Chicken ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) wide from the tail to the beak and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall from the feet to the top of the comb

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 14 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 6 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: slate gray, the back body, the front body and the heads	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dove gray, rows 1 and 2 of the wings and the hen tail	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: off white, the eyes and row 3 of the wings	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: red, the comb and the wattle	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: golden yellow, the beak and the legs	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: black, the sewn details	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 25 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a little toy stuffing, a stitch marker and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarns A, B, C, D and E: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn F: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.

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- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- In a leg the sl sts of a toe are worked back along its chain, one sl st in each of 3 chains, the first of them in the 2nd chain from the hook.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- Make all the other pieces before you work Rnd 5 of the front body: Rnd 5 joins the two bodies, and FINISHING says when to work it. Leave the yarn of the front body attached after Rnd 4.
- In Rnd 4 of a body the two dtr are the tips of two points: one point is the tail end and the other is the neck. The round is joined at the bottom of the body, straight below the middle between the two points. A body is the same from left to right, so that the two bodies lie one on the other with their wrong sides together.
- The wing and the hen tail are worked in rows from a magic ring and are half circles: do not join. Row 3 of the wing has four shells, each of a dc, a tr and a dc. Row 1 of the wing, of the hen tail, of the comb and of a leg is worked with the right side facing. The straight edge of the wing and of the hen tail is the edge with the magic ring in its middle.
- In the comb the chain is the lower edge. A leg has three toes alike. The first toe is the turning chain and the 3 sl sts after it, at the hook end of the foundation chain; the other two are the two chains of 4, each with 3 sl sts worked back along it. The last 5 sl sts of Row 1 go in the 5 foundation chains that are left; the end of these is the plain end of the leg.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm).

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **dtr** double treble crochet (UK triple treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 4 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Back body

Yarn A, slate gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, 2 tr in next st, (tr, dtr, tr) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next 4 sts, (hdc, dc) in next st, (tr, dtr, tr) in next st, 2 tr in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc, 8 hdc, 8 dc, 8 tr, 2 dtr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Front body

Yarn A, slate gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, 2 tr in next st, (tr, dtr, tr) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next 4 sts, (hdc, dc) in next st, (tr, dtr, tr) in next st, 2 tr in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc, 8 hdc, 8 dc, 8 tr, 2 dtr)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 14 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(46 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Head: make 2

Yarn A, slate gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, off white.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Comb

Yarn D, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1**	(Hdc, dc, hdc) in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next ch, sl st in next ch, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next ch	(6 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Beak

Yarn E, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (2 sc, hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc, 2 sc) in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 1 tr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Wattle

Yarn D, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (3 sc, hdc, dc, hdc, 3 sc) in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Wing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, dove gray; C, off white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 1, 5 hdc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts	(9 hdc)

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 3**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**(dc, tr, dc) in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(5 sc, 8 dc, 4 tr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Hen tail

Yarn B, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 1, 5 hdc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, (hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc) in next st, sl st in next st, (hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc) in next st, sl st in next st, (hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc) in next st	(6 hdc, 6 dc, 3 tr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leg: make 2

Yarn E, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 2 chs, [ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 2 chs] twice, sl st in next 5 chs	(14 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin out the bodies, both to the same shape, with their two points up and the edge between the points in a shallow hollow. Pin the heads to circles, the wings and the hen tail to half circles with a straight edge, the beak and the wattle to drops, and each leg with its three toes spread. Leave the last loop of the front body on a stitch marker. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Hold a body with its two points up. All distances are measured from the magic ring of the front body, straight across and straight up or down, unless a line names another place. Left and right are as you look at the front: the left-hand point is the tail end and the right-hand point is the neck, so that the hen faces right.
- Lay the back body down, wrong side up, points up. Hen tail: lay it on the back body, right side up, its straight edge toward the magic ring of the body, its own magic ring 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to the left and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) above, so that its middle lobe points up and out to the left, halfway between straight left and straight up. About 3/8 in (1 cm) of it, its straight edge and the foot of its lobes, lies on the body and the lobes stand out past the point. With its tail, sew the part that lies on the body to the body.
- Legs: lay both legs on the back body, right sides up, so that the plain end of each leg, where its yarn begins and ends, lies 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the lower edge, one leg ½ in (1.3 cm) to the left of the magic ring and the other ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right of it. The legs point straight down. With its tail, sew that end of each leg to the body.
- Rnd 5: lay the front body on the back body, right side up, points on points. The tail and the tops of the legs are between the layers. The first st of Rnd 4 of the front lies over the last st of Rnd 4 of the back, so that the 42 sts of one lie over the 42 sts of the other. Work Rnd 5 of the front body now: put the hook through a st of the front and the st of the back behind it for every st, and through the tail or the leg too where it lies between them. When 8 sts are left, put in stuffing, so that the body is about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) thick in its middle; push some of it into both points. Work the last 8 sts, join and fasten off.

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- Heads: lay one head on the front, right side up, its magic ring 1½ in (3.8 cm) to the right and 1½ in (3.8 cm) above. Lay the other head on the back, right side out, exactly behind it. Pin them together. With the tail of the front head, sew the front head to the neck where it lies on it; with the tail of the back head, sew the back head to the neck in the same way.
- Comb, beak and wattle: slip them between the two heads, right sides to the front. All the distances of this line are measured from the magic ring of the head. Comb: its middle lobe is straight above, and its chain lies ½ in (1.3 cm) from the magic ring, bent along the edge of the head, so that the three lobes stand out. Beak: its tr points straight out to the right, and its own magic ring is 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the right. Wattle: its dc points straight up, and its own magic ring is 3/8 in (1 cm) to the right and ¾ in (1.9 cm) below, so that only the top 1/8 in (0.3 cm) of the dc lies between the heads and all the rest hangs below them. The tail of the wattle is at its lower end: run it up the back of the wattle to the top. Sew each down with its tail, through both heads. Then sew the edges of the two heads together all the way round, from one side of the neck to the other, with what is left of the tail of the front head.
- Wings: sew one wing to the front, right side up, its straight edge above its shells: the middle of its straight edge, its own magic ring, is ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left and ¼ in (0.6 cm) above, the left-hand end of the straight edge is 1 in (2.5 cm) to the left and ¾ in (1.9 cm) above, and the right-hand end is ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right and ¼ in (0.6 cm) below. Sew it down with its tail all round, just inside the edge, through the top layer only. Turn the hen over and sew the other wing to the back in the same way, with left and right the other way round: the straight edge comes down from the tail end toward the neck.
- Knots: with C, work 8 French knots on the front, in the tops of sts of Rnd 3: in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th and 15th st. They make one arc: it begins at the bottom, runs up the breast, passes the neck (the 9th st is at the foot of the neck point) and goes on under the hollow between the two points; the last knot, in the 15th st, is one st before the foot of the tail point. On the back, count from the end of Rnd 3, because the neck is on the other side: the 24th, 22nd, 20th, 18th, 16th, 14th, 12th and 10th st; this is the same arc seen from the other side.
- Eyes: sew an eye to each head with its tail, right side up, its magic ring ¼ in (0.6 cm) from the magic ring of the head toward the beak and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above it. With F, work a large French knot on its magic ring.
- Hanging loop: join E with a sl st in the 5th of the 10 sc of Rnd 5 that lie between the two points, ch 14 (about 2½ in (6.4 cm) of chain), sl st in the next st and fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 14 pieces; 423 stitches.

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