

PEACOCK

HEAD AND BODY

Work the head and body in one piece from the top down.

Round 1: using dark blue yarn, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 3: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc* six times (18 sts).

Rounds 4–6: 1 dc in each st (18 sts).

Round 7: 3 dc, *dc2tog* six times, 3 dc (12 sts).

Insert the eyes between rounds 5 and 6, with 5 sts in between. The decreases form the front of the head, so the eyes should be positioned above the decreases. Place a marker in the exact centre of the front.

Round 8: 4 dc, *dc2tog* twice (one decrease on each side of the marker), 4 dc (10 sts).

Stuff the head with toy filling.

Rounds 9–11: 1 dc in each st (10 sts).

Round 12: Place a marker in the centre stitch of the back. This stitch is the start of the round. Work 2 dc in next st, 8 dc, 2 dc in next st (12 sts).

Round 13: *2 dc in next st* three times, 6 dc *2 dc in next st* three times (18 sts).

Round 14: *2 dc in next st* four times, 12 dc, *2 dc in next st* twice (24 sts).

Round 15: 1 dc in each st (24 sts).

Round 16: *2 dc in next st* four times, 18 dc, *2 dc in next st* twice (30 sts).

Round 17: 1 dc in each st (30 sts).

Round 18: *dc2tog, 3 dc* six times (24 sts).

Round 19: *dc2tog, 2 dc* six times (18 sts).

Stuff with toy filling.

Round 20: *dc2tog* until the hole is closed.

CREST

Attach dark blue yarn to round 1 of the head with a sl st.

Make 4 ch, start in the second ch from the hook, 1 htr, 2 sl st, work one more sl st in round 1 of the head.

Repeat until you have 3 crest feathers. Fasten off and darn in the end. Sew the crest to the top of the head, on the adjustable ring.

BEAK

Round 1: using beige yarn, 3 dc in an adjustable ring (3 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in next st, 2 dc (4 sts).

Round 3: 1 dc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc (5 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Do not stuff the beak. Sew it on between the eyes.

LEG (make 2)

Using beige yarn, make 7 ch, then start in the second ch from the hook.

Row 1: 2 sl st in the chain, 3 ch, 2 sl st in the new chain, 3 ch, 2 sl st in the new chain, 4 sl st further down the first chain. Leave an end for sewing. Sew the legs to the underside of the peacock's body.

