

Simply Sweet Bird "Anticipation"

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:

you will need a main color
for body, yellow for beak and feet,
green for hats and leaf, tiny amount
of orange for flower, bit of black,
light blue, white or aqua for egg,
brown for nest and a small
amount of white

I used "Impeccable" yarn from Michael's
small amount
of black

Size G and F Crochet Hooks

Fiberfill

Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my bird has 10mm black safety eyes), beads, buttons or glass
eyelash yarn (sample make with Martha Stewart's Glitter Eyelash)
blush for a little color

Finished measurements: approx 7 inches not counting her hat. Since this is a toy pattern, gauge is not really that important. Using a different size hook and yarn weight will give you a smaller or larger bird.

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain

dc=double crochet

fo=fasten off

hdc=half double crochet

rnd= round

sc=single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

tr= triple crochet

tog = sc 2 stitches together

special stitches used: picot (ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, sl st back in same sp)

Notes and Tips:

Helpful to read these before starting and maybe even again when it's time to put bird and nest together.

*Do not join pieces in the round, unless indicated in individual piece instructions.

*When stuffing pieces, try not to overstuff. Over stuffing will spread out your stitches making bigger holes and showing too much fiberfill.

*I like to use a stitch counter to count off my rows, or scrap paper to mark off. A stitch marker will come in handy when repeating rounds or you can pull through the beginning tail as you go to help you spot the beginning of each round.

*I crochet each piece, weave in tails, stuff and set aside until the end, with the exception of the head. I made the head, (leave the back open if using safety eyes so that you can secure them in), next I made the beak and sewed it in place (over center starting hole). Then I moved my eyes around to see where I thought they looked best. After deciding, I cut a little bit of felt (just slightly bigger than my eyes, if you need help with your circle, trace around a button). Poke a hole in the center of the felt and stick eye through. Next secure your eyes and close head per instructions. You can add the eyelids and eyeliner now or wait until you are putting your bird together.

*If your bird is not going to be a toy you might want to give him a little weight. I fill the bottom of a old knee high nylon with plastic pellets, tie it off and stuff it in my bird's bottom and tummy, then I fill the rest of the body with fiberfill.

*Before securing your bird's head to the body, you might want to do a little needle sculpting. After your eyelids are sewn in place, thread a tapestry needle with black yarn. Fasten under head (where the stitch won't be seen), bring need up right next to eye, in the same hole as the beginning of your eyelid, move across eye and insert needle in same hole as the end of the eyelid, go back down through to the bottom of the head, pull slightly to indent eye (not to tight), move over a stitch go back up through to corner of eye again, move needle down slightly (to tack eyeliner in place) and go back down through bottom, repeat for the other eye and secure yarn under head.

*After your bird is all put together, add powder blush to cheeks, tummy and the bottom of his feet. Start out lightly, you can always add more, but it's hard to get off once it's on.



Body

main body color& G hook

beginning at bottom of body

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (18)
 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (24)
 5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (30)
 6: *sc4, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (36)
 7-8 sc in each sc (36)

now is a good time to weave in beginning yarn

- 9: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (30)
 10-13: sc in each sc (30)
 14: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)
 15-18: sc in each sc (24)
 19: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)
 20: sc in each sc (18)
 21: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)

change to white yarn

- 22-23: sc in each sc (12)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff, thread tapestry needle with tail, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

Head

main body color& G hook

beginning at front of face

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
 3: sc in each sc (12)
 4: *sc 1, sc 2 in next* , repeat between *'s (18)
 5: *sc 2, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (24)
 6: *sc3, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (30)
 7-8: sc in each sc (30)
 9: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)
 10: sc in each sc (24)
 11: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)
 12: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)

stuff head (if using safety eyes, you will want to secure them now)

- 13: sc2tog around (6) **FO, leave a long tail for sewing.**

Stuff, thread tapestry needle with tail, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close

Beak

with yellow yarn and G hook

Rnd 1: ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook (4)

2: 2 sc in each sc around (8)

3: sc in each sc (8) sl st to join

FO, weave in ends

sew beak over center starting hole

Eyelids

with main color and G hook

1: start with long piece of yarn, ch 4

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle with one end of eyelid yarn. Insert yarn in stitch next to eye (corner of eye), weave yarn through a few stitches to secure, tie off. Thread other yarn end and insert at a slight angle in the stitch right next to the other side of the eye, weave yarn through a few stitches to secure and tie off.



