row 5: ch1 - 1dc next 3 st's - 2dc next st - turn (5 st's)  
Row 6: ch1 - 1dc each st - turn  
Row 7: ch1 - d2tog - 1dc next st - d2tog - fasten off (3 st's)

### **Making Up**

The bird's belly is the plumper area (worked in htr); the increase side of each wing is the outer edge. Use your own judgement to position the wings and sew them on either side of the body, catching down the first 3 rows along the inner edge.

### **Beak**

Join yarn to the front of the head - ch3 - ss to the head - fasten off

### **Eyes**

Use black or dark brown yarn to embroider the eyes in an appropriate position (e.g. french knots).

Finish by running in any remaining ends.