really flashy bird

croćhet peacock hat

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Frills, feathers, and plenty of hattitude. This one's a crowning glory.

abbreviations: (UK) ch – chain st(s) – stitch(es) dc – double crochet inc – increase dec – increase

how you crochet it:

Start by making the body. Work 6 dc in a magic ring. [6] round 1: inc in all 6 st. [12] round 2: (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18] round 3: (dc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [24] round 4: (dc in next 4 st, inc in next st) repeat 5 times. [30] round 5 - 12: dc in all 30 st [30] Fasten off and sew in end.



3.5 & 2.5mm crochet hooks



level

mooth

wings: (make 2)

Ch 6. Stitches are worked around both sides of the foundation chain. **round 1:** start in second ch from hook, inc in this st, dc in next 3 st, inc in next st. Ch 1. Continue on other side of the foundation chain, dc in next 4 st, inc in next st. [12]

round 2: dc in all 12 st. [12]

Fasten off and sew one end of the wing onto the body between rows 6-9.

legs: (make 2)

Start 6 dcs in a magic ring then ch 6 (to make the legs). Sew onto second to last row of the body approx. 7 sts apart.

head:

Start 6 dcs in a magic ring. [6] round 1: inc in all 6 st. [12] round 2: (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18] round 3-5: dc in all 18 sts. [18] round 6: (dc in next 3 st, dec) repeat 3 times. [12] Start stuffing the head with fibrefill. (you will need to add more at round 8) round 7: (dc in next 2 st, dec) repeat 2 times. [6] round 8: dc in all 6 sts. [6] Once nicely stuffed, fasten off, leaving a long tail, sew onto the top of the body.

headpiece: (make 3)

Start 5 dcs in a magic ring then chain 5. Sew onto the centre of the head.

beak:

Switch to a 2.5mm crochet hook. Start 5 dcs in a magic ring. [5] **round 1-5:** dc in all 5 sts. [5] Sew onto the middle of the head approx. between rows 5-6.

eyes: (make 2)

Using a 2.5mm hook, Start 5 dcs in a magic ring. [5]





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plumage: (make 6)

(in dark blue) Start 6 dcs in a magic ring. [6] **round 1:** (in teal) inc in all 6 st. [12] **round 2:** (in lime green) (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18] Fasten off and stitch all 6 onto back of the body.

Sit back and watch him shake his tail feathers. Show off.

These patterns are just ideas to get you started. Feel free to try different colours, and come up with designs of your own. We love seeing your creations.

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