

You NEED

Mama yarn kit

stuffing, black beads, tapestry needle



Crochet your own gorgeous

flock of birds

Based around a traditional granny square pattern, Irene Strange's gang of cheeky feathered friends look brilliant nesting together on a shelf. Make use all of the yarns in our Mama kit and follow the simple, addictive pattern to create your own cute group.

stitches used

Chain (ch)
Double crochet (dc)
Half treble (htr)
Treble (tr)
Double crochet two together (dc2tog)

SIZE:

Height excl. legs and comb: approx 8cm

flock of birds

Make five body

Using 3.5mm hook and Powder Pink (Baby Blue, Custard Yellow, Sweetpea Green, Rosy Pink) make a magic ring, work (3ch [counts as one st], 12tr) into ring, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 13 sts
Change to Custard Yellow (Custard Yellow, Sweetpea Green, Custard Yellow, Custard Yellow)
Rnd 1: working in gaps between sts, 3ch (counts as first st), 1tr in same gap, 2tr in each

gap to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 26 sts
Change to Cotton White
Rnd 2: working in gaps between sts, 2ch (counts as first st), 2htr in same gap, 3htr in each gap to end, join with a sl st to second of first 2ch. 39 sts
Change to Powder Pink (Baby Blue, Custard Yellow, Sweetpea

Green, Rosy Pink)
Rnd 3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first ch
Rnds 4–6: 1ch, 15dc, 3htr, 3tr, 3htr, 15dc, join with a sl st to first ch
Rnds 7–8: rep Rnd 3
Rnd 9: 1ch, 1dc, (dc2tog) to end. 20 sts
Rnd 10: 1ch, (dc2tog) to end. Ten sts
Stuff, mould into an egg shape

Rnd 11: rep Rnd 10. Five sts
Fasten off
Sew up gap

legs

Make ten
Using 3.5mm hook and Custard Yellow make 46ch
Row 1: starting second ch from hook five sl st, (6ch, starting second ch from hook five sl st)

twice, one sl st into starting chain
Fasten off

comb

Make five
Using 3.5mm hook and Rosy Pink make 6ch
Row 1: starting second ch from hook 1dc, 2htr in next st, 1dc, 3tr in next st, (1htr, 1dc) in next st. Nine sts
Fasten off

to make up

Embroider beak with Custard Yellow, building up shape with short sts by overlapping four layers one over the other, switching direction after each layer. Sew on small back beads for eyes. Tie a knot in each Leg to act as a knee. Sew on Legs to bottom of Body. Sew Comb to top of head





Meet Our Designer

"The basic granny square pattern can be extended to make a bigger bird – simply carry on increasing the circles to get to the size you'd like"

Irene Strange is a graphic designer and crochet expert. Her favourite technique is amigurumi, which she happened upon accidentally. Visit her website at irenestrange.co.uk



crochet clever

Magic rings are a neat and simple way to begin crochet patterns. If you are unsure about how to do it, check out our set of illustrations on page 62