

Purple Bird Brooch

Create this adorable layered purple bird brooch completely from scratch using fine embroidery cotton thread and steel crochet hooks. This tutorial is written in very detailed US crochet terms so even beginners can follow along carefully and recreate the project from start to finish.

The finished brooch measures approximately **7.5 cm x 6.5 cm** and features layered wings, a dimensional tail, floral embellishments, and embroidered botanical details.

Materials & Specifications

Recommended Yarn

Use fine embroidery cotton or lace-weight crochet cotton.

Color Guide

- Dark Purple
- Medium Purple
- Lavender
- Teal
- Cream
- Black or very dark purple

Hook Size

- 1.75 mm steel crochet hook (US size 7 steel)

Additional Materials

- Yarn needle
- Small sharp scissors
- Brooch pin backing
- Fiberfill stuffing (optional, very small amount)
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Small black bead or safety eye (optional)

DETAILED CROCHET TUTORIAL: PURPLE BIRD BROOCH (US TERMS)

MATERIALS & SPECIFICATIONS

RECOMMENDED YARN:

Fine/Embroidery Cotton

- A** (Dark Purple)
- B** (Medium Purple)
- C** (Lavender)
- D** (Teal)
- E** (Cream)
- F** (Black/Dark Purple)

COLOR KEY:

- Dark
- Purple
- Lavender
- Teal
- Cream
- Black

HOOK SIZE:
1.75mm (US 7 Steel)


ESTIMATED FINISHED SIZE:
7.5cm x 6.5cm



KEY STITCH LEGEND & GLOSSARY (US Terms)

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sc  **sc**
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hdc  **hdc**
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dc  **dc**
Step 1 stitch 3 stitch, and dessect to, row, and thenarmed tr with her row.

tr  **tr**
Step 2 stitch 3 stitch, and dessect to, row, and thenarmed tr with her row.


sl st  **sl st**
Step 2 stitch in sct cosnutroost 1.75mm each.

inc  **inc**
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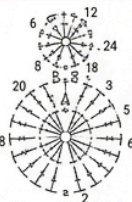
dec  **dec**
Step 1 stitch 3 stitch, increases in 8, hdc and transed on 2 until str now.

BLO  **BLO**
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FLO  **FLO**
Step 1 stitch 1/2 stitch, increases in FLO and transed FBO until str now.

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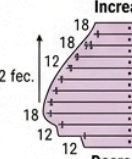
1 Head & Eye



MR 6t;
sc for, 12
18 f3,
E cream,
F far, 24

Placement: MR 6
Mr row A, - 6 stitc, 12
B> row B, - 12 stitc, 18
C= row C, - 24 stitc, 24
F= row E :: 26 stitc, 24

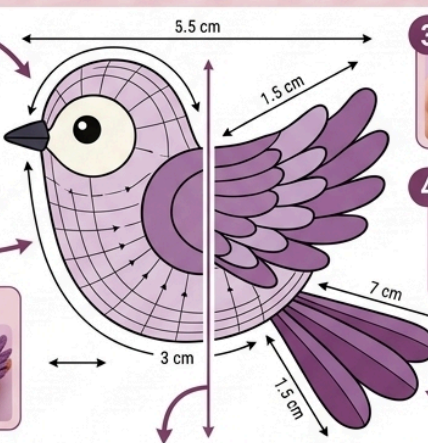
2 Body Shaping



Increases!
18 18 24 24
12 12 18 18
2 fec. 2 fec.

Decreases!
18 18 12 12

STEP-BY-STEP WORKFLOW DIAGRAM



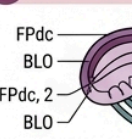
3 Main Wg



4 Tail

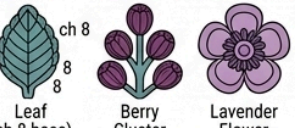


3 Main Wing



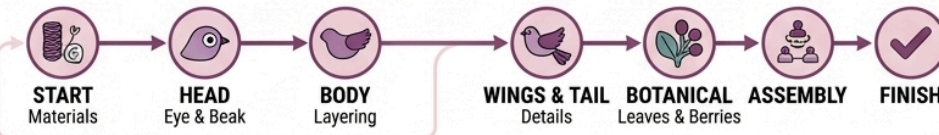
FPdc, BLO, FPdc, 2, BLO, Fdc, 24c, 34c, 12, 14c

5 Botanical Elements



ch 8, 8, 8
Leaf (ch 8 base), Berry Cluster, Lavender Flower

6 Final Assembly



Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- inc = increase (2 stitches in same stitch)
- dec = decrease

- BLO = back loop only
- FLO = front loop only
- FPdc = front post double crochet
- MR = magic ring

Project Construction Overview

This bird is built in layered sections:

1. Crochet the eye
2. Crochet the head and body base
3. Shape the body
4. Create layered wings
5. Make the tail feathers
6. Crochet leaves, berries, and flowers
7. Assemble all pieces
8. Attach brooch backing

Eye & Head Section

Eye Piece

Using cream yarn:

Round 1

Make a MR.

