

## crochet pattern

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## Important information before you start:

- Beak, head, neck and body are crocheted in one.
- The head builds up by changing direction (see image page 5 center).
- When working in rounds, it's easier to use a stitch marker.


## Have fun crocheting!

Should you have any questions or difficulties, please feel free to contact me by email at office@kunstfabrikS.at. I'm looking forward to pictures of your runnerducks and wish you good luck and all love! Manuela

## Material:

- crochet hook US Size 12 or 13 ( $2,5 \mathrm{~mm}$ )
- black safety eyes/beads eyes ( 0,2 inch) ( 5 mm )
- Synthetic fiberfill
- Sewing needle
- Stitch marker
- Cottonyarn (I 410 feet/1,8 ounze) in colours:


## Drake:

- yellow
- green
- dark green
- white


## Duck:

- yellow
- beige
- white


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Size: ap. 8 inch

## Shortcuts:

| st | $=$ | stitch |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ch | $=$ | chain |
| tch | $=$ | turning chain |
| sc | $=$ | single crochet |
| slst | $=$ | slip stitch |
| hdc | $=$ | half double crochet |
| dc | $=$ | double crochet |
| inc | $=$ | increase |
| dec | $=$ | decrease |
| Rd. | $=$ round |  |
| bRd. | $=$ round before |  |
| rep | $=$ repeat |  |
| *2 | $=$ repeat 2 times |  |
| cd | $=$ change direction |  |

Note: All information in this crochet pattern has been carefully checked, however, without guarantee. No guarantee can be taken for the success either. Basic crochet skills are required.

Caution when using safety eyes/beads eyes! These can still slip through the stitches and be swallowed by toddlers!! Alternatively, for toddlers you can also embroider your eyes, then be on the safe side.


## Beak:

Crochet with yellow.

1. Rd.: $\quad 6$ sc into a magicring, close with 1 slst [6]
2. Rd.: $6 \mathrm{sc}[6]$
3. Rd.: $\quad(1 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc})$ *3 [9]
4.     - 5. Rd.: $\quad 9$ sc [9] (2 rounds)
1. Rd.: $\quad(2 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc}) * 3$ [12]
2.     - 8. Rd.: 12 sc [12] (2 rounds)
1. Rd.: (3 sc, 1 inc$) * 3$ [15]
2. Rd.: 15 sc [15]
3. Rd.: 15 sc [15]

Color change: After the 11th round, the first color change is due. Instructions can be found on the next page or in the video on my homepage at
https://kunstfabriks.at/index.php/anleitungen-und-downloads.html


## Explanation of color change and loop on new color:

In the following sequence of images, I explain the color change step by step using a pattern piece. Important: The color change is always started in the previous stitch.
You can watch a video of the color change at the following link:
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Work the round until you have two loops on the hook in the last stitch before the color change (the first half of a single crochet).


The stitch marker is in the first single crochet of the new round.


Tighten the thread of the old color (green) so that it almost disappears.


Loop on the new color and finish the stitch with the new color (yellow).


Remove the stitch marker.


Close the round with a slip stitch (yellow). Then continue with single crochets the next round.


Here you can see the slip stitch.


Close the round with a single crochet.


Finish the round.


This is what the finished color change looks like. You will always see it a little bit, but I think it's the best way.


Illustration about the structure of the rounds. Here you can see the steps that result from the change of directions.


## Head:

Green for the drake, white for the duck (colour change in the corner of the mouth).
The head is built in stages (see image on page 5 middle).
Note: If there is a step after the last stitch of the round, closing the step counts towards the 1st stitch of the next round (see step explanation pictures on next page). At each step, on the first stitch of the next row, only crochet in the front loop of the stitch.

