

Amigurumi Chick or Bird

Just in time for Easter, you can make sweet little chicks and baby birds like the one in my last post.



Materials/supplies needed:

- A small amount of yellow (chick) or blue (baby bird) yarn, double-knitting weight
- A very small amount of black yarn, same weight as above
- A small amount of polyester stuffing
- 2.50 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 1 pipe cleaner, orange (chick) or yellow (baby bird)

It doesn't really matter what type of yarn you use or what size hook you use; it will just change the size of the finished bird. I would suggest you use whatever yarn you can find, and use the smallest hook that you have that won't split the yarn when you work with it. The bird in the picture was made with 100% acrylic DK yarn and a 2.50 mm crochet hook, and stands about 1-1/2 inches tall.

Abbreviations used:

mr: make a ring
sc: single crochet
st: stitch
inc: increase
invdec: invisible decrease

If there is anything you don't understand in this pattern, please comment below and I'll respond to you personally.

Making the body:

Make a ring, and work 6 sc into the ring. (6 st)

Rnd 1: 2 sc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 2: (2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 3-6: inc 3 times evenly. (30 st at the end of rnd 6)

Rnds 7-8: work even. (30)

Rnds 9-12: invdec 3 times evenly. (18 st at the end of rnd 12)

Rnd 13: (invdec over next 2 st, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

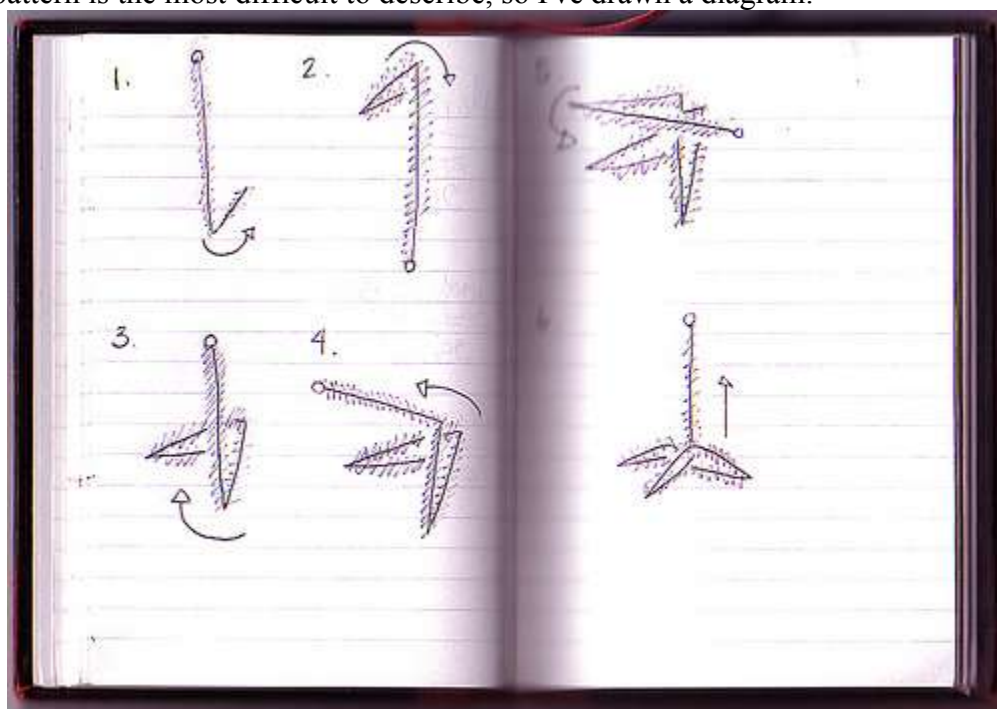
At this point, cut the yarn about 20 cm from your work, and pull the loop on your crochet hook bigger and bigger until the tail of the yarn comes through and you're left with a single strand coming out of your work.

Cut a 2" length of pipe cleaner and fold it in half; this will be your beak. Insert the two ends between rounds 7 and 8, two posts apart. Push the beak in until it's of the desired size, then twist the ends together inside so they're secure. Cut off any excess pipe cleaner.

With the tapestry needle and the black yarn, embroider a French knot for each eye, using the photo as a guide to placement. Don't forget to use a dab of craft glue on each French knot to hold it together, or it is likely to unravel.

Making and inserting the feet:

This part of the pattern is the most difficult to describe, so I've drawn a diagram:



This is a diagram to show how to fold little birds' feet out of pipe cleaners. It's not *great*, but it gives you an idea. It's only meant to be a little guidance!