

RUFFLEHEAD crochet pattern



INTRODUCTION

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THE STORY

This character was inspired by the story of The Richest Sparrow in the World by Zdeněk Miler and Eduard Petiška. Based on the illustrations in the book, I made a crocheted version of the little sparrow, called Rufflehead.

The story of The Richest Sparrow in the World by Zdeněk Miler and Eduard Petiška.

The well-known author of the popular Little Mole stories tells the tale of Rufflehead, a jealous and voracious little sparrow, who learns the hard way that a small bird can't get far without the help of his companions, and that true friendship is worth more than any riches. The charming and educational story was inspired by Zdeněk Miler's colourful illustrations.

NOTES

- There are hyperlinks in the pattern, so you can click on the blue and underlined words and it will lead you to the corresponding part of the document.
- If you make this toy for an infant or a toddler, please take into consideration the toy making laws and regulations. For safety reasons, embroider the face. If you use safety eyes and nose, please call attention to the fact that adult supervision is required. Products that contain small parts may pose a choking hazard and should not be given to children under 3 years old.
- Some of the illustrations were not created while making this particular toy, so the colour of the plush toy shown in the pictures may differ from the pattern. This, however, makes no difference, as the methods are the same.
- If you are using another type of yarn than the one mentioned in the pattern, the finished size of the toy may be different. In this case, choose the hook size accordingly!
- Work in a spiral unless the pattern states otherwise!
- For the more difficult parts, there are video tutorials as well.
- I made this crochet figure with X stitch single crochets, if you make it with V stitch single crochets, it may differ somewhat from what you see in the picture.

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TOOLS AND MATERIALS NEEDED

- 3 mm crochet hook
- cotton yarn (50g /75 m, medium weight/ aran (4) yarn)
 - dark grey
 - light grey
 - black
 - white
- black yarn or embroidery thread for embroidering the face
- stuffing

* I used the following type of yarn for mine:

- cotton yarn: Drops Paris
 - dark grey - 24
 - light grey - 23
 - black - 15
 - white - 16
- Finished size with this type of yarn: 18 cm (from the ends of the hair to the feet)

ABBREVIATIONS

MR = magic ring

Ro = row

R = round (working in rounds)

ch = chain

slst = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

hdc = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

inc = increase = work more stitches into one stitch, the number and type of stitch is indicated in parentheses. e.g.:

- inc(2sc) = work 2 single crochets into one stitch
- inc(1sc, 1hdc) = work 1 single crochet and 1 half double crochet into one stitch

tog = together/decrease = crochet together the next stitches (the number and the type of stitches indicated before 'tog'), e.g.:

- sc2tog = the next 2 stitches are crocheted together as a single crochet
- dc5tog = the next 5 stitches are crocheted together as a double crochet
- inv-sc2tog = the next 2 stitches are crocheted together as a single crochet with invisible decrease

FLO = front loops only

BLO = back loops only

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BODY

Tools/Materials needed:

- ✓ 3 mm crochet hook
- ✓ dark grey, light grey, white, black yarn

Start with dark grey yarn. This is the main colour of the body, only additional colours are indicated in the pattern.

R1:	6sc into a MR	(6)
R2:	[inc(2sc)]*6	(12)
R3:	[1sc, inc(2sc)]*6	(18)
R4:	1sc; inc(2sc); [2sc, inc(2sc)] *5; 1sc	(24)
R5:	[3sc; inc(2sc)] *6	(30)
R6:	2sc; inc(2sc); [4sc; inc(2sc)] *5; 2sc	(36)
R7:	[5sc; inc(2sc)] *6	(42)
R8:	42sc	(42)
R9:	[13sc, inc(2sc)] *3	(45)
R10:	17sc; 2 white sc; 7sc; 2 white sc; 17 sc	(45)
R11:	7sc; inc(2sc); 8sc; 4 white sc; 2 sc; inc(2sc); 2sc; 4 white sc; 8sc; inc(2sc); 7sc	(48)
R12:	17sc; 4 white sc; 6sc; 4 white sc; 17 sc	(48)
R13:	inc(2sc); 10sc; inc(2sc); 5sc; 4 white sc; 6sc; 4 white sc; 5sc; inc(2sc); 11sc	(51)
R14:	20sc; 3 white sc; 6 sc; 3 white sc,; 19sc	(51)
R15:	16sc; inc(2sc); 17sc; inc(2sc); 16sc	(53)
R16:	20sc; 5 light grey sc; 5sc; 5 light grey sc; 18sc	(53)
R17:	sc2tog; 17sc; 7 light grey sc; 3sc; 7 light grey sc; 16sc; inc(2sc)	(53)



