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Spring Chickens

Skill Level: Beginner

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*If chickens are one of your
favorite kitchen motifs, then you'll
love this whimsical pair!*

Finished Measurements

Hot Pad: 14½ inches x 9½ inches

Chicken: 7½ inches tall (seated)

Materials

- Worsted weight yarn*: 5 oz white #8942, 1½ oz scarlet #8933, 2½ oz light tapestry gold #8886, 1 oz black #8994, 1 oz pale sea green
- Size F/4 crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill

*Sample projects were completed with Spinrite Bernat Berella "4" yarn. For purchasing information, see the Buyer's Guide on page 27.

Gauge

4 dc = 1 inch

4 rnds dc = 1¾ inches

To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Note

Join rnds with a sl st unless otherwise stated.

Hot Pad

Body (make 2)

Rnd 1: With white, ch 4, 11 dc in 4th ch from hook, join in 4th ch of beg ch-4, ch 3 (counts as beg dc throughout). (12 dc)

Rnd 2: Dc in base of ch-3, 2 dc in each dc around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, ch 3. (24 dc)

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc] rep around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, ch 3. (36 dc)

Rnd 4: Dc in next dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc] rep around, 2 dc in last dc, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, ch 3. (48 dc)

Rnd 5: Dc in each of next 2 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 3 dc] rep around, 2 dc in last dc, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, ch 3. (60 dc)

Rnd 6: Dc in each of next 3 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 4 dc] rep around, 2 dc in last dc, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, ch 3. (72 dc)

Rnd 7: Dc in each of next 4 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 5 dc] rep around, 2 dc in last dc, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, fasten off. (84 dc)

Head (make 2)

Rnds 1–4: Rep Rnds 1–4 of body, at end of Rnd 4, fasten off. (48 dc)

Sew 10 sts of head to 10 sts of body, rep with second head and body, then sew chickens tog; do not stuff. Embroider black satin-stitch eye on Rnd 2 on one side of chicken.

Beak (make 2)

Note: Do not join rnds.

Rnd 1: With light tapestry gold, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: [Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (8 sc)

Rnd 3: [Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (10 sc)

Rnd 4: [Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (12 sc)

Rnd 5: Sc in each sc around, fasten off. Sew flat and sew in place on chicken.



Comb (make 2)

Note: Do not join rnds.

Rnd 1: With scarlet, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)

Rnds 3–5: Sc in each sc around, fasten off. Sew flat and sew in place.

Wing (make 2)

Rnds 1–3: With white, rep Rnds 1–3 for comb.

Rnd 4: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (18 sc)

Rnds 5–7: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 8: [Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (24 sc)

Rnds 9–11: Sc in each sc around, fasten off. Sew flat and sew in place.

Feet (make 4)

Row 1: With light tapestry gold, [ch 8, dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each of next 5 chs] 3 times, ch 1, turn, work 6 sc across straight edge (see Fig. 1), ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc next 2 sc tog, sc in each of next 2 sc, sc next 2 sc tog, ch 1, turn. (4 sc)

Row 3: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Sc in first sc, sc next 2 sc tog, sc in last sc, ch 1, turn. (3 sc)

Rows 5 & 6: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn, at end of Row 6, fasten off.

Sew feet tog in pairs; sew feet to chicken.

Kitchen Shelf Chicken

Head & Body

Rnd 1: Beg at top of head, with white, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (18 sc)

Rnd 4: [Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (24 sc)

Rnds 5–13: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 14: Sc dec in each 2 sc around, stuff head. (12 sc)

Rnds 15 & 16: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 17: 2 sc in each sc around. (24 sc)

Rnds 18–21: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 22: [Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (30 sc)

Rnd 23: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 24: [Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (36 sc)

Rnds 25–33: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 34: [Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc next 2 sc tog] rep around. (30 sc)

Rnd 35: [Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc dec in next 2 sc] rep around, stuff body. (24 sc)

Rnd 36: Dec in each 2 sc around. (12 sc)

Rnd 37: Dec in each 2 sc around, fasten off, drawing rem sts tog. (6 sc)

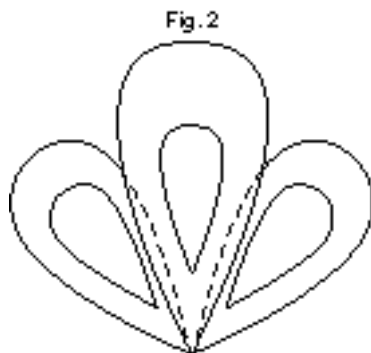
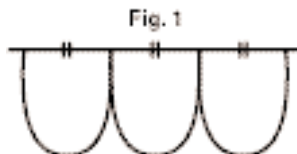
Tail (make 3)

Rnd 1: With white, ch 7, join to form ring, [3 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc, 4 tr, 3 dc, 2 hdc, 3 sc] in ring, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Sew tail pieces in place, overlapping slightly (see Fig. 2).

Wing (make 2)

Row 1: With white, ch 5, 2 dc in 3rd ch



from hook, 4 tr in next ch, [2 dc, ch 2, sl st] in last ch, fasten off.

Comb (*make 2*)

Row 1: With scarlet, ch 10, [sc, hdc] in 2nd ch from hook, 2 dc in next ch, [hdc, sl st] in next ch, ch 1, *hdc in next ch, 2 dc in next ch, [hdc, ch 1, sl st] in next ch, rep from * across, fasten off.

Sew two combs tog; sew to top of head.

Beak (*make 2*)

Row 1: With light tapestry gold, ch 3, 4 dc in 3rd ch from hook, ch 2, sl st in same ch, fasten off. Fold and sew tog; sew in place.

Leg (*make 2*)

Row 1: With light tapestry gold, ch 13, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across.

Toes

[Ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each of next 4 chs, sl st to end of Row 1] 3 times.

Row 2: Sl st in each ch of beg ch-13, fasten off.

Sew legs in place.

Apron

Row 1: With pale sea green, ch 10, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, ch 3, turn. (9 sc)

Row 2: Dc in first sc, 2 dc in each rem sc across, ch 3, turn. (18 sc)

Row 3: Dc in each of first 2 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc] rep across, ch 1, turn. (27 dc)

Row 4: Sc in each dc across, ch 3, turn. (27 sc)

Row 5: Sk 1 sc, sl st in next sc, [ch 3, sk 1 sc, sl st in next sc] rep across, ch 1, turn.

Row 6: 4 sc in each ch-3 sp across, fasten off.

Bib

Row 1: Attach yarn in first ch of beg ch, ch 1, sc in each ch across, ch 1, turn. (9 sc)

Rows 2–4: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn, at end of Row 4 fasten off.

Sew apron to chicken, sewing a strand of yarn around neck. ❖