

## Penny's Crochet Birdie (Original by Attic24)

### Materials:

- 4ply yarn
- 3mm hook
- Buttons/tiny bells/beads etc for feet
- Buttons or beads for eyes
- Small piece of yellow felt for beak

### Special instructions:

I always use 2ch at the beginning of a round to give height for the htr or tr stitch. This 2ch DOES NOT count as a stitch.

### Abbreviations:

(all British English)

- ch chain  
dc double-crochet  
htr half-treble  
tr treble  
sl.st slipstitch  
st(s) stitch(es)



### *Circle*

(These instructions give a circle which is rounder than the original)

1. Make a circle with the yarn and work 2ch (for height) and 12htr into the circle. Pull up the excess thread gently to close the circle.
2. Work 2htr into each stitch, slipstitch to first htr. to join (24 sts)
3. Work 1htr, 2htr (into next 2 sts) to end, sl.st to join (36 sts)
4. Work 1htr in each st.
5. As Round 3 (54 sts)
6. As round 4.
7. Work \*1htr in each of next 2sts, 2htr into next st. Repeat from \* to end, sl.st. to join. (72 sts)
8. Fasten off, leaving a long end to sew up the body with.

## ***Wing***

1. Make 3ch and work 2htr into the third ch from hook, turn
2. Work 2htr into each st, turn
3. Work 2htr into the first st, 1htr into each of next 2 sts, 2htr into last st, turn
4. Work 2 rows straight (in htr) on these 6 sts.

Final row (shaping end of wing): Miss first 2sts, work 3htr into each of next 2 sts, miss 2 sts, sl.st into turning chain of previous row. Fasten off, leaving a long end to sew the wing onto the body.

## ***Legs and Hanging Cord***

- Leave a length of yarn for sewing on the foot before commencing your chain.
- Make 2ch, 1dc into second ch from hook, turn.
- 1ch, dc into last dc worked, turn.
- Repeat last row to desired length. (I made the hanging cord 12" and the legs a 6" length, folded in half).

(For the hanging cord I left a longish length at the beginning **and** the end.)

## ***Flower Decoration (make 2)***

- Make a circle with the yarn and work 12htr into it, sl.st to join
- Work 1dc, 3ch, miss 1 st, ending sl.st to first dc to join. (6 loops made.
- Into each loop work 1dc, 1htr, 3tr, 1htr, 1dc. Sl.st. to first dc of first petal to join. Fasten off.

## ***Making Up***

1. Thread the two lengths of yarn from the ends of the hanging cord through the hole in the centre of the circle before closing it tightly. Knot the lengths together and sew them in before sewing in the starting end of the circle.
2. Sew the 2 flowers together around the hanging cord, using the photo as a guide to positioning and making sure to catch the cord in as you go.
3. Attach the wings to the sides of the body using the yarn left at the end.
4. Using the length of yarn left at the end of making the circle, fold the circle in half and sew the edges together. Make sure you sew the legs in at the centre of the edge, directly under the hanging cord. Leave enough room at the final end to insert some stuffing in the bird, and then sew in the beak before you finally close the seam.
5. Sew the eyes either side of the beak, as shown in the photo.
6. Make a tail for the bird by sewing a few loops at the tail end, fastening them off and cutting the loops to form a small tassel-like tail.