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- R18: 17sc; 19 light grey sc; 17sc (53)
- R19: Chain 7, start in the second chain from your hook: 6 sc into the chain, continue working on the body [17sc; 19 light grey sc; 17 sc]; 6 sc on the other side of the chain (65)
- R20: [inc(2sc)] *2; 21sc; 19 light grey sc, 21sc; [inc(2sc)] *2 (69)
- R21: [1 sc; inc(2sc)] *2; 21 sc; 19 light grey sc; 21 sc; [1sc; inc(2sc)] *2 (73)
- R22: 27sc; 19 light grey sc; 27sc (73)
- R23: 5sc; sc2tog; 10sc, sc2tog; 8sc; 19 light grey sc; 8sc, sc2tog; 10sc; sc2tog; 5sc (69)
- R24: 3sc; sc2tog; 20sc; 8 light grey sc, light grey sc2tog, 9 light grey sc; 20 sc; sc2tog; 3sc (66)
- R25: 5sc; sc2tog; 10sc, sc2tog; 5sc; 18 light grey sc; 5sc; sc2tog; 10 sc; sc2tog; 5sc (62)
- R26: 2sc; sc2tog; 18sc; 18 light grey sc; 18 sc; sc2tog; 2sc (60)
- R27: 4sc; sc2tog; 8sc; sc2tog; 5sc; 3 light grey sc; light grey sc2tog, 8 light grey sc; light grey sc2tog; 3 light grey sc; 5sc; sc2tog; 8sc; sc2tog; 4sc (54)
- R28: [7sc; sc2tog] *2; 1sc; 6 light grey sc; light grey sc2tog; 8 light grey sc; sc2tog; 7sc; sc2tog; 6sc; sc2tog (48)
- R29: 3sc; sc2tog; 6sc; sc2tog; 4sc, 2 light grey sc; light grey sc2tog; 6 light grey sc; light grey sc2tog; 3 light grey sc; 3sc, sc2tog; 6 sc; sc2tog; 3sc (42)
- R30: [5sc; sc2tog] *2; 1sc; 4 light grey sc; light grey sc2tog; 5 light grey sc; light grey sc2tog; [5sc; sc2tog] *2 (36)
- Stuff the body! Work only with the dark grey colour from here.
- R31: 2sc; sc2tog; [4sc; sc2tog] *5; 2sc (30)

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- R32: [3sc; sc2tog] *6 (24)
R33: 1sc; sc2tog; [2sc; sc2tog] *5; 1sc (18)
R34: [1sc; sc2tog] *6 (12)
R35: [sc2tog] *6 (6)

Finish stuffing the body. Fasten off and weave in ends.



Embroider the eyes so that it covers row 12 and 13 and is positioned in the middle of the white part (between the second and third white stitch) (see the picture for reference).

BEAK

Tools/Materials needed:

- ✓ 3 mm crochet hook
- ✓ black yarn

R1:	5sc into a MR	(5)
R2:	4 sc; inc(2sc)	(6)
R3:	4 sc; inc(2sc); 1sc	(7)
R4:	4 sc; inc(2sc); 2sc	(8)
R5:	4 sc; inc(2sc); 3sc	(9)
R6:	4 sc; inc(2sc); 4sc	(10)
R7:	10sc	(10)



Notes: Sew the beak on between the eyes so that the bottom of the beak falls between the two light grey parts. The top of the beak has a slight curve (where we made the increases), the bottom half is straight (see picture).

WINGS (2x)

Tools/Materials needed:

- ✓ 3 mm crochet hook
- ✓ black yarn

R1:	5sc into a MR	(5)
R2:	[inc(2sc)] *5	(10)
R3:	[inc(2sc); 1sc] *5	(15)
R4:	15sc	(15)
R5:	13 sc; sc2tog	(14)
R6:	[5 sc; sc2tog]*2	(12)
R7:	12sc	(12)
R8:	[4 sc; sc2tog]*2	(10)
R9:	10sc	(10)
R10:	[3 sc; sc2tog]*2	(8)
R11:	8sc	(8)
R12:	[2 sc; sc2tog]*2	(6)
R13:	6sc	(6)
R14:	[1 sc; sc2tog]*2	(4)



Notes: Sew the first 6 rows of the wings on next to the light grey part, starting from round 16 of the body. Make sure that the top of the light grey part and the top of the wings are in line with each other.