Work:

- 6 sc into MR

Pull ring tight.

You now have 6 stitches.

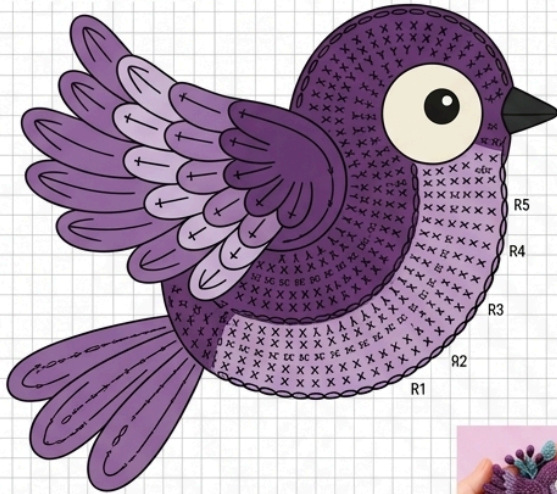
Round 2

Work 2 sc in each stitch around.

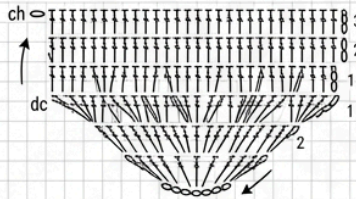
You now have 12 stitches.

BIRD MOTIF PATTERN CHART (US TERMS)

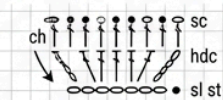
BODY (Color: Deep Violet)



WING (Color: Amethyst Purple/Lavender)



TAIL (Color: Amethyst Purple/Lavender)



FLORAL ELEMENTS & BERRIES (Colors: Lavender, Teal, Deep Violet)

Flower Center
(Teal/Sage):



Petals
(Lavender):



Leaf
(Teal/Sage):



Berry Cluster
(Deep Violet):



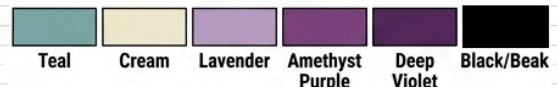
CONSTRUCTION GUIDE



STITCH KEY & GLOSSARY (US Terms)

KEY TO US CROCHET STITCHES				
Symbol	Abbreviation	Technical Illustration	Text Description	Crochet Sample Photo
o	ch		ch: Chain, yarn	
x	sc		sc: Single Crochet. Yo, insert hook, yo, pull up loop, yo twice.	
⌈	hdc		hdc: Hdc Crochet. Yo, insert hook, yo, pull up loop, [yc, pull through 2 loops] twice.	
⌋	dc		dc: Double Crochet. Yo, insert hook, yo, pull up loop, [yo, pull through 2 loops] twice.	
•	sl st		st: Scale Crochet. Yo, insert hook, yo, pull up loop, yo twice.	
sc	sc inc		sc: Increase, first. Yo, insert hook, yo, pull up loop, 1 sc dec.	
sc dec	sc dec		sc: Decrease, Eot. Yo, insert hook, yo, pull up loop, 1 sc dec.	
	puff st		Feather Post Stitch (BPdc or FPdc based on chart orientation)	
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	Puff Stitch		Puff Stitch, Stitch, or small Popcorn stitch.	
	BPdc		Puff Stitch, or small Popcorn stitch, cloit in orientation.	
→	Color Change		Color Change	

Consolidate Palette



Round 3

Pattern:

- 1 sc, inc

Repeat around.

You now have 18 stitches.

Round 4

Switch to lavender.

Pattern:

- 2 sc, inc

Repeat around.

You now have 24 stitches.

Fasten off leaving a long sewing tail.

Pupil

Using black yarn:

- Embroider a small circle in the center
OR
- Sew on a tiny black bead

Set aside.

Main Body Base

Using light lavender yarn.

Round 1

Create a MR.

Work:

- 6 sc into ring

Round 2

Increase in every stitch.

