

## **Crochet pattern for making a Origami crane:**

### **U.S / European Version**

#### **Materials :**

- Crochet hook in size that is suggested with the yarn you take
- About 5 – 10 grams of yarn depending on which size you are making it. For the examples is used :



- for the green version i used a acrylic yarn like Scheepjes Colour Crafter and a hooksize : 4 mm.
  - for the blue one i used a blended cotton/wool mix like Scheepjes Stonewashed with hooksize 3,5 mm.
  - For the brown one i took a cotton type like Catania, Scheepjes Catona or Phildar Cotton with hooksize 2,5 mm
  - For the light red one i used a sockyarn with hooksize 2,5 mm.
- Scissors and a sewing needle

#### **Abbreviations in U.S/European terms :**

Ch – chain

Sl st – slip stitch

Sc – single crochet

Dec – sc decrease

Blo – crochet in back loop of stitch

Flo – crochet in front loop of stitch

## Notes :

- While working on your crane it can become a bit bobbled or fuzzy, when finished you can correct this by blocking the wings and put things in position. More details at the end of the pattern.
- For making this crane a little experience is needed. So when your new to crochet i won't recommend this pattern yet. Stitches are really basic but putting it together takes a little creativity. Of course it stays a handmade item which may have some signs of it.
- You can make a crane out of any yarntype you have, although i recommend a cotton type one. I used a acrylic one for the large green but cotton turns out better in the end.
- Use any scrap yarns left for them ! Most of the sizes takes between 5 to 10 grams of yarn and the little ones even 3 grams. Perfect for using up the scraps.
- I am a lefthanded crocheter, in instruction photos looks like it is done in a different direction if you are right handed. Keep that in mind when looking at them.

## Pattern :

### Wings and body part :

Row 1 : ch2 and make a sc in second ch. Ch1 and turn. ( 1 sc )

Row 2 : Make 2 sc in first sc. Ch1 and turn. ( 2 sc )

Row 3 : 1sc in each st. Ch1 and turn. ( 2 sc )

Row 4 : Make 2 sc's in first st, 1 sc in next st. Ch1 and turn. ( 3 sc )

Row 5 : 1 sc in each st. Ch1 and turn ( 3 sc )

Row 6 : Make 2 sc's in first st, 1 sc in next st, make 2 sc's in next st. Ch1 and turn. ( 5 sc )



Row 7 : 1 sc in each st. Ch1 and turn. ( 5 sc )

Row 8 : Make 2 sc's in first st, 1 sc in next 3 st, make 2 sc's in next st. Ch1 and turn. ( 7 sc )

Row 9 and 10 : 1 sc in each st. Ch1 and turn. ( 7 sc )

Row 11 : 1 sc in back loop of each st. Ch1 and turn.*you can see the result in photo 1* ( 7 blo sc )

Row 12 – 15 : 1 sc in each st. Ch1 and turn. ( 7 sc )

Row 16 : 1 sc in front loop of each st. Ch1 and turn. ( 7 flo sc )

Row 17 and 18 : 1 sc in each st. Ch1 and turn. ( 7 sc )

Row 19 : 1 dec over first 2 st, 1 sc in next 3 st, 1 dec over last 2 st. Ch1 and turn. ( 5 sc )

Row 20 : 1 sc in each st. Ch1 and turn. ( 5 sc )

Row 21 : 1 dec over first 2 st, 1 sc in next st, 1 dec over last 2 st. Ch1 and turn. ( 3 sc )

Row 22 : 1 sc in each st. Ch1 and turn. ( 3 sc )

Row 23 : 1 dec over first 2 st, 1 sc in next st. Ch1 and turn. ( 2 sc )

Row 24 : 1 sc in each st. Ch1 and turn. ( 2 sc )

Row 25 : 1 dec over both st. Ch1.



*The finished body/ wing part you can see on the photo here on the left.*

You are now on the top part of the wing. From here on there are two options to go further. You have to crochet along the complete side of this body and wing part. You can do this with slip stitches but also with single crochets. Both ways are explained, it doesn't matter which one you choose, it is just which one you like most. The version with the sl st's is a little

more sophisticated i guess and the one with the sc's is a bit better if you like some "heavier" wings.

Version with slip stitches :



*Here you'll see how you sl st between the rows.*



*Photo 2*

In Photo 2 you'll see you reach the other wing. Sl st into the top, ch 1 and continue along the other side with sl st.



You ended with a ch1 and you just go on sl st your way through the entire sides of the body/wing part. Pick up every sl st on the sides by putting through your hook equally and repeatedly between rows. It really doesn't matter how much sl st you use, because they have no further use. One important thing you have to do when you reach the top of the other wing when sl st one side – make a sl st in the top and ch 1. Now you can go on sl st the other side.

When you reached the beginning point, sl st in the first sl st made and fasten off yarn. Weave in the end and the begin thread of the body/wing part.

Single crochet version :



*Making sc's on the side*

*at the top of the other wing, sl st into top and ch1.*

You start with a ch1 on the hook with which you ended. Just make sc's along the side all around by inserting hook equally and repeatedly along the side. How many sc's you make is not important because they have no further use. The only important thing is when you reach the top of the other wing after you sc's the first side, make a sl st in the top and ch1. After this you can make sc's in the other side. When you reach the beginning point where you started, make a sl st in the top and fasten off. Weave in this end and the beginning thread of the body/wing part. The end result will look like this :





You can form the body part already a little now. Because there is a front loop and a back loop row on the side above unused, it forms naturally sides between the wings and the body when you fold and push it a little. However you don't have to do anything with it right now.

