



**My Little Ducky Ball** by Kathy Bartholomew

My husband loves ducks. There is something about them that he can relate to. Maybe its Donald Duck with his bad attitude, maybe its my love of the Anaheim Ducks, who knows. He asked me to create a ducky for him, to go along with other duck memorabilia so here you have it. Kids of all ages will fall in love with it.

It is an easy pattern, you should be able to single crochet in the round Check out You Tube videos on how to crochet in the round. Once you get the hang of it, you will be making all kinds of animals.

I know what you are thinking with the materials list. I have been crocheting animals for 10 years now, and I find that even though the Red Heart can be quite rough, it holds up much better than any other acrylic yarn. And when you wash it, it does soften nicely.

### **Materials**

Worsted weight yarn, I used Red Heart Super Saver bright yellow and bright orange

F Hook 3.75mm

G Hook (4.25mm) 4.00mm will work

9mm Safety Eyes

Fiberfill stuffing

Darning needle, scissors, stitch marker or safety pin

### **Abbreviations**

ss-slip stitch

sc-single crochet

st-stitch (es)

rnd-round

NOTE: when increasing or decreasing, the instructions will state to repeat around from \*(), that means what is written between the parentheses you will do that a multiple of times.

## INSTRUCTIONS

You will start with the Magic Loop method for round one. If you do not know how to do that, be sure to check out the You Tube videos to learn it. Otherwise you can Ch2, then 6sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook and continue with round 2.

Rnd 1: With Magic Loop, Ch 1, 6sc in loop. Pull slightly but not too tight.	6sc
Rnd 2: 2sc in each stitch. Repeat around 6 times. Now place a stitch marker at this spot. Move it up after each round.	12sc
Rnd 3: *(2sc in 1 <sup>st</sup> st, sc in next st), repeat from * () around 6 times	18sc
Rnd 4: *(2sc in 1 <sup>st</sup> , sc in next 2 sts), repeat from *() around 6 times	24sc
Rnd 5: *(2sc in 1 <sup>st</sup> , sc in next 3 sts), repeat from *() around 6 times	30sc
Rnd 6: *(2sc in 1 <sup>st</sup> , sc in next 4 sts), repeat from *() around 6 times	36sc
Rnd 7: *(2sc in 1 <sup>st</sup> , sc in next 5 sts), repeat from *() around 6 times	42sc
Rnd 8: *(2sc in 1 <sup>st</sup> , sc in next 6 sts), repeat from *() around 6 times	48sc

Increases are complete.

Rnds 9-20 Leave the stitch marker here and SC around for 12 rounds. You will then start to decrease. Now is the time to place your safety eyes. I placed the eyes at about round 10. Place them about 5 stitches apart. If you choose not to use safety eyes, embroider the eyes instead.

Rnd 21: *(SC2tog, sc in next 6 sts), repeat from *() around 6 times	42sc
Rnd 22: *(SC2tog, sc in next 5 sts), repeat from *() around 6 times	36sc
Rnd 23: *(SC2tog, sc in next 4 sts), repeat from *() around 6 times. Begin to stuff	30sc
Rnd 24: *(SC2tog, sc in next 3 sts), repeat from *() around 6 times	24sc
Rnd 25: *(SC2tog, sc in next 2 sts), repeat from *() around 6 times	18sc
Rnd 26: *(SC2tog, sc in next st), repeat from *() around 6 times . Make sure your ducky is fully stuffed by this round.	12sc
Rnd 27: SC2tog, around 6 times. SS in 1 <sup>st</sup> sc, bind off leaving a long tail.	6sc

Take needle, thread the yarn tail, weave in and out between the last round, pull tight, make a slip knot and remove needle. Take your scissors and push that tail back into the ducky to hide it. Body is now done. Time to crochet the beak and feet.

**DUCK BEAK** ( F Hook )

You will be working on both sides of the chain, the top side and the bottom side.

With a long tail, Chain 6; 2sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook, sc in next 3 chs, 2sc in last ch, TURN your work to the bottom and 2sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2sc in last st. You will have 14 sts.

Place stitch marker. Do not join; SC around for 5 rows. SS in last st, bind off and leave a long tail.

Look at the duck beak, it has holes, right? Turn inside out, get darning needle, thread the beginning tail, and whipstitch those 4-6 stitches closed. Turn right side out, and leave that beginning tail inside.

Stuff beak, and sew between the eyes as shown in photo

**DUCK FEET** Make 2 (F Hook)

Worked the same way as the beak... you are working on both sides of the chain.

Leave a long tail, Ch 5; 2sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, 2sc in last ch; TURN your work to bottom of chains and 2sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2sc in last st. You will have 12 sts.

Place stitch marker. Do not join; SC around for 4 rounds. Turn inside out and stitch those open stitches close (just like in the beak).

Stuff feet, and sew to body, equally distanced between the beak. If you turn your duck over, you can see the rounds of decrease. I place my duck's feet about the first round of decrease and sew there.

If you want to add hair pieces to top of duck, just cut 6in strips of yarn. Fold in half, use F hook, and attach to round 1 of duck head. And you are done.

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Thank You for purchasing my pattern. I look forward to seeing your duckies on Ravelry.

Feel free to email me questions regarding this pattern: [BunyCrochet@aol.com](mailto:BunyCrochet@aol.com).

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