CROCHET VALENTINES: LOVEBIRDS PAIR

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Hello Yellow Yarn design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner friendly. The designer calls the pattern perfect for amigurumi beginners and super easy to make.

MATERIALS

- 8 ply (DK / light worsted) acrylic yarn in two colors, teal and orange, one color per bird.
- A small amount of yellow yarn for the beak and the head tuft.
- A small amount of pink yarn for the blush.
- Crochet hook: 4 mm
- 12 mm plastic safety eyes, 2 per bird (4 for the pair).
- Toy stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

GAUGE

The source gives no gauge, so no gauge is stated here and none has been invented. Work with a hook and tension that keep the stitches tight enough that the stuffing does not show through.

FINISHED SIZE

Each bird is roughly 10 cm (4 inches) tall. Make two birds, one in each color, so the pair sits together.

ABBREVIATIONS

sc: single crochet

inc: increase (2 single crochet in one stitch)

dec: decrease (single crochet 2 together)

st: stitch

rnd: round

PATTERN NOTES

- Make 2 birds, following the instructions below for each one, one in teal and one in orange.
- The pattern is worked in spirals, in continuous rounds. Do not join the rounds unless the instructions say so. Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of each round.
- The invisible decrease technique is used in the source. A regular single crochet decrease works just as well.
- The body is one piece from the top of the head to the base. The wings and tail are made separately and sewn on.

BODY (make 2, one in teal and one in orange)

Round 1: Work 6 single crochet in a magic ring. (6 stitches)

Round 2: Work 2 single crochet in each stitch around. (12 stitches)

Round 3: Repeat around: work 1 single crochet, then 1 increase. (18 stitches)

Round 4: Repeat around: work 2 single crochet, then 1 increase. (24 stitches)

Round 5: Repeat around: work 3 single crochet, then 1 increase. (30 stitches)

Round 6: Repeat around: work 4 single crochet, then 1 increase. (36 stitches)

Rounds 7 to 10: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (36 stitches in each round)

Round 11: Repeat around: work 4 single crochet, then 1 decrease. (30 stitches)

Round 12: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (30 stitches)

Round 13: Repeat around: work 4 single crochet, then 1 increase. (36 stitches)

Round 14: Repeat around: work 5 single crochet, then 1 increase. (42 stitches)

Rounds 15 to 19: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (42 stitches in each round)

Attach the safety eyes between Rounds 11 and 12, 3 stitches apart, before you continue.

Round 20: Repeat around: work 5 single crochet, then 1 decrease. (36 stitches)

Round 21: Repeat around: work 4 single crochet, then 1 decrease. (30 stitches)

Round 22: Repeat around: work 3 single crochet, then 1 decrease. (24 stitches)

Begin to stuff the body firmly.

Round 23: Repeat around: work 2 single crochet, then 1 decrease. (18 stitches)

Round 24: Repeat around: work 1 single crochet, then 1 decrease. (12 stitches)

Continue to stuff the body firmly.

Round 25: Work 1 decrease in each stitch around, 6 decreases in total. (6 stitches)

Fasten off and leave a long tail end. To close the body, weave the tail end through the front loops of all 6 stitches, then pull to close. Weave in the tail end and hide it inside the body.

WINGS (make 2 per bird, 4 in total for the pair)

Round 1: Work 6 single crochet in a magic ring. (6 stitches)

Round 2: Work 2 single crochet in each stitch around. (12 stitches)

Rounds 3 to 4: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (12 stitches in each round)

Round 5: Repeat 2 times: work 4 single crochet, then 1 decrease. (10 stitches)

Fasten off and leave a long tail end for sewing.

TAIL (make 1 per bird, 2 in total for the pair)

Round 1: Work 5 single crochet in a magic ring. (5 stitches)

Round 2: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (5 stitches)

Round 3: Work 2 single crochet in each stitch around. (10 stitches)

Round 4: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (10 stitches)

Fasten off and leave a long tail end for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

- Flatten the wings and sew one onto each side of the body, between Rounds 13 and 14. Weave in the yarn ends and hide them inside the body.
- Flatten the tail and sew it onto the lower rear of the body, between Rounds 18 and 19. Weave in the yarn end and hide it inside the body.
- Using yellow yarn, embroider the beak. Weave in the yarn end and hide it inside the body.
- Using pink yarn, embroider the blush. Weave in the yarn end and hide it inside the body.
- Loop a few strands of yellow yarn through the top of the head for a little tuft. Insert the hook in the center of the top of the head, then out through one stitch hole. With the hook, grab a few strands of yellow yarn, yarn over, and pull through the loop. Cut the yarn to your preferred length.
- Make the second bird in exactly the same way, in the other color, so the pair is never alone.

FINISHING

- Check the stitch counts as you work: the body grows from 6 stitches to 42 stitches at its widest in Rounds 14 to 19, then decreases back to 6 stitches in Round 25. Each wing ends with 10 stitches, and each tail ends with 10 stitches.
- Sit the two birds side by side, facing each other, for the classic lovebirds look.

Source credit: adapted from Hello Yellow Yarn, Lovebirds free crochet amigurumi pattern by MJ Carlos. See sources.txt for the full link.

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