Tail :



Row 1 : ch2 and make a sc in the second st. Ch1 and turn ( 1 sc )

Row 2 : Make 2 sc's in the st. Ch1 and turn. ( 2 sc )

Row 3 – 6 : Make 1 sc in each st. Ch1 and turn ( 2 sc )

Row 7 : Make 2 sc's in first st, 1 sc in next st. Ch1 and turn ( 3 sc )

Row 8 and 9 : make 1 sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. ( 3 sc )

Row 10 : make 1 sc in each st. Ch1. ( 3 sc )

Now the tail is crocheted but you need to fold it double and crochet it together with sl st. This sounds a bit tough but i'll try to explain it.



The photos will explain how it works. You put your hook through a side on which you work ( indicated with a 1 on the photo ), and you put on that same hook a loop of the side which lies on the opposite of it ( which i also indicated with a 1 ). Then pull a loop of yarn through all loops on the hook and slip it directly through. You make a sl st actually but when doing it through both side loops on the hook you pull the sides together and close it at the same time. On the photo next to it you see how you get a sl st line over the tail when finished some of them. How much sl st or side loops you pull up doesn't matter, as long as you do it equally to the end. When you closed it this way to the top, fasten off your yarn.



The end result will lead to the photo on the left here. You will actually have two threads left in the end. One from the beginning ch2 and the end thread of closing. Weave in both ends.

I can imagine it don't sounds easy, however it is not that hard when you actually are doing it. Just crochet the tail, fold both sides together and close it with sl st's along the sides.



Neck and head :

Row 1 : ch2 and make a sc in the second st. Ch1 and turn ( 1 sc )

Row 2 : Make 2 sc's in the st. Ch1 and turn. ( 2 sc )

Row 3 – 6 : Make 1 sc in each st. Ch1 and turn  
( 2 sc )

Row 7 : Make 2 sc's in first st, 1 sc in next st. Ch1 and turn ( 3 sc )

Row 8 : make 1 sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. ( 3 sc )

Row 9 : make 1 sc in each st. Ch1. ( 3 sc )

Now do the same as you did with the tail part before. Combine both sides with sl st and close it. If you don't remember it anymore, look at the tail part again. The end result is something like this :



Then it is time to create the head. The photos under this instructions show the steps made for this. Refer to them to see what to do when the written steps don't make sense for you.

You end at the top with a sl st after closing the neck. Then ch 1 and insert your hook into the neck above the top. It doesn't really matter where exactly it is, just find a suitable space where you can pull your hook through. Just choose a spot exactly in the middle of the neck under the top where you just ended. When you found a good place to insert the hook, make 3 sc's in that space. Ch1 and turn.

- Make 1 sc in the first 2 stitches. The third st you leave it as it is. You don't use that one. Ch1 and turn.
- Make a dec over both stitches and fasten off.
- Weave in the end thread and the begin thread with which you started the neck.



Combining parts :

Now the main body parts are done, it is time to combine the three pieces.





You have to attach the tail and the neck on the middle body part between the front loop row and the back loop row. To do this take a long thread of yarn and a sewing needle and sew it on the body part.



Above you see a example of how the neck is attached to the body and what the end result is. The same goes for the tail on the back.



Weave in all yarn ends you used for attaching the parts. I recommend weave the in on the under side of the body part.

Upper triangle part :

Time for the final part that will form the crane and combine tale and neck together also. For that attach yarn with a long begin thread on your hook with a slip knot and make a slip stitch through the second back loop on the blo row. ( You made a 7 stitch flo and blo row, you will skip the first and last st of these rows while working with them )



In this part we are gonna do the same as the closing tail and neck thing. Your hook is attached in the second blo. Put up a loop through the second front loop on the other side. They are opposites of each other. When you have both loops on the hook, make a sc.

Proceed this way working upwards to the neck using the blo and flo of the rows on both sides, combining and closing them together with sc's.



You now have 5 sc's on the row. The sixth sc you gonna make in the begin of the neck. Just insert your hook through a point in the neck that is in line with the sc row. Make a sc in the neck. Ch1 and turn.

Make 1 sc in each of the next 6 stitches. Now you have reached the tail.



When you reach the tail, you have to pick up two loops in the tail. Just insert your hook in a first point that is in line with the sc row and pull up a loop, then pick up another loop in a point above the other. With these two loops, make a decrease by pulling a loop through all loops on the hook. Ch1 and turn.

Skip the first stitch which will be the decrease and make 1 sc in each of the next 6 stitches. You are now back at the neck.



Now pick two points in the neck just as you did on the tail to pull up a loop and make a decrease with both loops. ( you see the result after the decrease on the photo ) Ch1 and turn. You now have 7 sc's.

Now it is time to form the point top.

Row 1 : Make a dec over the first 2 stitches, 1 sc in next 3 st, make a dec over last 2 stitches. Ch1 and turn. ( 5 sc )

Row 2 : Make a dec over the first 2 stitches, 1 sc in next st, make a dec over last 2 stitches. Ch1 and turn. ( 3 sc )

Row 3 : Make a dec over first 2 stitches, 1 sc in next st. Ch1 and turn. ( 2 sc )

Row 4 : Make a dec over 2 stitches. ( 1 sc ) and fasten off.

Weave in top end thread. The begin thread you can use when weaving it in to secure little corrections on body to put it in a good position or correct the line in which it stands on the body.



Your crane is done after this. However it maybe is a bit out of shape because of all the sewing and crocheting at it. You can shape it up by ironing the wings a little if the yarn type you have used can hold it against the heat. However i like to block a crane down with two pins.





Spray the crane with some water when blocked and let it dry by air. When dried remove the pins and you will see it keeps the shape it has without being bobbly or out of shape.

Enjoy your handmade, crocheted origami crane ! Also try folding them with paper if you don't master that yet. It is so much fun to do either ! And remember the idea behind the origami crane. It is a token of luck.



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