

Crochet Butterflies

This is my version of the popular crochet butterfly pattern, seen here made with 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**)

ss Slip stitch

ch Chain

dc Double crochet

tr Treble crochet

ch sp Chain space

** US crochet terms

dc = single crochet

tr = double crochet

Round 1: Start with a 'Magic Circle' (see <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 off 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!





