

Mabel Chicken

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SUPPLIES

- Size 6 super bulky yarn in any color for the body (29 yds/ 40g), small amount of alternate size 6 colors for Mabel's comb, eyes and beak. I used Bernat Blanket yarn.
- 10 mm safety eyes if preferred
- 8 mm crochet hook
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stuffing material

NOTES

- Use a stitch marker at the start of each round for placement.
- This pattern is worked in continuous rounds, with the exception of the comb. Otherwise, do not join rounds or turn your work.
- Finished size - approximately 5.5" (14 cm) tall.
- You may prefer to use a 7mm hook if using safety eyes to ensure tighter stitches.

You can use a different weight of yarn for this pattern, adjusting to the appropriate hook size, but the size of the finished product will be different.

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ABBREVIATIONS

(US Crochet Terms)

mc	magic circle
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
inc	crochet 2 sc in the same st
dec	invisible decrease
st	stitch
sl st.	slip stitch
ch	chain
BLO	back loop only

SPECIAL STITCHES

Invisible decrease (dec) - Insert hook into front loops of the next two stitches. Yarn over and draw through first two loops. Yarn over and draw through remaining two loops.



BODY

Round 1: 6 sc in mc (6)
Round 2: inc around (12)
Round 3: inc around (24)
Round 4: (3 sc, inc) x 6 (30)
Round 5: sc in **BLO** around (30)
Rounds 6-9: sc around (4 rounds) (30)
Round 10: (3 sc, dec) x6 (24)
Round 11: sc around (24)
Round 12: (2 sc, dec) x6 (18)

Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail for sewing.

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2: Bring tail through back loop only of the last st from the final round, from front to back.



3: Pull gently until tail forms a new set of "top loops".



INVISIBLE FINISH

After completing the final round, the optional 'invisible finish' step creates a seamless transition between the last and first stitches.

1: Pull the loop through to free the yarn tail. With a yarn needle, bring finishing tail through top loops of the second st of the final round, from front to back.



Fold body in half so it's flat. Whip stitch halfway across the top to form the tail.

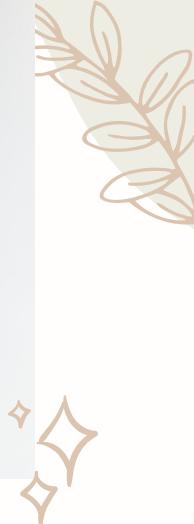


EMBROIDERING THE BEAK

At the open end of the body, use a 14" strand of yarn doubled over to embroider the beak into Round 11 (2nd round from the top). The beak will span 1-2 stitches wide and be looped through only once. Be sure to check that the beak is centered on the open end of the body, using the tail as a reference. Knot ends inside the body to finish off.

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EMBROIDERING THE EYES

Use a 14" strand of yarn for each eye (do not double over). Secure safety eyes or embroider into the top of round 11 (2nd round from the top of the body), there will be one stitch between the beak and each eye. Loop yarn through 2-3 times for each eye. Fasten off, leaving ends inside the body.

Gently stuff the body

Continue to whip stitch across the top of the body to close the head, tucking in any additional stuffing needed. Finish off, and weave in tail.

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COMB

- 1: Ch 3
- 2: In second ch from the hook, (hdc, sl st) in next 2 ch.
3. Fasten off, leave a 12" tail for attaching to the head.

ATTACHING THE COMB

Place the comb on the head, with the end sitting on the highest point. Using a yarn needle and the tail from the crest, sew back and forth to secure with about 5-6 stitches. Weave in ends.



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