Bluebird

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ in (11.5 cm) long with the tail, 2¾ in (7 cm) across and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Eight pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Fine (2), 5 colors

Hook
2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge
27 stitches and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: sky blue, body and head	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cobalt, wing and tail feather	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rust, body	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, beak, wing and tail feather	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, tummy patch	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 6 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Gauge

27 stitches and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Head: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 17 of round 7 (33 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 9 (48 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 (the middle of the breast) at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (charcoal).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Large: medium (4, worsted) yarn, 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 6 in (15 cm) long with the tail, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall; eyes 8 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Body

Yarns in order of use: C, rust; A, sky blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnds 12 to 16**	With A, sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside. The center line is the top of the back. In the finished bird the body slopes: the breast (round 1) looks forward and a little up, and the tail end is lower. The bird rests on its tummy patch.	

Tummy patch

Yarn E, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Head

Yarn A, sky blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(33 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Do this before you stuff the piece or sew it on. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Beak

Yarn D, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	3 sc in MR	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Wing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, charcoal; B, cobalt.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(10 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, with the increases and decreases about along the two folds. The last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

Tail feather: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, charcoal; B, cobalt.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, with the increases and decreases about along the two folds. The last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

Assembly

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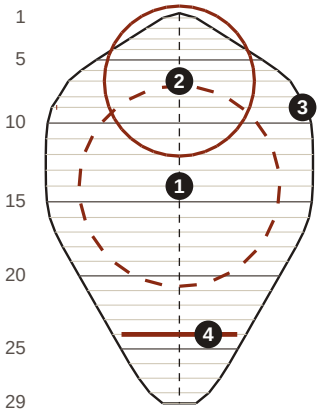
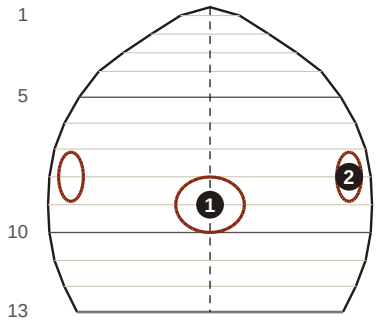


Body: 1 tummy patch, 2 head, 3 wings, 4 tail feathers



Head: 1 beak, 2 eyes

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Lay the tummy patch flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 14, on the line opposite the center line. Sew down all 36 stitches of the edge.

2. Pin the head to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 7, on the center line of the body. The edge has 27 sts: its front is on round 2 and its back on round 12, both on the center line of the body, and its two sides are on round 8, 4½ stitches from the center line. It points straight up from the table, its own center line to the front, over the breast. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches, so that the neck is firm.

3. Pin the beak to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 9, on the center line. The edge (7 sts) covers about rounds 8 to 10 of the head. It points forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Pin the two wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 9, one to each side, 12 stitches from the center line (24 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point back. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with the tail. Lay each wing back along the side of the body, flat and without folds. Its tip comes to about round 22 (30 sts), 7 stitches from the center line. Run the rest of the tail down inside the wing and catch the tip to the body with two or three stitches.

5. Pin the two tail feathers to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 24, one to each side, 2 stitches from the center line (4 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point back. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with its tail of yarn. The two edges meet on the center line. The two feathers part a little toward their tips, like a fork.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Eyes: two 6 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 8, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 8 pieces; 1,958 stitches (942 in the body, 126 in the tummy patch, 339 in the head, 19 in the beak, 154 in each wing, 112 in each tail feather).

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