

# Hope's Birds

by

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*"Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,"*  
-Emily Dickinson

Size 3.5" H, Wings 2" long



## Materials

Worsted weight yarn - approximately 20 yards

Small amounts of contrast yarn for beak, neck band, tail or wings (if desired)

F/3.75mm crochet hook

Stitch marker

Yarn needle

Small crochet hook – C or D crochet hook for weaving in ends

Fiberfill - small amount . I also like and save yarn bits for stuffing.

Eyes: plastic eyes, dressmaker or boutonniere pins, embroidery yarn

## Stitches

Adjustable ring

ch chain

slst slip stitch

sc single crochet

hdc half double crochet

dc double crochet

trc treble crochet

sc2tog single crochet 2 stitches together (decrease)

hdc2tog half double crochet 2 stitches together (decrease)

2sc two single crochets in one stitch

2dc two double crochets in one stitch



Bird head, body and tail are worked as one piece.

Wings are made separately and sewn on with yarn.

Head and Body are worked in continuous rounds – use a stitch marker to help distinguish rounds.

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In adjustable ring

- Round 1 ch1, 3 sc (3sc)  
Round 2 2 sc in each sc (6 sc)  
Round 3 sc in each sc (6 sc)  
Round 4 2sc, sc, 2sc, sc, 2sc, sc (9 sc)  
Round 5 sc in each sc (9 sc)  
Round 6 sc in each sc (9 sc)  
Round 7 sc in each sc (9 sc)  
Round 8 2sc, 2sc, sc, sc, sc, 2sc, sc, sc, sc (12 sc)  
Round 9 sc in each sc (12 sc)  
Round 10 sc in each sc (12 sc)  
Round 11 2sc,sc, 2sc, sc, sc, sc, 2sc, sc, sc, sc, sc, sc (15 sc)  
Round 12 sc in each sc (15 sc)  
Round 13 sc in first 6, 2sc, 2sc, 2hdc, 2sc, 2sc, sc to end (20)  
Round 14 sc, sc2tog, sc, sc2tog, sc to end, (18 sc)  
Round 15 sc, sc, sc2tog, sc, sc, sc, sc, **begin tail in front** loops of next 4 stitches:  
hdc&dc, 2dc, 2dc, dc&hdc; sc, sc, sc, sc, sc2tog  
Round 16 sc, sc, sc, sc, sc2tog, sc, in **back** loops of 4 stitches where tail was begun: sc,  
sc, sc2tog; sc to end  
Round 17 sc, sc2tog, sc, sc, sc, **on tail:** hdc, hdc, dc, dc&trc, trc&dc, dc, hdc, hdc; sc,  
sc2tog, sc  
Round 18 sc, \*sc2tog, sc, sc\* repeat. (work **under** tail) **Stuff.**  
Round 19 \*sc2tog, sc\* repeat  
Round 20 \*sc2tog\* repeat  
Cut yarn, weave in end, tuck in under tail



## Beak

In contrasting color yarn, leaving a 2-3" tail at beginning,  
ch 2, make sc in hump of chain leave a 2-3" tail at end  
Turn sideways, attach using tails,  
weaving tails inside bird's head



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## Wings

(leave a long tail at beginning to attach wings to body)

In adjustable ring

- Round 1 Ch1, 3sc  
Round 2 2sc in each (6 sc)  
Row 3 2dc, 2dc, ch2, turn (4 dc)  
Row 4 hdc, hdc, hdc, hdc, ch2, turn (4 hdc)  
Row 5 hdc2tog, hdc2tog, ch2, turn (2 hdc)  
Row 6 hdc2tog, ch1, turn (1 hdc)  
Row 7 sc, ch1, sl st. Make sure right side is facing single crochet along side to middle of circle bottom, slst up other side to top. Finish off, weave in end.

For other wing, after Row 7, slst along side to circle and then single crochet up other side to top. Finish off, weave in end.

Attach wings at "shoulders," stitching through edge of circle base.

## Finishing

Define neck by wrapping same or different yarn around rows 5-6  
Insert eyes or use French knot to create eyes. Enjoy Hope's Birds!

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