bird up pillow

Crochet this pillow and let him fly into your life (or set him free to be in someone else's life). His bright attitude will add a lively spark to the room.

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INTERMEDIATE

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Pillow measures 14" wide x 10" high after felting.

STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller™ "Full o' Sheep™": 3 balls 2260 Clementine **A**, 1 ball each 2925 Passion fruit **B**, 2205 Little Lamb **C**, and 2012 Black Sheep **D**.

Crochet Hook: 8mm [US L-11].
Yarn needle, crib size polyester batting.

GAUGE: 10 sts = 4"; 8 rows = 4" in hdc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Note: This project is crocheted loosely so that the fibers can rub together and felt in the washing machine.

PILLOW

Body (Make 1)
Round 1: With **A**, ch 3, 7 hdc into 3rd ch from hook; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch – 8 sts.
Round 2: Ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in same st as joining, 2 hdc in each hdc around; join – 16 sts.
Round 3: Ch 2, 2 hdc in next hdc, [hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 7 times; join – 24 sts.
Round 4: Ch 2, hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, [hdc in next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 7 times; join – 24 sts.

Continue to increase 8 sts every round working one more hdc between each of the 8 increases until the circle measures 20" across. Fasten off leaving 36" long yarn tail.

Wings (Make 2)
Round 1: With **B**, ch 20; 3 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 16 ch, 4 hdc in last ch, working on opposite side of beginning ch, hdc in next 16 ch; join – 40 sts.
Round 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st as joining, 2 hdc in next 3 hdc, hdc in next 16 hdc, 2 hdc in next 4 hdc, hdc in next 16 hdc; join – 48 sts.
Round 3: Ch 2, * [2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next hdc] 3 times, 2 hdc in next hdc *, hdc in next 17 hdc; repeat from * to *; hdc in next 16 hdc; join – 56 sts.
Round 4: Ch 2, hdc in next hdc, * [2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 2 hdc] 3 times, 2 hdc in next hdc *, hdc in next 18 hdc; repeat from * to *; hdc in next 16 hdc; join – 64 sts.
Round 5: Ch 2, hdc in next 2 hdc, * [2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 3 hdc] 3 times, 2 hdc in next hdc *, hdc in next 19 hdc; repeat from * to *; hdc in next 16 hdc; join – 72 sts.

Continue to increase 8 sts every round as established every round for 5 more rounds – 112 sts. Fasten off leaving 36" long yarn tail.

Eyes (Make 2)
Round 1: With **C**, ch 3, 7 hdc in 3rd ch from hook; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch – 8 sts.
Round 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st as joining, 2 hdc in next 2 hdc, (hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc) all in next hdc, 2 hdc in next 3 hdc, (hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc) all in next hdc; join. Fasten off leaving 18" long yarn tail.

Beak (Make 1)
Row 1: With **D**, ch 3, 3 hdc in 3rd ch from hook; turn – 4 sts.
Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in first hdc, 2 hdc in next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in top of beginning ch; turn – 8 sts.
Rows 3 and 4: Ch 2, hdc in first hdc, 2 hdc in each hdc across and in top of ch-2; turn – 32 sts at end of Row 4. Fasten off leaving 18" long yarn tail.

Assembly
Fold body circle in half. Sew beak to one end. Arrange eyes and wings to be symmetrical on each side (front and back) of body. Sew each piece down to circle. Tack wings in several places to hold them snuggly against the body. With **D**, embroider pupils on eyes.

Fold batting in several layers to fill bird shape. Cut to correct shape. Slip st around edge of body to close pillow, adding more stuffing to corners and edges. Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

Felting
Place assembled pillow in washing machine with old towels or jeans. Use hot water, detergent and longest wash cycle. Check felting progress frequently. When felted as desired, remove from washer and rinse in sink. Squeeze out excess water. Pull and stretch to desired shape, tugging at batting to even out filling. Allow to dry in warm draft for a day or two. With **C**, embroider dots on wings.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A**, **B**, **C**, etc. = color A, B, C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tr** = treble crochet; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

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