

Kitty Tweets

A Simple Knits design



Crochet a flock of birdies for your furry little beasties to chase around. All it takes is a crochet hook, a few yards of yarn, some stuffing, plus a few minutes of your time to make a kitty happy! Tuck a little catnip inside and kitty will be in heaven! I created this pattern to make cat toys for my local no-kill animal shelter. I hope you will consider making and donating some to your local animal shelter.

Materials:

Scraps of worsted weight yarn
7 yards for bird body (Color A)
4 yards for edge details (Color B)
12" of black or brown for eyes

Crochet hook size H (5 mm)

Yarn needle

Polyfill or cotton stuffing

Catnip (optional)

Size: 3" wide x 2" high (not including legs)

Key:

ch - chain	dc - double crochet
hdc - half double crochet	sc - single crochet
st(s) - stitch(es)	



Body Circle:

Round 1: With Color A, wrap yarn around two fingers until it overlaps. Ch2, then work 9 hdc into this ring (10 hdc). Slip stitch to ch2 to join. Pull yarn tail to close ring.

Round 2: Ch2 and hdc in first st, work 2 hdc into each st around (20 hdc). Slip stitch to ch2 to join.

Round 3: Ch3 and dc in first stitch, dc in the next stitch, **[in next st work 2dc, dc in next st]** repeating around (30 Dc). Slip stitch to ch2 to join. Cut yarn; pull yarn tail out of last st. Weave in yarn tails.

Next, you will close the body as you add the tail feathers, legs, feet, and beak. Once you begin this section you will not cut your yarn until have finished the beak.

Tail Feathers:

With Color B, join yarn in any body edge stitch and ch5. Slip stitch in the 2nd ch from hook and next ch, sc in next ch. Slip stitch to join where the ch5 began to finish the tail feather. Repeat from ch5 for a 2nd tail feather.

Don't cut your yarn! Fold the body circle in half with the tail feathers at the fold to begin closing the body.

Slide your hook into a dc from the front AND back of the folded circle and sc to close the edge. Repeat until you have worked 7sc. As you continue on you will add the legs and feet.

Leg & Feet:

Ch8. Slip stitch in the 4th ch from the hook. Then ch4 and slip stitch in the same place as first slip stitch to create a foot. Slip stitch in each ch up the ch8 to the body. Slip stitch to the body at the base of the ch8. One leg complete.

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Slide your hook into a dc from the front and back of the folded circle and sc to add a space between the legs. Then repeat leg and feet instructions once more.

Stop and stuff the bird body. To keep the catnip from falling out, wrap it in a little polyfill before inserting it.

Once the body is stuffed, continue to close the edge. Slide your hook into dc from the front and back of the folded circle and sc in each dc until you get to the fold. Then work the beak.

Beak:

Ch4. Slip stitch in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in next ch, sc and hdc in the last ch. Slip stitch to body.

Cut yarn, pull yarn tail thru last loop. Weave in all yarn tails.

Eyes:

With a length of contrasting yarn, thread a yarn needle and make the eyes. Sew X's (or make knots) on both sides of the head near the beak to create eyes. Weave in all yarn tails.

Kitty tweet done and ready to give to your kitty.
Have fun making a flock of tweets!