1. Rd.: $\quad(2 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc}) * 2,2 \mathrm{sc}$ [10]
2. Rd.: cd (into the 1 st stitch of the hook) $3 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc}, 2 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc}, 3 \mathrm{sc}$ [12]
3. Rd.: cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) 12 sc , continue crocheting, close the rd. with 7 sc [19]
4. Rd.: $\quad 4 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc}, 3 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc}, 4 \mathrm{sc}$ [15]

At each step, on the first stitch of the next round, work only in the front loop of the stitch (see images on the next page).
5. Rd.: cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) 15 sc [15]
6. Rd.: cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) 10 sc [10]
7. Rd.: $\quad$ cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) 6 sc [6]
8. Rd.: cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) 6 sc , close the rd. with 16 sc [22] (4 steps)

At each step, on the first stitch of the next round, work only in the front loop of the stitch (see images on the next page).
9. Rd.: $\quad 22 \mathrm{sc}$ (=one whole round) [22]
10. Rd.: 6 sc [6]
11. Rd.: cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) 6 sc [6]
12. Rd.: cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) $6 \mathrm{sc}, 4 \mathrm{sc}$ [10]
13. Rd.: cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) $4 \mathrm{sc}, 6 \mathrm{sc}, 4 \mathrm{sc}$ [14]
14. Rd.: cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) close the round with 22 sc [22]

At each step, on the first stitch of the next round, work only in the front loop of the stitch (see images on the next page).
(put a stitch marker into the 1st stitch)
15. Rd.: $\quad 3 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{dec}, 6 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{dec}, 4 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{dec}, 3 \mathrm{sc}$ [19]
16. Rd.: 12 sc [12]
17. Rd.: cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) 12 sc [12]
18. Rd.: cd (into the 1st stitch of the hook) $12 \mathrm{sc}, 7 \mathrm{sc}$ [19]

At each step, on the first stitch of the next round, work only in the front loop of the stitch (see images on the next page).

Stuff the head and beak tightly and place the eyes.
19. Rd.: (3 sc, 1 dec$)^{*} 3,4 \mathrm{sc}$ [16]
20. - 24. Rd.: 16 sc (5 rounds) [16]

Color change: After the 24th round there is another color change. See page 3 for instructions or in the video on my homepage at the following link:

## Instruction crocheting a step:

Whether up or down, the step is always crocheted the same way.


To avoid making a hole when crocheting a step, insert the crochet hook in the front loop of the stitch on the side of the step of the previous round (see image 2). Now you have two loops on the crochet hook.


Further down the round, insert the crochet hook into the front loop of the first (yellow) stitch below the step (see image 3). Now you have 3 loops on the crochet hook. Get the thread and pull it through all three loops (see image 4).

Now continue the round with single crochet stitches as described in the pattern.


## Neck:

White for the drake, beige for the duck.

1. -2 . Rd.: $16 \mathrm{sc}[16]$ (2 rounds)

Colour change: After the 2 nd round there is another color change. See page 3 for instructions or in the video on my homepage at the following link:
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## Body:

Dark green for the drake, white for the duck.

Gradually fill the head, neck and body with fiberfill.


1.     - 2. Rd.: 16 sc [16] (2 rounds)
1. Rd.: (4 sc, 1 inc$)^{*} 3,1 \mathrm{sc}$ [19]

Note: On the third repetition (3rd round, stitch 18th) the increasing stitch must be exactly in the middle of the neck (see picture on page 8 below). It is important that the stitch markers are set correctly, that you can check, whether you shifted the first stitch at the color change. You can see the result at about round 30 .

Tip: If it doesn't work, make nevertheless the last increase in the middle of the throat. If you don't, the rump will be not in the middle!

4. - 5. Rd.: 19 sc [19] (2 rounds)
6. Rd.: $\quad(5 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc})^{*} 3,1 \mathrm{sc}$ [22]
7. Rd.: 22 sc [22]
8. Rd.: $\quad(6 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc})^{*} 3,1 \mathrm{sc}$ [25]
9. Rd.: $\quad(7 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc})^{*} 3,1 \mathrm{sc}[28]$
10. - 11. Rd.: 28 sc [28] (2 rounds)
12. Rd.: $\quad(8 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc})^{*} 3,1 \mathrm{sc}[31]$
13. - 14. Rd.: 31 sc [31] (2 rounds)
15. Rd.: (9 sc, 1 inc$)^{*} 3,1 \mathrm{sc}$ [34]
16. - 17. Rd.: $34 \mathrm{sc}[34]$ (2 rounds)
18. Rd.: $\quad(10 \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{inc}) * 3,1 \mathrm{sc}$ [37]
19. Rd.: $\quad 37 \mathrm{sc}$ [37]
20. Rd.: (11 sc, 1 inc$)^{* 3}$, 1 sc [40]
21. Rd.: (12 sc, 1 inc$)^{*} 3,1 \mathrm{sc}$ [43]
22. - 28. Rd.: 43 sc [43] (2 rounds)
29. Rd.: (2 sc, 1 dec)*2, 2 sc , (stitch marker), 12 sc , (stitch marker) ( $2 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{dec}$ )*5, 1 sc [36]
30. Rd.: (2 sc, 1 dec$)^{*} 3,5 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc}, 5 \mathrm{sc},(2 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{dec}) * 3$, 1 sc [31]

