

# How to make crochet a hummingbird

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**ULTRA-DETAILED TECHNICAL CROCHET DIAGRAM & MASTER PATTERN MAP: HUMMINGBIRD**

**MEASUREMENTS**  
 Wing span: 18cm  
 Head to Tail: 15cm

**Head (Green) Pattern**  
 Wing span: 18cm  
 ch 15 (base)  
 Row 1 1

**Openwork Wing (Teal) Pattern**  
 Row 5  
 Row 3  
 Row 3 sc 8  
 Row 6  
 Row 5  
 Row 4  
 Row 3  
 Row 2  
 Row 1  
 chain-a-sl-st  
 dc 9  
 dc 7  
 sc 12  
 Row 4  
 Row 3  
 Row 2  
 Row 1  
 Total row 3) (32 dc  
 Row 6 (base) sc 8  
 Row 1

**LEG DETAIL MAP**  
 Row 5  
**Ruby Throat (Red) Pattern**

**CONSTRUCTION**  
 Chair-carried sl-st  
 Head to Tail: 15cm

**Belly (Green/White) Pattern**

**Integrated Leg Pattern**

**Detailed Tail (Teal) Pattern**

**RUBY THROAT TRANSITION**  
 Float/Carried Yarn = Green → Exceed legend

**DETAILED STITCH MAP AND COLOR KEY**

	<b>Green Yarn Swatch</b> Approx. 5g required. Green is carried during Red rows.		<b>Red Yarn Swatch</b> Approx. 2g required. Uses Intarsia for throat.
	<b>White Yarn Swatch</b> Approx. 2g required. Use mercerized cotton for definition.		<b>Teal Yarn Swatch</b> Approx. 7g required. Ensure open work chain tension.

CROCHET SYMBOL KEY (US TERMS)	
	Magic Ring (O)
	Chain (ch - o)
	Slip Stitch (sl st - .)
	Single Crochet (sc - x)
	Half Double Crochet (dc - T with bar)
	Double Crochet (dc - T with bar)
	Treble Crochet (tr - T with 2 bars)
	Decrease (sc2tog - sc with joined top)
	Increase (inc - 2 sc in 1 st)
	Treble Mesh Stitch (tr-mesh - specific tr/ch motif)

## **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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