

Crochet Nest Pattern & Handy Tips

This pattern is for crocheted birds nest that are to ARCG team preferences | Prepared by Tim Jackson of fb.me/yarningwithtim



Handy tips before you start...

Acrylic is your friend and is perfectly fine to use for birds nest as well as any other natural fibers, colours don't matter either they can be any colour combination.

This is a 2 yarn strand pattern. Tension is important, the stitches should be even and fairly tight and no strands hanging loose anywhere, it does sometimes happen but is easily corrected by undoing a few stitches then redoing the stitch that is loose.

A good yarn combination is 1 strand 10ply cotton and 1 strand 8ply acrylic using a 5 - 5.5mm hook OR 2 separate strands of 8ply acrylic and a 4 - 4.5mm hook depending on your preference.

This pattern is written in US single crochet (sc) terminology but if you use UK terminology it is UK double crochet (dc).

The Pattern

Starting ring: Chain 3, push hook into first stitch of chain and slip stitch to create a ring. Or, create a magic ring.

Round One: Chain one and then sc ten times into the ring, slip stitch to join last and first stitch of this round.

Round Two: chain one then do 2sc in to each stitch until you've worked around the ring to first stitch again, join with slip stitch and chain one

Round Three: 2sc in to first stitch then 1sc in to the next stitch, repeat around the ring doing 2sc in first stitch and 1sc in the next, once you are at the end of round join with slip stitch

Round Four: chain one and then 2sc in to first stitch the 1sc in to each of the next two stitches then repeat around the ring with 2sc in first st, 1sc in next 2st, at end of ring join with slip stitch

Round Five: chain one and then 2sc in to first stitch the 1sc in to each of the next three stitches then repeat around the ring with 2sc in first st, 1sc in next 3st, at end of ring join with slip stitch

Round Six: chain one and then 2sc in to first stitch the 1sc in to each of the next four stitches then repeat around the ring with 2sc in first st, 1sc in next 4st, at end of ring join with slip stitch

Round Seven: chain one and then 2sc in to first stitch the 1sc in to each of the next five

stitches then repeat around the ring with 2sc in first st, 1sc in next 5st, at end of ring join with slip stitch

By this point you should have a base big enough for a small nest, if you wish to only make a small nest then from here you would do 1sc in each stitch for as many rounds as it takes to make the walls of the nest approximately 4inches tall, to finish slip stitch in to the next stitch then pull thread through that stitch a cut a tail approximately 15cm long, pull tight and weave in tail.

If you wish to make a larger nest, after rounds seven continue with rounds increasing as follows until you reach size you want... please note that larger nests require larger walls also be sure to make the walls proportionate to the nest.

Round Eight: chain one, 2sc in one stitch then 1sc in the next 6 stitches- repeat till end and slip

Round Nine: chain one, 2sc in one stitch then 1sc in the next 7 stitches- repeat till end and slip stitch

Round Ten: chain one, 2sc in one stitch then 1sc in the next 8 stitches- repeat till end and slip stitch

Round Eleven: chain one, 2sc in one stitch then 1sc in the next 9 stitches- repeat till end and slip stitch

Round Twelve: chain one, 2sc in one stitch then 1sc in the next 10 stitches- repeat till end and slip stitch

by now you should have the hang of how to increase more rows if you wish to...

Dimensions

Small nests have a base of roughly 3inch (7.5cm) diameter and walls of approximate 3.5-4inch (9-10cm) in height

From that you can make pretty much any size you wish to up to an extra-large nest of 12inch (30cm) base and 15inch (38cm) walls

The walls are slightly longer than the base as they're often folded down slightly which gives the rim a good height but that added strength for a bird to perch on without it collapsing under their weight. There are no perfect sizes as birds also come in all shapes and sizes!