In the next round you can see if the markers for the rump are placed correctly.
31. Rd.:
$2 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{dec}, 2 \mathrm{sc}$ (stitch marker); $5 \mathrm{sc}, 2 \mathrm{inc}, 5 \mathrm{sc}$ (stitch marker), ( $2 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{dec}$ ) 3 3, 1 sc [29]
32. Rd.: ( $1 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{dec}$ )*2, (remove stitch marker); $6 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{inc}, 6 \mathrm{sc}$ (remove stitch marker),
( $1 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{dec}$ ) 3 , 1 sc [25]
33. Rd.: $\quad 3 \mathrm{dec}, 11 \mathrm{sc}, 4 \mathrm{dec}$ [18]
34. Rd.: 18 sc [18]

## Stuff the body tightly with fiberfill.

35. Rd.: Sew slit together (see images below).



## Wings:

Dark green for the drake, white for the duck. 2 parts are required (left and right wing).
Start with 10 ch

1. Rd.: cd, 1 sc in the 2 nd ch, 1 sc in each ch (no turning chain!!) [9]
2. Rd.: cd, start in the $2 \mathrm{nd} \mathrm{ch},\left(1 \mathrm{inc}, 2 \mathrm{sc}\right.$ ) ${ }^{*} 2$, 2 sc [10]
3. Rd.: cd, 10 sc [10]
4. Rd.: cd, 10 sc , continue crocheting over the edge, $1 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{hdc}, 1 \mathrm{dc}$ [13]
5. Rd.: cd, $1 \mathrm{tch}, 1 \mathrm{dc}, 1 \mathrm{hdc}, 1 \mathrm{sc}$, continue crocheting over the edge, 10 sc (do not count the tch) [13]

Cut the yarn long so that there is a remainder for sewing. Then in white (drake) or beige (duck) for the wing tip, starting at the rear wing tip, loop on the new color:
6. Rd.: 1 sc , ( 2 hdc in one sc, end with 1 slst in the following sc)*2 [7]

The wings are sewn on in rows 7 and 8 at a slight angle backwards (see image above left).


## Feet:

Crochet with yellow. One waddle foot consists of 4 half parts. 2 parts are sewn together in the middle (see image 1 and 3 ). Now you have one foot (upper and lower part). These are placed on top of each other with the nicer side and sewn together. This creates the thick bulge that is typical of the middle claw of the duck's foot (see images 3 and 4).

Start with 9 ch

1. Rd.: $\quad$ cd, start in the 2 nd chain, 7 sc (cd in the penultimate stitch) [7]
2. Rd.: $\quad c d$, start in the 2 nd chain, 6 sc [6]
3. Rd.: cd, start in the 1st chain, 5 sc [5]
4. Rd.: cd, start in the 2nd chain, 3 sc [3] (1 stitch remains)


Unfold the two sewn together parts $1+2$ again, place two such parts on top of each other and sew them together all around.



## Legs:

Crochet with yellow. 2 parts are required.

1. Rd.: $\quad 6 \mathrm{sc}$ in a magicring, close with one slst [6]
2. Rd.: 6 sc into the stitches of the 1st round [6]

Turn the whole thing after the 2nd round inside out so that you crochet in the right direction again.
3. - 8. Rd.: 6 sc [6] (6 rounds)

The legs are sewn on at the very bottom of the body and of the feet (see image below left). You can determine the positioning of the legs on the body yourself, depending on your preference. Pin them in place with a pin beforehand and see if you like it that way.
So that my ducks made of cotton yarn can stand up on their own like in the pictures, I carefully inserted a wire into each leg from below. They can be placed in a decorative way and look beautiful from all sides (see image below right).






