

**You
NEED**Fontaine
yarn kitstuffing, 9mm safety
eyes, tapestry needlestitches
used

Chain (ch)

Slip stitch (sl st)

Double crochet (dc)

Double crochet two
together (dc2tog)

Half treble (htr)

Treble (tr)

Double treble (dtr)

SIZE

Height: 20cm

**Diego the
parrot****eye patch****Make two**Using 4.5mm hook and
Creamy White make a
magic ring, work 6dc
into ring. Six sts**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st
to end. 12 sts**Rnd 2:** 1dc in each st
to end
Fasten off**head and
body**Using 4.5mm hook and
China Blue make a
magic ring, work 6dc
into ring. Six sts**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to
end. 12 sts**Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next
st) to end. 18 sts**Rnd 3:** (2dc, 2dc in next
st) to end. 24 sts**Rnds 4–12:** 1dc in each
st to end**Rnd 13:** working in
front loops only * (1htr,
1tr) in next st, (1tr, 1htr)
in next st, one sl st, rep
from * to end. Eight
scallops made**Rnd 14:** working in
leftover back loops
from prev rnd 1dc in
each st to end. 24 sts
Change to Soft Yellow**Rnd 15:** (3dc, 2dc in
next st) to end. 30 sts
Insert safety eyes
between foundation
rnd and Rnd 1 of Eye

Meet flamboyant flamenco star

Diego the parrot

It always amazes us how our designers inject such personality into their animal creations with just a hook, yarn and bit of stuffing. Diego the parrot by [Janine Holmes](#) is no exception and our feathered friend looks resplendent with his tufty head feathers, ruffled wings and majestic tail. We've heard that if you ask him very nicely, Diego is glad to show off his famous flamenco skills – they're very impressive!





Meet Our Designer

"This chirpy little parrot is a fabulous froth of feathers and ruffles. If you asked him how he felt I'm sure he'd say he was 'frilled' to meet you!"

Janine Holmes specialises in amigurumi crochet. She has a master's degree in Constructed Textile Design and lives in Worcestershire with her family and four cats. See more of her work at mojimoidesign.com or visit etsy.com/shop/mojimoidesign

Patches, then insert between Rnds 6–7 of Head, spacing them nine sts apart

Rnds 16–19: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 20: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 21: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Buttery Yellow

Rnd 22: rep Rnd 21

Rnd 23: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 24–29: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 30: (8dc, dc2tog) to end. 27 sts

Rnd 31: rep Rnd 21

Rnd 32: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 33: rep Rnd 21

Rnds 34–35: rep Rnds 13–14. Eight scallops made

Rnd 36: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Stuff Head and Body

Rnd 37: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 38: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and

thread through rem sts, fasten off

head feather

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Rich Blue make 4ch

Row 1: one sl in second ch from hook, * 5ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, three sl st, one sl st at base of 5ch, one sl st, rep from * once, 4ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, two sl st, one sl st at base of 4ch. Three feathers made

Fasten off

upper beak

* Using 4.5mm hook and Chocolate Taupe make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts *

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts

Fasten off

lower beak

Work as for Upper Beak from * to *.

Nine sts

Fasten off

wing

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Rich Blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts

Rnd 4: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 5–6: rep Rnds 13–14 of Head and Body. Eight scallops made

Rnd 7: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 21 sts

Change to China Blue

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end





Rnds 9–10: rep Rnds 5–6. Seven scallops made
Rnd 11: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
 Change to Buttery Yellow
Rnds 12–14: rep Rnds 8–10. Six scallops made
Rnd 15: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 15 sts
 Change to Creamy White
Rnds 16–18: rep Rnds 8–10. Five scallops made
Rnd 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
 Change to Soft Yellow
Rnds 20–22: rep Rnds 8–10. Four scallops made
Rnd 23: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts
 Change to China Blue
Rnd 24–26: 1dc in each st to end
 Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

back panel

Using 4.5mm hook and Chocolate Taupe make 13ch
Row 1: starting second ch from hook 1dc in each ch to end. 12 sts
Rows 2–5: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
 Change to Rich Blue
Rows 6–9: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 10: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. Ten sts
Row 11: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 12: rep Row 10. Eight sts
Rows 13–16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 17: 1ch, 3dc, dc2tog, 3dc, turn. Seven sts
 Make first set of tail feathers as follows:
Row 18: 1ch, * one sl st, 15ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, 2dc, 3htr, 8tr, miss one st on base of back

panel, rep from * twice, one sl st in last st on base of back panel. Three tail feathers made
 Fasten off

second tail feathers set

Using 4.5mm hook and Rich Blue make 6ch
Row 1: * one sl st in second ch from hook, 21ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, 2dc, 3htr, 14tr, miss one st on foundation ch, rep from * once, one sl st in last st of foundation ch. Two tail feathers made
 Fasten off

third tail feathers set

Using 4.5mm hook and China Blue make 8ch
Row 1: * one sl st in second ch from hook, 21ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, 2dc, 3htr, 14tr, miss

one st on foundation ch, rep from * twice, one sl st in last st of foundation ch. Three tail feathers made
 Fasten off

fourth tail feathers set

Using 4.5mm hook and Chocolate Taupe make 8ch

Row 1: * one sl st in second ch from hook, 26ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, 2dc, 3htr, 19tr, miss one st on foundation ch, rep from * twice, one sl st in last st of foundation ch. Three tail feathers made
 Fasten off

foot

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Chocolate Taupe make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

Rnds 3–4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 6: rep Rnd 1

Rnd 7: * one sl st, 4ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, 1dc, 1tr, miss next st on edge of foot, one sl st, rep from * to end. Four spikes made
 Fasten off

to make up

Sew edges of Eye Patches to face. Sew open end of Upper Beak closed. Bend into a curved shape and sew in between eyes so top of Beak is level with Rnd 2 of Head. Lightly stuff Lower Beak and, keeping a circular shape for

base, sew underneath Upper Beak. Sew tips of Beak tog with a st. Oversew edges of both sets of Head Feathers tog then sew base of Head Feathers to top of Head so smallest feather is at front. **Note:** tail feathers will have a natural curve, for best effect stack them so curves face alternate directions. Place Tail Feathers on top of each other with Fourth Set at bottom and Third Set on top. Place Second Set centrally on top of these and sew top edges of all three sets tog. Sew these underneath bottom edge of Back Panel. **Note:** First Set of Tail Feathers is now on top. Sew edges of Back Panel to back of parrot. Sew curved top of Wings to sides, just below neck ruffle. Sew tips of Wings in place at base of parrot. Sew scallops of neck ruffle to Body. Stuff main section of Feet and oversew edges of toes tog in two pairs. Sew Feet in place underneath parrot with claws sticking out at front

crochet clever

When sewing two identical pieces together, oversew the outside edge stitch loops only to give a really neat finish



Turn over for our interview with designer Janine!