

Big fat chick



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Material:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 15 cm tall.

The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.

Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension.

- Fluffy wool, e. g. Schachenmayr Brazilia (22), some Schachenmayr Catania / Scheepjes Catona orange (281)
- Crochet hook in suitable size (for me: 2.0 mm and 3.5 mm)
- Stuffing
- Eyes in suitable size (for me: 10 mm)

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring

inc = increase

sc = single crochet

dec = decrease

ch = chain

BLO = back loop only

slst = slip stitch

FLO = front loop only

st = stitch

(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times

Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

I hope, it's understandable and I'm really sorry if something sounds weird. 😊

Some hints for crocheting with fluffy wool::

- *Do not use a crochet hook that is too small, at most half a size smaller than indicated. If you crochet very tightly, follow the indications on the label.*
- *Do not crochet too tightly, but also not too loosely (the stuffing should not be visible through the stitches at the end).*
- *Instead of a magic ring crochet ch 2 and make the sc in the 2nd chain from hook*
- *Light, light, light! Light up the crochet as well as possible and you will see the stitches. I now have a daylight lamp on the sofa and illuminate the wool directly. A LED head or reading lamp would also be useful.*
- *If you really can't see the stitches well, pull the threads forward or backward (depending on which side you want to have at the end outside - most fluff is automatically on the back, but I still take the normal side outwards and brush/comb the fluff out).*
- *If the number of stitches is not correct at the end of the round, adjust it with more increases or decreases in the next round, this is not really obvious for this simple shapes.*
- *Ripping will be from really hard to impossible, so it is better to crochet a little slower and more carefully.*
- *If you still can't see the stitches you can use additional thin wool. The thin wool is nearly invisible. Keep in mind: the chick will be taller with additional wool.*
- *If it really, really, really doesn't work, I recommend to use acrylic wool and to brush it well afterwards, then it gets a little fluffy. However, it is worth fighting through the fluffy wool, unfortunately nothing else will come to this result.*

Head/body:

Brazilia, hook size 3.5 mm

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
 2. inc x6 (12)
 3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
 4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
 5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
 - 6.-10. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
 11. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
 12. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
 13. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
 14. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
 15. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
 16. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
 17. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
 18. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
 19. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
 - 20.-29. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)
 30. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
 31. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
 32. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
 33. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
 34. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
 35. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
- Stuff the chick.*
36. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
 37. (sc 2, dec) x6 (12)

Add more stuffing.

38. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off invisibly.

Brush well until it looks very fluffy.



unbrushed - brushed

Wing (make 2):

Brazilia, hook size 3.5 mm

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. (sc 1, inc) x3 (9)
3. sc in each st around (9)
4. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
5. sc in each st around (12)
6. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 7.-9. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing, don't stuff.

Don't forget to brush.

Rump:

Brazilia, hook size 3.5 mm

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-5. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing, don't stuff.

Don't forget to brush.

Beak:

Catania orange, hook size 2.0 mm

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-5. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (12) - *if you don't use fluffy yarn just crochet 1-2 rounds. I think otherwise the beak is a bit too long.*

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing, don't stuff.

Flatten the beak and attach it to the head with a slight curve so that the shape of the beak is formed.

Attach eyes.



Foot (make 2):

Catania orange, hook size 2.0 mm

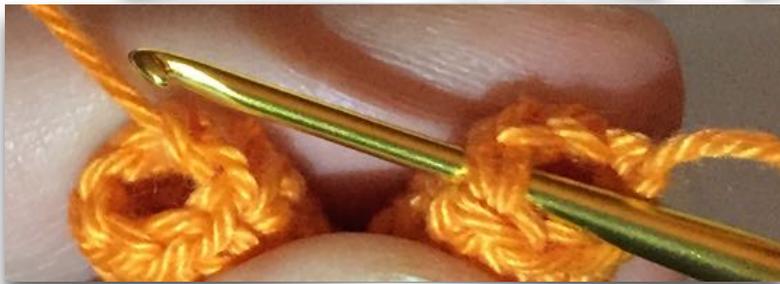
Toe (make 3):

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. (sc 2, inc) x2 (8)
- 3.-5. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (8)

Fasten off the first and second toe, leave a long tail for joining.

Don't fasten off the third toe.

Connect the toes using the end threads, pull the thread through (see photos) and fix with a slip stitch. There should be 3 stitches between the connection points on the middle toe, then everything is correct. :o)



The foot starts here:

6. sc in each st around - *don't crochet into the connecting stitches, sc 7 each at the outer toes and sc 6 at the middle toe* (20)

Hide the loose ends inside the toes and stuff the toes a little (you can also put a piece of pipe cleaner in it).

7. (sc 3, dec) x4 (16)
8. sc in each st around (16)
9. (sc 2, dec) x4 (12)
10. (sc 1, dec) x4 (8)
- 11.-12. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (8)

Stuff the foot a bit.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing. Bring the thread to the middle of the foot (see right picture).



Pin wings, rump and feet and if it's look good for you sew on the pieces.

Congrats, your big fat chick is ready now :o)

