Crochet Butterflies

This is my version of the popular crochet butterfly pattern, seen here made with Planet Penny Colours mercerised cotton yarn which is perfect for creating a whole flutter of multi-coloured butterflies!
Great for brooches, hair slides, handbag charms or adding a special extra something to a gift wrap.
Vary the yarn thickness and hook size to make different sizes, use just one colour for a more sophisticated look.

Materials:
yarn of your choice and appropriately sized hook.
Sewing needle with large eye.

**Abbreviations:** (British terms**)  **US crochet terms**  
ss Slip stitch  dc = single crochet  
ch Chain  tr = double crochet  
dc Double crochet  ch sp Chain space

**Round 1:** Start with a ‘Magic Circle’ (see [http://planetpenny.co.uk/the-magic-circle/](http://planetpenny.co.uk/the-magic-circle/) for a detailed explanation) and work 3ch (stands as 1st tr), 2tr, 2ch, 3 tr, 2ch, *3tr,2ch, 3tr, 2ch, rep from * until you have 8 groups of 3tr separated by 2ch. Join with a ss into the top of the 3ch at the start of the round. If you are using 3 colours fasten off yarn and leave a tail to stitch in. Pull the tail of the ‘Magic Circle’ to close the hole, but leave a small space. ([Figs 1 – 3])

**Round 2:** Join new yarn in any ch.sp. Work 3ch (stands as 1st tr)2 tr, 2ch, 3 tr, into that ch.sp. then work 3tr, 2ch, 3tr into each ch sp in the round, join with a ss into top of 3ch. ([Eight 3tr,2ch,3 tr groups]) Fasten of yarn leaving as before ([Figs4&5])

**Round 3:** Join new yarn in any ch sp in the centre of a group. Work 3 ch(stands as 1st tr), 7 tr. SS into space between tr group. *Work 8tr into next ch sp, ss into space between group rep from * to complete round. Join with a ss going through the space between the groups and the top of the starting ch at the same time. Fasten off as before. ([Figs6&7])

To Make Up:
Pull ends through at the back of the work to hide and cut off. Fold the work in half so that you have 2 scallop wings on each side. ([Fig8])

**Antennae:**
Make a chain in your chosen colour twice the length you would like for the antennae. Fasten off and sew in the ends. Fold in half. ([Fig9&10])

Using your chosen body colour stitch along the middle of the butterfly (I use a chain stitch) catching in the antennae at the top and you’re done. ([Fig11]) Now make lots!
Fig 5

Fig 6

Fig 7

Fig 8
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