Folk Art Bird'

Use any yarn, with appropriate hook. I used DK and a 4.5mm hook, because I tend to crochet quite tightly. Use whatever you like.

Abbreviations:

Ch – chain

Dc – Double crochet

Htr – half treble

Tr – treble crochet

Fo – fasten off

Dcast – does not count as a stitch

Sl st – slip stitch

Rem – remaining

St – stitch

MR – magic ring

Body

1. MR, ch3, 5 tr in ring and pull tight into a half circle. Ch3, turn.
2. Tr in same st as ch3. 2tr in each stitch to end. Ch3, turn.
3. Tr in same st as ch3, tr, * 2tr, tr * to end (the last single tr goes in the top of the ch3 from previous row). Ch3, turn.
4. Tr in same st as ch3, tr, tr, * 2tr, tr, tr* to end (2nd tr of last 2 goes in the top of the ch3 from previous row). Fo.

Head

1. In the same colour, MR, ch2 (dcast) , 6htr in ring, pull semi-circle firmly. Ch2 (dcast), turn.
2. 2htr in each st (12 Htr), ch1 (dcast), turn
3. 1dc in each st to end (12dc) fo leaving tail of about 20-25cm

Carefully sew in all other ends, making sure to fasten your MRs really securely. Use the long end to sew the head to the left hand side of the body, flat edges together, using a flat join like a mattress stitch. Sew in end.

Beak

Using yellow or orange, Ch3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, and next st, ch3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and next st. Fo and tie the ends together securely, using them to sew the beak to the front of the bird's face, and weave in the ends.

Eye

Make a beady little eye with a French knot. (I made this bird for a shawl, but you could sew on a bead or button if you prefer.) I used blue, but any colour that shows well is fine.

Wing

NB: This is a left facing bird – the wing is made in 4 colours, no turning.

1. In a new colour, MR, ch2 (dcast) Htr, tr, Htr, dc, dc, dc. Fo.
2. Join a new colour in top of first htr, ch2 (dcast) Htr, 3tr (in tr from previous row), Htr, dc, dc, dc. Fo.
3. Join a new colour in top of first htr, ch2 (dcast) htr, tr, 3tr (in middle st of 3tr in previous row), tr, Htr, dc, dc, dc. Fo.
4. Join a new colour in top if first htr, ch2 (dcast) Htr, tr, tr, 3tr, tr, tr, htr, dc, dc, dc. Fo.
5. Sew in the joining ends, but leave the dc end ones. Make sure your MR is secure. Work the 'tail ends' until they are together, and give the impression of a tail, and trim to about 6cm.

Crown – 2 colours

1. Ch4, dc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chs. Turn.
2. Ch4, dc in 2nd ch from hook, and next 2 chs, sl st into next st (on crown base), ch5, dc in 2nd ch from hook, and next 3 chs, sl st into next st (on base again), ch4, dc in 2nd ch from hook and next 2chs. Sl st to finish, and fo.
3. Attach new colour, and dc all around the crown, except the bottom, and make 3dcs in the top of each crown point. Sew in ends. Add little tassels to the points – cut 3 pieces of yarn (1 for each point)v about 14 cm long. Fold each one in half, and then bring through the top of the point with your hook about halfway, so that you have a loop in one side, and ends on the other. Hook the ends through the loop, pull tightly to secure, and trim to a cm or so, as desired.

Legs (in yellow or orange)

Ch6. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next st. Ch4, Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, and next 2 sts. Ch3, Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and next st. Sl st into the chain you started with, to complete the first foot neatly. Sl st into the rem 2 sts, back to where you started. Repeat from *to* and then fo, securing the ends and joining to the base of the body carefully so that it looks bird-like.

Sew the rem parts of the bird together as you appliqué them to your background. Or, use a thinner yarn and smaller hook, and join all the pieces to make a brooch. Or you could sew them to a piece of felt which would also stiffen it a little. Have fun!

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