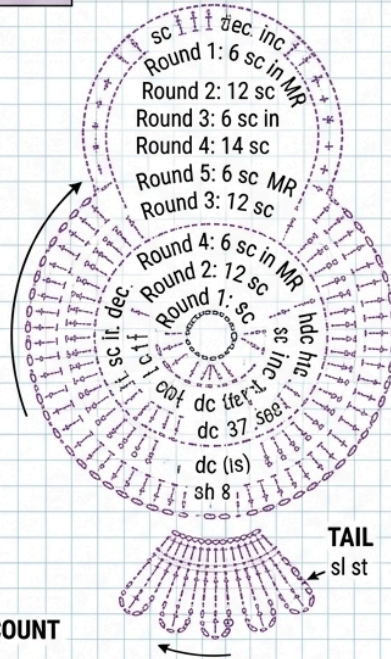
12 stitches.

**POINT-BY-POINT CROCHET DIAGRAM:
PURPLE BIRD BROOCH (COMPLETE)**

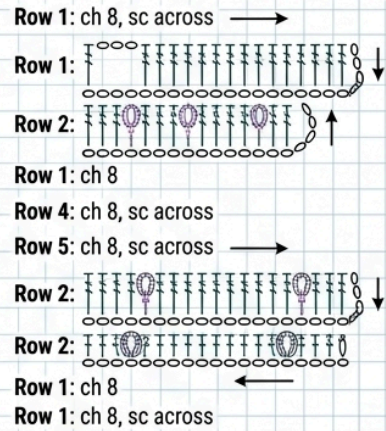
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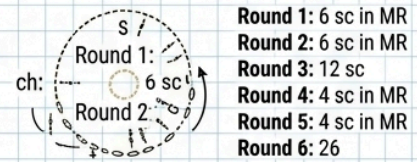
HEAD & BODY
(Color: Amethyst Purple)



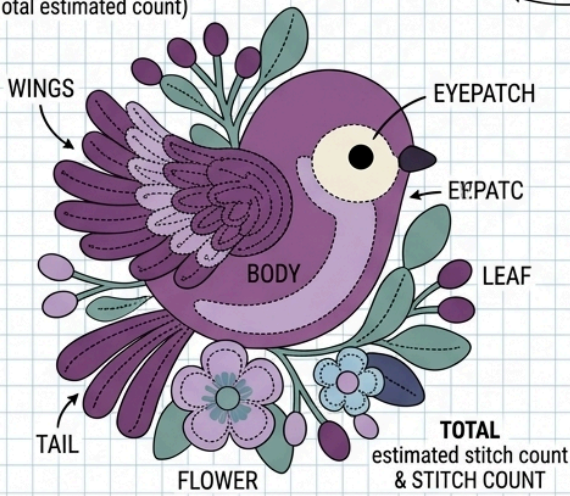
WINGS (Two Layers - Color: Amethyst Purple)



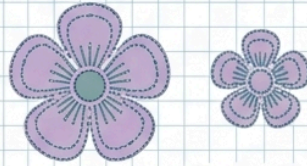
TAIL (Color: Amethyst Purple)



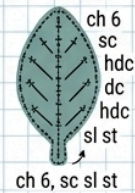
FULL MOTIF ASSEMBLY & STITCH COUNT
(Total estimated count)



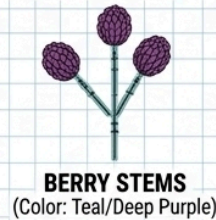
FLOWER (Color: Lavender/Teal)



LEAF
(Color: Teal)



BERRY STEMS
(Color: Teal/Deep Purple)



YARN COLOR MAP
(US Cotton Floss used)

- Amethyst Purple
- Lavender
- Teal/Sage Green
- Cream
- Deep Violet (for beak/eyes)



FINISHED REFERENCE

Round 3

Pattern:

- 1 sc, inc

Repeat around.

18 stitches.

Round 4

Pattern:

- 2 sc, inc

Repeat around.

24 stitches.

Round 5

Pattern:

- 3 sc, inc

Repeat around.

30 stitches.

Round 6

Pattern:

- 4 sc, inc

Repeat around.

36 stitches.

Round 7

Sc evenly around.

Round 8

Begin oval shaping.

Work:

- 16 sc
- 2 hdc
- 4 dc
- 2 hdc
- 12 sc

This begins the lower belly curve.

Round 9

Continue body shaping.

Work:

- 14 sc
- 2 hdc
- 6 dc
- 2 hdc
- 12 sc

Round 10

Work evenly in sc around entire piece.

Do not fasten off.



Shaping the Bird Silhouette

The bird body is slightly flattened rather than stuffed heavily.

Lightly stuff if desired, but only use a tiny amount so the brooch stays flat.

Flatten the lower edge slightly with your fingers while crocheting the edge rounds.

Final Edge Round

Work one final round of sc evenly around the shape.

At the beak area:

- ch 2
- sl st back into first chain

This creates the tiny pointed beak.

Fasten off with a long tail.

Main Wing Construction

The wing is the most decorative part of the bird and uses layered feather sections.

Using medium purple yarn.

Foundation

Ch 12.

