Peacock with a fan tail

US terms



Finished size
About 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall and 9 in (23 cm) across the fan

Skill
Intermediate
13 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: peacock blue, the body and a band of each tail feather	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: emerald, the tail feathers and the wings	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the beak, the feet and a band of each tail feather	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: violet, the tips of the tail feathers and the crest	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, the cheeks	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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 (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked 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 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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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 C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. 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.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 8 (48 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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.
- Eyes: for a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead of plastic ones: satin stitch dots of the same size in black yarn (about 2 yd (2 m), not in the list of yarns).
- 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: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 4 in (10 cm) tall and 6¾ in (17 cm) across the fan; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 7½ in (19 cm) tall and 12¾ in (32.5 cm) across the fan; eyes 14 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9½ in (24 cm) tall and 16¼ in (41.5 cm) across the fan; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.
- Every size is approximate and follows from your gauge and how firmly you stuff.

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 and sc2tog is double crochet 2 stitches together.

Body

Yarn A, peacock blue.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 14: tick them off as you go.

9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 21: tick them off as you go.

19 20 21

☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 23 to 27**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 23 to 27: tick them off as you go.

23 24 25 26 27

☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**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.	

Tail feather: make 7

Yarns in order of use: D, violet; C, gold; A, peacock blue; B, emerald.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With C, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 9**	With B, sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9

☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

18 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 21 to 22**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 22: tick them off as you go.

21 22

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Beak

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Wing: make 2

Yarn B, emerald.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 6 stitches.	

Foot: make 2

Yarn C, gold.

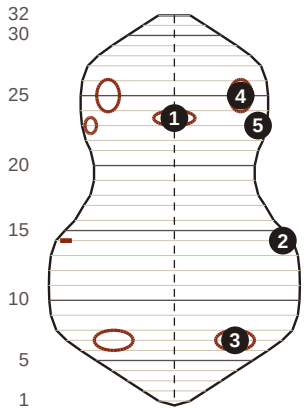
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

3 4

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Body: 1 beak, 2 wings, 3 feet, 4 eyes, 5 cheeks

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.

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1. In every step: 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. Lay the seven tail feathers in a fan: the middle one straight up, three to each side, each turned about 27 degrees farther out than the one before, the lowest two almost straight out to the sides. The middles of their flat edges lie on a half circle about 1¼ in (32 mm) across, about 5/16 in (8 mm) from one to the next, so that the edges overlap; lay the second, fourth and sixth feather behind the others. Set the half circle on the back of the body, its flat side down on round 9, its middle on the line opposite the center line. The lower ends of the two lowest edges reach down to about round 7. Sew through both layers of each 5-stitch edge, then catch each feather to the next one half way up.

2. Pin the beak to the body: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 23 and 24, on the center line. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 23 to 24 of the body. 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.

3. Pin the two wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 14, one to each side, 11 stitches from the center line (22 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point out to the side and down, then curve until the tip of each points straight down. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 6-stitch edge with the tail.

4. Pin the two feet to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 8 of the body. They point forward from under the front edge of the body, lying along the table. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. 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. Knot in the lengths of yarn at the same time. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Crest: a tuft at the top of the head; cut 10 lengths of D (violet), each 4 in (10 cm) long. At each place, use the needle to draw two lengths under the stitch, from side to side, until 2 in (5.1 cm) of each hangs out on one side. Tie the two sides together in a firm knot close to the fabric, pull the ends of the other side inside the toy and trim the ends left outside to 5/8 in (1.6 cm). They stand straight out. Where a piece covers a place, use the nearest free stitch. The places on the body, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it): round 29: stitches 1, 2 and 3 right and stitches 1 and 2 left.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body on round 25, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body on round 23, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 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: 13 pieces; 3,528 stitches (1,044 in the body, 316 in each tail feather, 18 in the beak, 94 in each wing, 33 in each foot); 26 ends to weave in.

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