Peacock feather

US terms



Finished size
About 5¾ in (15 cm) wide and about 10¾ in (27 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 2 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.

You will need

Yarn A: navy blue, round 1 of the eye	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: turquoise, round 2 of the eye	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, round 3 of the eye	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: copper brown, round 4 of the eye	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: peacock green, rounds 5 and 7 of the eye and the quill	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: moss green, round 6 of the eye	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
back loop only	under the one loop of the stitch that is farther from you
front loop only	under the one loop of the stitch that is nearer to you

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.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- Where a line names an earlier round, fold what has been worked since toward you and work into the stitches of that round behind it.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- A barb is a chain and the slip stitches worked back along it: begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work one slip stitch in each ch until none of that chain is left. Work the slip stitches loosely, so that the barbs lie straight.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches and chains are not counted.
- Every round of the eye begins and ends beside its point, and the tr or hdc in the middle of the point is the stitch that takes the next point.
- Rnds 6 and 7 are both worked into Rnd 5, Rnd 6 into its front loops and Rnd 7 into its back loops: the slip stitch that joins F goes into the front loop of the first sc of Rnd 5 and the one that joins E into the back loop of that same sc. Each has 33 barbs: one in front of every slip stitch. Those of Rnd 6 grow from the first to the 7th and shrink again over the last six, so that the fringe is narrow at both its ends. They are not joined; the 9 stitches left unworked are the point, 4 stitches on each side of the hdc.

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- Quill: the side that faces you as you work Row 1 is the right side of the quill; the piece is never turned over. The row goes down one side of the chain from the top to the foot, round the foot with the 3 sl st, and up the other side. Its nine barbs on each side are each two chains shorter than the one before on the way down, and each two chains longer on the way up. After a barb, the next chs are those of the foundation chain. Each barb has another opposite it on the other side of the chain.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 9¼ in (23 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 14 in (36 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 17¾ in (45 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Eye

Yarns in order of use: A, navy blue; B, turquoise; C, gold; D, copper brown; E, peacock green; F, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 10 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(10 hdc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each of next 8 sts, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	**(18 hdc, 2 dc, 1 tr)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in first hdc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(26 sc, 1 hdc)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in first sc, ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(34 hdc, 2 dc, 1 tr)**
	Fasten off D.	
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join E with sl st in first hdc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc, 1 hdc)**

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Fasten off E.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Join F with sl st in first sc, working in front loops only, **[**ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sl st in next st**] 2 times**, **[**ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 2 chs, sl st in next st**] 2 times**, **[**ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 3 chs, sl st in next st**] 2 times**, **[**ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 4 chs, sl st in next st**] 21 times**, **[**ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 3 chs, sl st in next st**] 2 times**, **[**ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 2 chs, sl st in next st**] 2 times**, **[**ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sl st in next st**] 2 times**, leave the remaining 9 sts unworked **(33 barbs)**

Fasten off F.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Join E with sl st in first sc of Rnd 5, working in back loops only, **[**ch 11, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 9 chs, sl st in next st of Rnd 5**] 33 times**, leave the remaining 9 sts unworked **(33 barbs)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Quill

Yarn E, peacock green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 47.
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 13 chs, ch 21, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 19 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 19, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 17 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 17, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 15 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 15, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 13 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 13, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 11 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 11, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 9 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 9, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 7 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 7, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 5 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 3 chs, sl st in next 7 chs, 3 sl st in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, sl st in next 7 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 3 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 7, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 5 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 9, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 7 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 11, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 9 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 13, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 11 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 15, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 13 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 17, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 15 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 19, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 17 chs, sl st in next 3 chs, ch 21, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 19 chs, sl st in next 14 chs **(19 barbs)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.

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Finishing

- Block: pin the eye flat, right side up, its point toward you. Draw each barb of Rnd 7 out straight and pin its tip: the ones at the top go straight up and the ones at the sides go out and up, left and right alike, so that their tips make an even fan 5 5/8 in (14.5 cm) across. The short barbs of Rnd 6 lie on the long ones in the same way. Pin the quill in a straight line, right side up, its top end (the end with the long tail) away from you, its barbs slanting out and up toward the top end on both sides, left and right alike: pin the tips of the two longest barbs 5½ in (14 cm) apart and those of the two shortest 1¼ in (3.2 cm) apart, and let the tips of the others lie in two straight lines between them. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- The top end of the quill is the end with the long tail, beyond the longest barbs. Lay the eye right side down, its point toward you. Lay the quill on it, right side down too (the side that faced you in Row 1 of the quill lies against the eye), its top end 5/8 in (1.6 cm) above the middle of the magic ring, toward the top of the feather; the quill runs straight down over the point of the eye, and the first pair of barbs then lies ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the point. All the barbs of the quill lie on the backs of the barbs of the eye or below them; none of them covers the eye.
- With the long tail sew both edges of the quill to the back of the eye, from the top end down to the point and back up, taking up only the back strands of the stitches so that nothing shows on the right side. Leave all the barbs free. Turn the feather over.
- To sew the feather to a bag, a hat band or a cushion, pin it where it is to go. With a length of E work small stitches through Rnd 5 of the eye, under the barbs, and along the middle of the quill.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 223 stitches (204 in the eye, 19 in the quill).

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