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HEART
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CROCHET SKILL LEVEL

EASY

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## What you will need:

RED HEART ${ }^{\circledR}$ Amigurumi:
1 ball 9741 Flamingo
Susan Bates ${ }^{\circledR}$ Crochet Hook 2.25 mm [US B-1]

Stitch marker, two 6 mm safety eyes, stuffing, yarn needle.

Optional: Plastic pellets for weighted stuffing and thin pouch to hold pellets

GAUGE: 26 sts = about 4" [10 cm]; 22 rounds = about 4" [10 cm ] in single crochet (sc). EXACT GAUGE IS NOT CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

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RED HEART ${ }^{*}$ Amigurumi, Art E885 available in 3.5 oz ( 100 g ) 239 yds (219m) cakes


## Fiona \& Fred Crochet Flamingo

If you've been looking for a pair of party birds, these two are your answer! They love all sorts of celebrations, but lawn parties are their favorite.

Flamingo measures about 3 3/4" [9.5 cm] tall.

## Notes

1. Before beginning, separate the different color sections of the yarn as follows: Pop the center color out by pushing gently on the center of the ball so that it comes out intact. Find the point where the color changes and cut the yarn. Repeat this process for the remaining yarn colors by carefully pushing the rings of color out of the larger ring and cutting. Wind each color into a separate ball to prevent tangling. You may find that one color appears both in the center, and on the outside of the ball, wind together or separately. In the pattern instructions, the light pink color is referred to as $\mathbf{A}$, the bright pink as $\mathbf{B}$, the grey as $\mathbf{C}$, and the black as $\mathbf{D}$.
2. Flamingo is made from 6 pieces: Body/head, beak, 2 legs, and 2 wings
3. To change yarn color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook. Fasten off old color. Proceed with new color.
4. Pieces are sewn together using yarn tails or yarn scraps.

## Special Stitch

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches
together) $=$ [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## Special Technique

Adjustable-ring = Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with
working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring. After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently on tail to tighten ring.

## BODY/HEAD

Beginning at bottom of body, with $\mathbf{A}$ or B, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)-6 sc.
Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed
Round 2: Work 2 sc in each of next 6 sts-12 sc.
Round 3: [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 6 times-18 sc
Round 4: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times-24 sc.
Round 5: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times -30 sc .
Round 6: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times- 36 sc .
Rounds 7-10: Sc in each st around.
Round 11: [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times-30 sc.
Rounds 12-14: Sc in each st around.
Round 15: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times-24 sc.
Round 16: Sc in each st around.
Round 17: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times-18 sc.
Before stuffing piece, if using weighted pellets, fill thin cloth pouch with weighted pellets and place pouch in bottom of piece. Then stuff piece, packing stuffing on top of pouch.


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Round 18: [Sc2tog, sc in next st] 6
times-12 sc.
Rounds 19-22: Sc in each st around.
Begin Head
Round 23: Work 2 sc in each st
around-24 sc.
Rounds 24-26: Sc in each st around.
Round 27: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times-18 sc.
Round 28: Sc in each st around.
Attach safety eyes between Rounds 25 and 26 , about 4 stitches apart.
Round 29: [Sc2tog, sc in next st] 6
times-12 sc.
If needed, add a little more stuffing to piece.
Round 30: [Sc2tog] 6 times-6 sc.
Fasten off leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim ends.

## BEAK

With D, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, work 6 sc
in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)-6 sc.
Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in each of next 2 sts,
sc in next 4 sts and change to $\mathbf{C}$ in last st-8 sc.
Rounds 3 and 4: With C, sc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing beak to head.

## LEGS (make 2 for each

## flamingo)

With C, leaving a long beginning tail for sewing leg to body, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, work 6 sc
in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)-6 sc.
Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.
Round 2: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice-8 sc.
Rounds 3-14: Sc in each st around.

## Foot

Flatten the top of the tube, matching stitches in back and front of last round to make a double layer with 4 stitches in each layer. Work now proceeds back and forth in rows.
Row 15: Working through both
thicknesses, skip the first st, sc in next 3 sts.
Row 16: Ch 1, turn, working in front loops only, 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st-5 sc.
Row 17: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st- 7 sc.
Row 18: Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in last st.
Fasten off. Weave in and trim the ending tail. Do not cut the beginning tail, it can be used later to sew leg to body.

## WINGS (make 2 for each <br> flamingo)

With same yarn color as used for body, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, work 6 sc
in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)-6 sc.
Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in each of next 6
sts-12 sc.
Round 3: [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 6
times-18 sc.
Round 4 (wing tips): Slip st in next st,
ch 4, slip st in next st, ch 6, slip st in next st, ch 8, slip st in next st, ch 6, slip st in next st, ch 4, slip st in next st; leave remaining sts unworked.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing wing to body.

## FINISHING

Referring to photograph as a guide to placement, use yarn tails or yarn scraps to sew the following pieces together.

1. Sew beak to head between eyes, positioning so that the beak curves downwards.
2. Sew legs to bottom of body, positioning the feet to face forwards with the small ridge at ankle on the front side.
3. Sew wings to sides of body, with about 10 stitches on front belly between the wings Point the wing tips toward the back and sew around the outside of Round 3 leaving wing tips unsewn.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

$\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$, and $\mathbf{D}=$ Color $\mathbf{A}$, Color $\mathbf{B}$, Color $\mathbf{C}$, and Color $\mathbf{D} ; \mathbf{c h}=$ chain; $\mathbf{s c}=$ single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

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