TAIL FEATHERS (5x)

Tools/Materials needed:

- ✓ 3 mm crochet hook
- ✓ black yarn

- R1: Chain 5, start in the second chain from the hook:
3 sc; inc(3sc) (continue working on the other side
of the chain); 2 sc; inc(2sc) (10)**
- R2-3: 10sc (10)**
- R4: [3sc; sc2tog] *2 (8)**
- R5-6: 8sc (8)**
- R7: [2sc; sc2tog] *2 (6)**
- R8-9: 6sc (6)**
- R10: [1sc; sc2tog] *2 (4)**



Notes: Sew the tail feathers on side by side in a fan-shape. My advice is to sew the first tail feather on in the middle and sew 2 more feathers on either side of it.

LEGS (2x)

Tools/Materials needed:

- ✓ 3 mm crochet hook
- ✓ black yarn

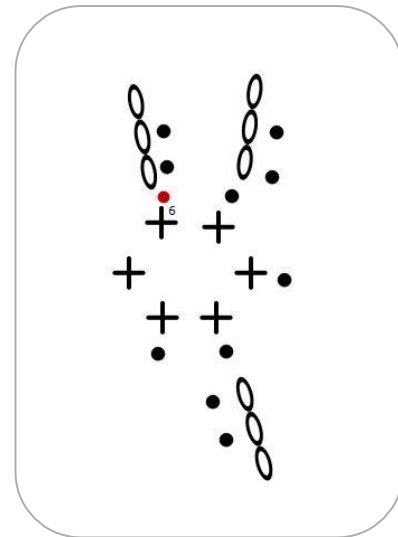
R1: 6sc into a MR (6)

R2-5: 6sc (6)

R6: Continue with crocheting the toes. Chain 3, start in the second chain from the hook: 2 slst (so slst into both chain stitches), then slst into the front loop of the first stitch in the round. Chain 3 again, start in the second chain from the hook: 2 slst, then slst into the front loop of the second stitch in the round. Slst into the third stitch, chain 3 again, 2 slst. Then slst into the front loop of the fourth stitch in the round.

Cut the yarn, use the yarn tail to sew the gap closed stitching into the back loops, then weave in the end.

Notes: Sew the feet onto the body in round 31 at the two corners of the light grey part.



CROCHET SYMBOLS

- slst
- + sc
- O ch

HAIR STRANDS

Tools/Materials needed:

- ✓ 3 mm crochet hook
- ✓ black yarn

Crochet the hair directly on the top of the head between row 1 and 6. Make sure that the hair strands cover 2 stitches in width. First, mark the places of the hair strands with pins so you can see where you need to insert your crochet hook.

Insert the first pin in the magic ring and from there, put a pin in every other row up to row 6 on each side.



Hold the figure so that it is facing you and crochet the strands from right to left. Attach the yarn as follows: insert your crochet hook in at the first (i.e. the rightmost) pin, and exit it out at the second pin, loop the yarn around your crochet hook, then pull the loop through to the first pin, where you inserted the crochet hook in. Make a slip stitch and follow the pattern from there to create the first hair strand. When you are finished crocheting the first hair strand, insert your crochet hook in at the second pin, exit it out at the third pin and pull a loop through from there, then make a slip stitch. Finish all the hair strands like this, then make a chain again to create the next hair strand. See the illustration for reference:

[ILLUSTRATION 1](#)

HAIR STRAND 1 (small): Chain 7, start in the second chain from the hook: 1slst; 2sc; 2hdc; 1dc

HAIR STRAND 2-4 (big): Chain 8, start in the second chain from the hook: 1slst; 2sc; 2hdc; 2dc

HAIR STRAND 5 (small): Chain 7, start in the second chain from the hook: 1slst; 2sc; 2hdc; 1dc

**CONGRATULATIONS!
YOUR RUFFLEHEAD IS READY!**



ILLUSTRATION 1 - CREATING THE HAIR STRANDS (1)



Mark the places of the hair strands. Insert your crochet hook in at the first pin, and exit it out at the second pin, loop the yarn around your crochet hook, then pull the loop through to the first pin, where you inserted the crochet hook in.



Make a slip stitch and follow the pattern from there to create the first hair strand. When you are finished crocheting the first hair strand, insert your crochet hook in at the second pin, exit it out at the third pin, pull a loop through from there, then make a slip stitch.

ILLUSTRATION 1 - CREATING THE HAIR STRANDS (2)



Finish all the hair strands like this, then make a chain again to create the next hair strand. After crocheting the hair strands, secure them to the head with a few stitches.



The ruffled hair.