Wing (make 2)

with main color and G hook

starting at bottom of wing

Repeat rounds 1-4 of head (18)

5-10: sc in each sc (18)

11: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)

12-13: sc in each sc (12)

14: sc2tog to end (6)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Flatten wing, thread tapestry needle with yarn tail, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close

Feet (make 2)

with yellow and G hook

1: ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc2, sl st in next ch, *ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 2, sl st in next ch* (same sp as last sl st), repeat between *'s one time (3 toes), sc in last ch

FO, weave in ends, curl toes upward slightly and sew under body

Tail

with main color and G hook

Repeat rounds 1-2 of head (12)

3-6: sc in each sc (12)

flatten wing, working through both thicknesses

7: sc in each sc (6)

8: ch 2, hdc, dc in first sc, 2 tc in next sc, dc, hdc, sl st in next sc, sl st, hdc, dc in next sc, 2 tc in next, dc, hdc, sl st in last sc

FO, weave in ends



Nest

with brown and G hook

Repeat rounds 1-5 of body (30)

6-8: sc in each sc (30)

working in front loops only

9: *sl st, ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, sl st back in same st (picot made), skip next sc*, repeat between *'s , join with sl st

FO, weave in ends

Leaf

with green and G hook

1: ch 7, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, 3 sc in last

working on opposite side

2: hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc in last, sl st to join

FO, weave in ends

Flower

with yellow and G hook

1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook ,

with green, working in front loops only

2: *sl st in next sc, ch 2, sl st in same sc* repeat between *'s (5 petals)

with orange, working in back loops only

3: *sl st in next sc, ch 2, 1 dc, ch 2, sl st in same sc*, repeat between *'s join with a sl st (5 petals)

FO, weave in ends. Sew leaf to back of flower. Sew flower and leaf to front of nest



Egg

with aqua or white and G hook

Repeat rounds 1-4 of body (18)

5-6: sc in each sc (18)

7: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)

8: sc2tog, sc in each remaining (11)

9: sc 5, sc2tog, sc 4 (10)

10: sc2tog, sc in each remaining (9)

weave in ends, stuff egg

11: sc2tog (4x), sl st in last

FO, leave tail for sewing, thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close

Mama Hat

with green and F hook

1: ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook (4)

2: 2 sc in first, sc in each remaining (5)

3: 2 sc in first, sc in each remaining (6)

4: 2 sc in first, sc in each remaining (7)

5: sc in each sc (7)

6: 2 sc in first, sc in each remaining (8)

7: sc 2 in first, sc 3, sc2, sc 3(10)

working in front loops only

8: 2 sc in each sc (20)

If using, change to glitter eyelash yarn or continue with green

9: sc in each sc around (20)

FO, weave in ends. Cut two pieces of eyelash yarn (about 3 inches) tie to top of hat and cut to desired length

Egg Hat

with green and F hook

Repeat rounds 1-3 of Mama hat (6)

4: sc in each sc (6)

working in front loops only

5: sc 2 in each sc (12)

If using, change to glitter eyelash yarn or continue with green

6: sc in each sc (12)

FO, weave in ends. Cut two pieces of eyelash yarn (about 3 inches) tie to top of hat and cut to desired length

Put your bird and nest together

Thank you for choosing this pattern. I hope you enjoy making it as much as I enjoyed designing it.

Sincerely,

Teri

If you have any questions or need any help making your bird please don't hesitate to contact me at: teri.crews@gmail.com. Be sure to visit the website to see what's new, what's in the making, pattern errata's and tutorials.