Starting in second chain from hook:

- 2 sc
- 2 hdc
- 3 dc
- 2 tr
- 1 dc
- 1 hdc

In final chain work:

- 3 dc

Now continue on opposite side of chain.

Work:

- 1 hdc
- 1 dc
- 2 tr
- 3 dc
- 2 hdc
- 2 sc

Sl st to first stitch.

Fasten off.

Feather Layer Details

Create feather ridges using FLO and BLO techniques.

Attach darker purple yarn to lower edge.

Feather Row 1

Work in FLO only:

- sc
- hdc
- dc
- dc
- tr
- dc
- hdc

Fasten off.

Feather Row 2

Using lavender yarn:

Repeat feather shaping slightly shorter than first row.

Feather Row 3

Using dark purple:

Create smallest top feather layer.

These stacked rows create the dimensional layered wing appearance.

Decorative Wing Texture

Using front post stitches:

Add raised feather lines by working FPdc around selected dc stitches from previous rows.

This creates a realistic feather texture exactly like the diagram appearance.

Small Secondary Wing

Using lavender yarn.

Foundation

Ch 8.

Work:

- 2 sc
- 2 hdc
- 2 dc
- 1 tr

On opposite side:

- 2 dc
- 2 hdc
- 2 sc

Fasten off.

Place this smaller wing over the top section of the larger wing during assembly.

Tail Feathers

Make 5 tail feathers.

Tail Feather Pattern

Using dark purple yarn.

Ch 14.

Starting in second chain from hook:

- 2 sc
- 3 hdc
- 5 dc
- 2 tr
- 1 dc

In final stitch:

- ch 2
- sl st

Work opposite side:

- 1 dc
- 2 tr
- 5 dc
- 3 hdc
- 2 sc

Fasten off.

Tail Arrangement

Arrange feathers in a fan shape:

- Center feather longest
- Outer feathers angled outward

Sew together at base only.

Botanical Elements

The brooch includes leaves, berry stems, and tiny flowers.

Leaves

Using teal yarn.

Foundation

Ch 8.

Starting in second chain from hook:

- sc
- hdc
- dc
- dc
- hdc
- sc

At tip:

- ch 2
- sl st

Continue opposite side:

- sc
- hdc
- dc
- dc
- hdc
- sc

Fasten off.

Leaf Veins

Using darker teal:

Embroider a center vein and angled side veins.

Make several leaves in different sizes.

Berry Clusters

Using dark purple yarn.

Berry

Make MR.

Work:

- 6 sc into MR

Round 2:

- inc around

12 stitches.

Fasten off tightly.

Make multiple berries.

Berry Stem

Using teal yarn:

- ch 4
- sl st back down chain

Attach berry to stem tip.

Lavender Flower

Using lavender yarn.

Flower Center

Using dark purple yarn:

- MR with 6 sc

Switch to lavender.

Petals

In each stitch work:

- sl st
- ch 2
- 2 dc
- ch 2
- sl st

Repeat around.

Fasten off.

Assembly Instructions

Now assemble all pieces carefully.

Step 1: Attach Eye

Position eye slightly toward front/top of body.

Sew securely.

Add tiny embroidered eyelash detail if desired.

Step 2: Attach Wings

Place large wing centered on body.

Sew only center section so feather edges remain dimensional.

Layer smaller wing on top.

Sew lightly.

Step 3: Attach Tail

Position tail feathers behind lower body.

Arrange in a fan shape.

Sew securely.

Step 4: Add Botanical Elements

Arrange leaves first.

Then place berry clusters.

Finally add flower pieces.

Layer elements underneath bird edges for a natural composition.

Sew everything securely.

Step 5: Attach Brooch Backing

Turn piece over.

Sew brooch pin backing firmly onto center rear section.

You may glue a small felt circle over stitches for a cleaner finish.

Final Shaping

Gently shape:

- Wing feathers
- Tail curves
- Leaf angles

Steam lightly if needed, but avoid soaking.

Allow piece to dry fully before wearing.

Finished Measurements

Approximate final size:

- Width: 7.5 cm
- Height: 6.5 cm

Helpful Tips

- Keep stitches tight for clean miniature shaping.
- Use embroidery cotton for crisp details.
- Blocking each piece before assembly improves symmetry.
- Layering creates the realistic dimensional bird effect.
- Sew wings loosely so feathers lift naturally.

Finished Purple Bird Brooch

You now have a beautiful dimensional crochet bird brooch featuring:

- Layered sculpted wings
- Decorative floral elements
- Botanical embellishments
- Textured feather details
- Elegant miniature embroidery-style crochet work

This piece can also be used as:

- A bag charm
- Hair accessory
- Decorative applique
- Necklace pendant