

Little Alien Birdy



*Toy alien birdy
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.

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Birdy

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



Gives pattern for a little alien tripod pet that stands 23cm, 9" tall without head feathers

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



Head– nose back

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- NOTE: the beak and legs can be either yellow or coloured. The beak can also be striped or plain. Instructions are given for plain beak.
- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- Sc 2 rounds
- *1sc, inc* (x3)(9st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *2sc, inc* (x3)(12st)
- Sc 3 rounds
- *2sc, inc* (x4)(16st)
- *3sc, inc* (x4)(20st)
- Sc 1 round and finish beak colour. Stuff beak. Curved shape is made by pulling and shaping beak when stuffing



- Start head colour
- *1sc, inc* (x10)

(30st)

- *1sc, inc* (x10) (45st)
- Sc 3 rounds
- Put in eyes now. 1 or 2 rows back from beak colour change. Also stitch eyebrows if you want



Head– continued

- *3sc, dec* (x9)(36st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *2sc, dec* (x9)(27st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *1sc, dec* (x9)(18st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *1sc, dec* (x6)(12st)
- *1sc, dec* (x4)(8st)
- Dec all till closed.



Head Feathers– skinny and fat (2 of each)

- NOTE: starter ring has different number of stitches for the skinny feather
- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 4sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (5st) add marker.
- First round has uneven increases
- *1sc, inc* repeat twice, then 1sc (7st)
- Sc 4 rounds
- *5sc, dec* (x1)(6st)
- Sc 4 rounds.



- Fat feather
- Regular starting ring.
- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.

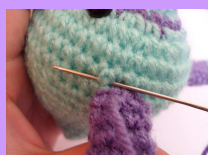
- *1sc, inc* (x3)(9st)
- Sc 4 rounds. 4th round change colour for stripe.
- *7sc, dec* (x1)(8st)
- Sc 3 rounds
- Add 2 more rounds for longer feathers



Head– sewing feathers

- Either the skinny or fat feathers can go on the inside.
- Feathers go at the top point of the head behind eyes.
- Pin feathers so the outer feather lines up with the outside of the eyes.
- When happy use a ladder stitch down

both edges of the feather to attach to head.



Body– base up

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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)
- *1sc, inc* (x6)(18st)
- *2sc, inc* (x6)(24st)
- *3sc, inc* (x6)(30st)
- *2sc, inc*(x10)(40st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *7sc, inc* (x5)(45st)
- Sc 7 rounds
- *3sc, dec* (x9)(36st)

- Sc 1 round
- *1sc, dec* (x12)(24st)
- Start stuffing body and keep stuffing as you go.
- Sc 3 rounds
- *1sc, dec* (x8)(16st)
- Sc 4 rounds



- *2sc, dec* (x4)(12st)
- Sc 4 rounds. Leave long tail to sew.
- Finish stuffing neck. Make sure top of neck is stuffed firmly. Neck is shaped by hand by pulling forward while stuffing



Finishing Body– sewing head to neck

- Pin head onto body.
- Neck goes at the point right under the head where decreasing starts and feathers are over the top.



Wings– skinny and fat (2 of each)

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- Wings are optional
- Use the head feather patterns. To make 2 skinny and 2 fat wing feathers.
- Pin top feather on and angle slightly.
- Make sure both feathers sit on the same rounds.



- If you hold the feathers flat back toward tail you will be able to see if they're angled correctly.



- Use a ladder stitch down both sides of the feather end.

Pin second feather in place following line of the other wing



Tail Blob– make 1

- 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)
- Sc 2 rounds
- end with a long tail to sew to body
- Pin tail on body so it lines up with the

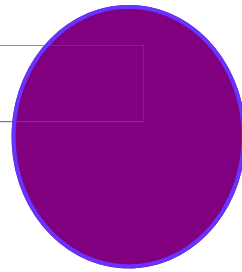
back of the neck.



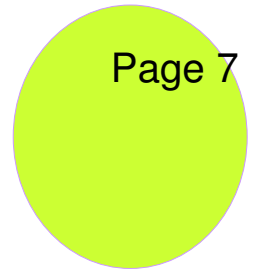
*****NOTE: do not stuff any of the toes**

Legs– make 2 and stuff lightly

- 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)
- Sc 3 rounds
- End with long tail for sewing



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Small Back Toe– make 2 (1 for each foot)

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *1sc, inc* (x3)(9st)



Large Front Toes– make 4 (2 for each foot)

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- Sc 1 round
- *1sc, inc* (x3)(9st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *7sc, dec* (x1)(8st)
- Sc 1 round
- *6sc, dec* (x1)(7st)

- Sc 4 rounds



Finishing– sewing toes to feet.

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- Do not stuff toes. Stuff leg stump.
- Pin single back to and ladder stitch to foot



- Take a pin and mark the middle of the opposite side.



- The pin marks the middle between the two large toes.

- Pin the large toes in place and use ladder stitch to sew



Finishing– sewing feet to body

- Take the feet and pin in place under the body.
- Line the back small toe up with the back of the body, having the toes run parallel with the tail

