

Pick up your hook and use double crochet stitches to make Pierre The Parrot

Pieces of eight! Stitch up this feathered critter and practise stitching in the round with double crochet to create a solid fabric, similar to that used in amigurumi. The elements on this parrot are made individually so once you have made the body, add your own flair such as embroidered detail or layers of feathers to make this project really stand out.



Stitches used:

- Chain (ch)
- Double crochet (dc)
- Double crochet two together (dc2tog)
- Slip stitch (sl st)

Pierre the parrot

head

Round 1: Using blue and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring for 6 sts.

Round 2: 2 dc into each st. (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st] six times. (18 sts).

Round 4: [1 dc in

first 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] six times. (24 sts). Change to white.

Round 5: [1 dc in first 3 sts, 2 dc in next st] six times. (30 sts).

Round 6: [1 dc in first 4 sts, 2 dc in next st] six times. (36 sts).

Round 7-9: 1 dc in ea st around. Change to red.

Round 10: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 11-16: 1 dc in ea st around. Change to blue.

Round 17: 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in ea rem st. (37 sts).

Round 18: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 19: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (36 sts).

Round 20: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (35 sts).

Round 21: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (34 sts).

Round 22: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (33 sts).

Round 23: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (32 sts).

Round 24: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (31 sts).

Round 25: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (30 sts).

Round 26: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (29 sts).

Round 27: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (28 sts).

Round 28: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (27 sts).

Round 29: Working in front loops only, [dc2tog, 1 dc in next 7sts] three times.

(24 sts).

Round 30: Working in both loops, [dc2tog, 1 dc in next 2 sts] six times. (18 sts).

Round 31: [dc2tog, 1 dc in next st] six times. (12 sts).

Round 32: [dc2tog] six times. (6 sts). Fasten off and sew up the opening.

beak

Round 1: Using pink yarn and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring for 6 sts.

Round 2: 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in ea next st. (7 sts).

Round 3: 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in ea next st. (8 sts).

Round 4: 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in ea next st. (9 sts).

Round 5: 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in ea next st. (10 sts).

Round 6: 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in ea next st. (11 sts).

Round 7: 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in ea next st. (12 sts).

Fasten off, add stuffing and sew onto the head.

eyes

Round 1: Using blue yarn and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring for 6 sts.

Round 2: 2 dc into each st. (12 sts). Change to green.

Round 3: [1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st] six stitches. (18 sts).

Fasten off, sew onto the head on either side.

top feathers

Using green yarn and a 3.5mm hook, make a ch for 7 sts, start third st from hook, work the following along the ch: 1 htr in first 2 sts, 1 dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st; working along the other side of the ch, 1 dc in next 2 sts, 1 htr in next 2 sts.

Carry on without cutting yarn, make 8 ch, start second ch from hook, 1 dc in

first 3 sts, 1 htr in next 4 sts. Carry on without cutting yarn, make 9 ch, start second ch from hook, 1 dc in first 3 sts, 1 htr in next 5 sts. Fasten off, iron flat if needed and sew along the middle of the head, so the longest feather is at the front.

feet

make 2 Using pink yarn and 3.5mm hook, 6 ch.

Start second ch from hook, 1 dc in ea next 4 sts, sl st into next st, 5 ch. Start second ch from hook, 1 dc in ea next 4 sts, sl st into the same st as last time, 5 ch. Start second ch from hook, 1 dc in ea next 4 sts, sl st into last st and fasten off.

wings

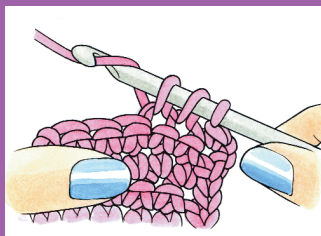
make 2

With green yarn and 3.5mm hook 9 ch. Start third ch from hook.

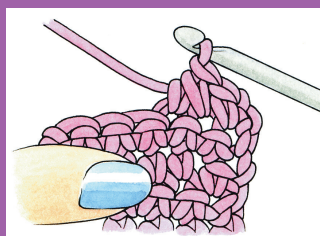
Row 1: 3 htr in first

DOUBLE CROCHET TWO TOGETHER (dc2tog)

The double crochet decrease appears in patterns as dc2tog, but the number can change according to how many stitches you are crocheting together.



1 Insert hook through the next stitch. Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work, there will be two loops of yarn on the hook. Insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over hook



and draw back through. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook.

2 Yarn over hook and draw through all three loops. This will leave one loop on the hook.

st, 1 htr in ea rem st. (9 sts).

Row 2: 2 ch (does not count as st), 1 htr in ea first 6 sts, 3 tr in next st, miss last 2 sts. (9 sts).

Row 3: 1 ch, 1 sl st in ea first 3 sts, 2 ch, 3 tr in next st, 1 htr in ea next 5 sts. (8 sts). Fasten off.

tail

The tail is made of five strands, each the same, which are then connected with a row of dc, and sewn onto the base.

7 ch, start third ch from hook, 2 htr in first st, 1 htr in ea next 4 sts, [7 ch, start third ch from hook, 2 htr in first st, 1 htr in ea next 4 sts] four times.

1 ch, 1 dc into ea last htr of each repeat, sl st into the first chain at the beginning of tail. (5 sts).

Fasten off and sew onto the base.

Sew on all the details and tuck in any loose ends.



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Editorial Assistant



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OUR DESIGNER

"I often hear that people find amigurumi too fiddly, so I designed this parrot for those who prefer bigger toys or just want to get started with the techniques involved in the Japanese art"

Irene Strange is a graphic designer and crochet expert. She happened upon amigurumi quite accidentally and it is now her favourite technique. Visit her website at www.ireneStrange.co.uk

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