

Materials & Setup

Prepare the following:

- Yarn:
 - Green (main body & head)
 - Red (ruby throat)
 - White (belly detail)
 - Teal (wings & tail)
- Crochet hook: 2.5 mm – 3.5 mm
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- MR = magic ring
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in same stitch)
- dec = decrease (sc2tog)

Step 1: Foundation Chain & Base Structure

1. Start with **ch 15 (base)**
2. This chain forms the **top guideline from head to tail**
3. Work **Row 1 along the chain using sl st (slip stitches)**
4. This creates a firm structural spine for the bird

Keep your tension even — this affects the final shape.

Step 2: Head (Green Pattern)

1. Attach **green yarn** near the top of the base chain
2. Work in rows around the chain:

Head shaping:

- Use **sc and hdc stitches**
 - Increase slightly on outer curve to form a rounded head
 - Follow semi-circle shaping from diagram
3. Continue building density:

- Inner rows: mostly sc
 - Outer rows: add increases for curvature
4. Place eye (optional):
 - Use black yarn or bead at center

Step 3: Ruby Throat (Red Pattern)

1. Switch to **red yarn**
2. Work short rows under the head:

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- Use **dc stitches**
 - Build downward in a triangular shape
3. Follow 5-row structure:
 - Each row expands slightly outward
 - Maintain symmetry

Colorwork tip:

- Carry green yarn behind (intarsia style)
- Keep tension loose to avoid puckering

Step 4: Belly (Green & White Pattern)

1. Switch between **green and white yarn**
2. Begin under the throat section

Construction:

- Use **sc stitches across rows**
 - Approximate **12 sc per row**
3. Shape belly:
 - Gradually increase in width (rows 1–3)
 - Then maintain
 - Slight taper toward tail
 4. Alternate colors subtly:
 - White highlights center belly
 - Green frames outer shape

Step 5: Integrated Leg Detail

1. Legs are worked directly into the body
2. Use small chains:

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Each leg:

- ch 3
- sl st back along chain
- 3. Attach at lower belly section
- 4. Make 2 legs evenly spaced

Step 6: Openwork Wing (Teal Pattern)

Attach **teal yarn** at upper body.

Row 1:

- Work **dc (7–9 stitches)** outward from body

Row 2–6:

- Build elongated loops:
 - ch 10–15 depending on row
 - sl st back or anchor into base

Structure:

- Each row forms a **feather layer**
- Top feathers = longer chains
- Bottom feathers = shorter chains

Important:

- Maintain consistent spacing
- Anchor each loop securely

Step 7: Wing Detailing & Texture

1. Add **sc edging** along inner wing base (approx. 12 sc)
2. Reinforce structure:
 - Use dc and tr stitches at connection points
3. Ensure wing curves naturally:

- Slightly stretch loops for feather effect

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Step 8: Tail (Teal Pattern)

Attach teal yarn at lower body.

Row 1:

- Work foundation stitches outward

Rows 2–6:

- Create long feather strands:
 - ch stitches (varying lengths)
 - sl st back or anchor

Base:

- Final row uses **sc (approx. 8 stitches)**

Tail should fan slightly downward.

Step 9: Final Assembly

1. Check all parts:
 - Head rounded
 - Throat centered
 - Wings symmetrical
 - Tail aligned
2. Weave in all ends carefully
3. Shape the bird:
 - Gently stretch wings and tail
 - Adjust curves by hand
4. Optional:
 - Light blocking for a polished look

Finished Measurements

- Wingspan: approx. **18 cm**
- Head to tail: approx. **15 cm**

Final Result

You now have a **beautiful crochet hummingbird with openwork wings**  

Perfect for:

- Wall decor
- Appliqués
- Gifts
- Nature-inspired crochet collections

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