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Instant Crochetfication: robin



Although the robin is a cute and friendly bird to humans, it aggressively defends its territory with passion and bravery. This little fellow will lend some robin charm, to a Christmas tree or anywhere he chooses to nest.

You will need:

- < 25g of merino (or any good quality DK/ light worsted wool) in red, brown and white
- 7.5mm black safety eyes (x 2)
- A lovely 3.5mm crochet hook, a little stuffing and a needle and thread
- A pipe cleaner, with most of the fur trimmed off
- 1 hour!

The robin is worked mainly in single crochet continuously, in the round, like a spiral.



Body

Round 1: Start with **white**, Magic circle 8 stitches

Round 2: Increase evenly by 4 sts (2 singles in first chain then 1 single in each of the next two chains, and repeat until end of row) You should now have 12 sts.



Round 3: Increase evenly by 6 sts (2 singles in first chain, 1 single in second, and repeat until end of row) – **Make 6 of these with the red yarn** (*The easiest way is to lay the other colour on top of your stitches and crochet around it*) You should now have 18 sts.

Round 4: Increase evenly by 9 sts (2 singles in first chain, 1 single in second, and repeat until end of row) – **Make 7 of these with the red yarn**. You should now have 27 sts.



Round 5: Increase evenly by 3 sts (2 singles in the first chain, 1 in each of the next 8 then repeat until end of row) – **Make 10 of these with the red yarn**. You should now have 30 sts

Round 6: One st in each chain, one red in each red.

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Round 7: Increase evenly by 6 sts (2 singles in the first chain, 1 single in each of the next 4 chains then repeat until end of row) – **Make 12 of these with the red yarn.** You should now have 36 sts.

Round 8: Increase evenly by 3 sts (2 singles in the first chain, 1 single in each of the next 11, then repeat until end of row)– **Make 14 of these with the red yarn.** You should now have 39 sts.

Round 9: Decrease evenly by 3 sts (Crochet 2 together then, 1 single in each of the next 10, then repeat until end of row)– **Make 14 of these with the red yarn.** You should now have 36 sts.

Round 10: One st in each chain, one red in each red. Cast off.

Wings



Round 1: In **brown**, magic circle 9

Round 2: Increase evenly by 3 sts (2 singles in the first st, 1 single in each of next 2 chain sts, repeat until end of row) You should now have 12 sts (**do 4 red**)

Round 3: increase evenly by 4 sts (2 singles in the first st, 1 single in each of the next 2 chain sts, repeat until end of row) You should now have 16 sts (**do 9 red**)

Round 4-5: 1 st in each chain (**keep reds, red**)

You should now have 9 **red** stitches and 7 **brown** ones



Round 6: Starting on the first **brown** st. Chain 3, crochet 2 double crochet sts in each of the **brown** sts. (Count the turning chain as a double)

Round 7: Chain 3, crochet 2 double crochet sts in each of the first 5 sts (count the turning chain as a double) single crochet in the next 4, Crochet 2 double crochet sts in each of the next 5 sts.

Round 8: Chain 3, crochet a double crochet in each double crochet and a single in each single crochet. Cast off.

Tail

Round 1: Crochet 4 sts into the 4 single sts

Round 2: Increase by 4 sts (crochet 2 singles in each st)

Round 3-8: Using a turning st and keeping 8 sts on each row. Sew the edges together for a standing up tail.



Finishing: Put in eyes, stuff and sew up. Final crochet a chain of 4 and sew on as a v shaped beak. You can brush lightly with a slicker brush to give a more fluffy, feathery appearance, if you like.