Festive Bird Ornament



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Prototype-ready, untested guide. Sample before display or gifting.

Status and US stitch key

Version1.0 | November5,2026 | Prototype-ready, untested making guide. Curated from the supplied Christmas collection; no independent crochet, wash, heat, load or durability test. One design may have colour or embroidery options; they are not extra tested patterns. The original magazine uses UK terms. ALL written instructions in this guide use US terms: UK dc=sc, UK htr=hdc, UK tr=dc. Charts retain their original symbols; interpret their key using this conversion.

US ch=chain;sl st=slip stitch;sc=single crochet;hdc=half double crochet;dc=double crochet;inc=2 stitches in one anchor;sc2tog=draw up a loop in each of2anchors,yarn over through3loops. Dc: yarn over,insert,draw up a loop,yarn over through2loops twice. Hdc: yarn over,insert,draw up loop,yarn over through3. Unless stated otherwise,work under both top loops. Turning chains count only when explicitly stated;joins do not count.

These are indoor decorations,not pet toys,restraint equipment or certified child toys. Hang/store them out of pets’ reach,especially loops,loose yarn,buttons and filling. Do not imply that soft crochet is safe to chew. Keep table textiles away from candle flames and hot cookware;coasters/runners are not tested trivets. Source photos may contain props not required by the pattern. Check actual yarn/component labels and clean a separate sample first. No universal machine-washability or shrinkage result is verified.

Materials and component plan

Reference Nordic yarn: King Cole Baby Alpaca DK, 100% alpaca, 50 g/100 m. Use one side in cranberry, one in fawn and a contrast for wings/beak, with 3.5 mm hook, needle, plain filling and optional ribbon. No per-bird consumption or gauge is given. Reference9 x7 cm size is unverified. Make2 mirrored panels with matching counts. The photograph has button eyes; this main route proposes embroidered eyes, without implying a tested toy conversion. No essential oils are added.

Components: 2 combined body/head/tail panels, 2 optional wings, one beak, perimeter seam and one ch8 hanging loop. A wing may be embroidered instead; it remains one design. Ch1 turning chains do not count. Body-row2 ch2 creates extra working anchors as described below.

Both side panels: body, head and tail

For each side, ch7. R1: sc in second chain and next5 =6, turn. R2: ch2, 2 sc in second chain from hook, sc in next5 old tops, 2 sc in last old top =9, turn. R3: ch1, inc first,7 sc,inc last =11. R4-6: increase first and last with sc between =13/15/17. R7-12:17 sc each, ch1 and turn.

Head R13: ch1,8 sc,turn leaving other9 unworked. R14: ch1,skip first,sc in next7 =7. R15: ch1,skip first,4 sc,sc2tog =5. R16: ch1,3 sc,sc2tog =4. R17: ch1,skip first,sc in next2,sl st in last. This has2 sc plus a finishing slip stitch, not3 sc. Fasten.

Tail: with right side facing, rejoin at fifth top from end of bodyR12 in the unworked section. TailR13: ch1,skip that first top,sc in next4 =4. R14: ch1,2 sc,sc2tog =3. R15: ch1,skip first,2 sc =2. R16: ch1,sc2tog =1. Rotate and sc around the entire outline using matched row-end placements. On ONE panel only, ch8 and anchor that loop just behind the head in the edging. Keep perimeter flat; no fixed tested edge count is supplied. Make the second panel in contrast, mirrored for joining.

Wings, beak and complete assembly

Wings, make2 if using: ch2. R1: sc in second chain =1,turn. R2: ch1,3 sc in same top =3,turn. R3: ch1,sc until final2 tops,inc next,sc last =4,turn. R4-7: repeat that single-increase row =5/6/7/8. The ch1 is a proposed explicit turning chain where omitted in the input; it does not count. Rotate, sc along side to tip,3 sc in tip,then sc down other side. Sample row-end spacing for flatness; no fixed border total is verified. Fasten.

Beak: ch2,2 sc in second chain,fasten with tail. Sew wings on the OUTSIDE of the panels, burying ends inside. Or embroider a wing outline with short running/backstitches. Embroider black eyes in matching locations; the source button photo is a reference only.

Align panels with wings outward and whipstitch the entire perimeter in contrast, securing the beak at the head front as you join. Add plain filling before closing the last gap. Check every attachment seam, not just the outside seam. Thread ribbon through ch8 loop if hanging. Keep the decorative bird away from pets; do not add dangling legs, wire or hard eyes.

Sample, care and display record

Before display,inspect all stitches,seams,ends and attachments. Remove every temporary pin,needle and marker. Keep hanging loops inaccessible to pets and check them for wear. Do not fill ornaments with loose edible treats,essential oils,beans or unlisted hard components. Original photographs are appearance references,not certification or process tests.

Follow the actual yarn and component care instructions together. Test cleaning/blocking on a swatch first,then dry fully. No heat resistance,nonslip property,washing performance or hanging-load rating is established. Adjust edging only after assessing flatness;record actual placements rather than forcing the fabric into shape.

Record yarn/lot____ hook____ stitch/row gauge____ finished dimensions____ edging/seams____ colour or embroidery choices____ actual yarn use____ cleaning/blocking result____ display/hanging check____ changes____. At unchanged counts,a yarn/hook change roughly scales dimensions inversely with your measured stitch/row gauge;resample rather than assuming a tested size. No graded size range is supplied.

General pet-home context checked November5,2026: Cats Protection,Cats at Christmas, https://www.cats.org.uk/help-and-advice/caring-for-your-cat/home-and-environment/seasonal-advice/cats-at-christmas . It does not assess or certify these patterns.

Supplied finished references

P16 | Shared Nordic display with tree, bird and round star ornaments

