

Forest Flutterby Butterfly



*Toy butterfly
pattern*

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***This pattern is not baby safe.

If making for a baby remember to embroider features using wool. Secure firmly inside. Leave thumbs off.

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Gives pattern for a butterfly 15cm, 6" tall and 18cm, 7.5" across.

Materials

- 3.5mm or 4mm crochet hook– or other hook to give firm tension
- 8 ply/DK wool in colours of your choice.
- 7.5mm black safety eyes– slightly smaller or larger doesn't matter (or buttons for non-child toy)
- Polyester stuffing
- Wool needle
- Clear craft glue optional

Notes

1. I always start my pieces using this method=

- 3 chain and join back to first to make a circle
 - 2 chain, then sc the number of times given into the circle
 - Join back to the 2nd chain, insert marker after this and start the first round.
2. The marker counts rows but also indicates the back of the piece. This is where colour changing happens
3. You count rows at the right of a marker and a row up as the first row

The circle shows where the marker is and each arrow indicates the beginning of a new row.



4. Abbreviations are:
inc=increase
dec=decrease
st=stitch or stitches
x=number of times
5. Anything between *..* is to be repeated given number of times
6. I increase by work-

ing twice in same hole

7. There are 2 methods for decreasing. The first is below with pictures.
- The second method I only use when closing a piece by decreasing– e.g., heads. All you do is skip a hole in the row below and sc in the hole after. This gives a smoother close.
7. All pieces are worked in rounds (a spiral)
8. Follow the sequence for pattern pieces.

Special working methods– decreasing

The first is used through most of the piece:

1. go into the next hole and pull the wool through



2. Keep both loops on hook and go through the next hole and pull wool through



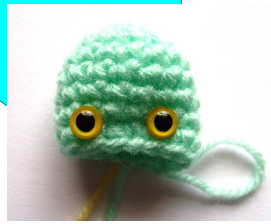
3. Now you have 3 loops on hook, hook the wool and pull through all 3 loops



Body– top down

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- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *Inc all* (x6) (12st)
- *2sc, inc* (x4)(16st)
- Sc 4 rounds.
- *6sc, dec*(x2)(14st)
- Sc 5 rounds.
- If using safety eyes put them in back around the decrease round.



- Begin stuffing and continue to stuff as you go down the body.
- *5sc, dec* (x2)(12st)
- Sc 7 rounds
- *4sc, dec* (x2)(10st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *3sc, dec* (x2)(8st)

- Sc 2 rounds
- *2sc, dec* (x3)(6st)
- Dec all stitches till closed. Knot and hide end back inside body



Crochet wing spots

Wing spots can be made from felt, beads or crocheted circles. Make them before hand to attach to the wings before you sew them to the body.

You can make the circles as small or large as you like and even stack them.

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at

beginning (6st) add marker.

- *Inc all* (x6) (12st)
- For small circles end here leaving long tail to sew.
- For large circles continue
- *1sc, inc* (x6)(18st)
- End leaving long tail to sew.



Big wings– tip down x2

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- Do not stuff wings.
- Starter ring. 3 chain and make loop. 2 chain, 5sc in loop and join to 2nd chain. Put in st marker. (6st)
- *inc all* (x6)(12st)
- *1sc, inc* (x6)(18st)
- Sc 1 round
- *2sc, inc* (x6)(24st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *6sc, dec* (x3)(21st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *5sc, dec* (x3)(18st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *4sc, dec* (x3)(15st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *3sc, dec* (x3)(12st)
- Sc 1 rounds and end leaving a long tail.
- Overstitch end closed.



Small wings– tip down x2

- Do not stuff wings.
- Starter ring. 3 chain and make loop. 2 chain, 5sc in loop and join to 2nd chain. Put in st marker. (6st)
- *inc all* (x6)(12st)
- *1sc, inc* (x6)(18st)
- Sc 5 round
- *4sc, dec* (x3)(15st)
- Sc 3 rounds
- *3sc, dec* (x3)(12st)
- End with long tail
- Overstitch end closed



If you add a ribbon loop to the back of your butterfly you can hang it on a door or wall

Putting It All Together– wing decoration

- Take your wing spots and pin in place. Using an overhand, ladder or button hole stitch attach wing spots.
- You can also use felt circles, beads and sequins as decorations.
- Make sure you attach them well



Finishing– sewing wings to body

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- Pin the wings to body. Angle them so they make a small diamond shaped gap when they are all pinned on. When you're happy it's time to start sewing
- Use a ladder stitch



- go across the flat end.



- Now make 1 or 2 stitches down the side of the wing



- Now go down the front of the wing to attach it to the side. If you don't it will flap around a lot.



- go back down the other side part of the wing for 1 or 2 stitches and end.
- Repeat with the other wings.

Make a small pair of antenna by chaining 5 stitches and ending with long tails. Sew to the top of his head in little loops, or just let them hang

