

# Nerdy Bird



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## Materials:

ww yarn (I used Caron simply soft in grey)

chunky yarn (I used Bernat softee chunky)

fun fur - 2 balls (Technically it's not the 'furry' one, it's the feathery one)

Size I hook and size F or G hook

fiberfill

yarn needle, sewing needle, embroidery floss, sewing thread/or machine

google eyes

1 piece felt, 2 buttons (medium or large sized)

The legs and wings are made using one strand chunky yarn. The head and body are made using one strand ww yarn and one strand feathery fun fur held together. The beak is made with one strand ww yarn. You want the ww yarn for the head/body to closely match the fun fur color. The color for the beak, feet, neck, and legs are totally up to you!

## Making Nerdy Bird feet:

Use one piece of whatever color felt, cut it in half, then cut each half in half (4 squares total) Holding 2 squares together, cut out any kind of 'bird foot' shape you want. Cut out a similar foot with the other 2 squares:



Then sew each pair, leaving the bottom part open. Trim around the edges, turn them inside out. Now you can either glue the foot closed, or sew closed. I've done both.



Use a medium or large sized button to attach the foot to the leg. Any color is fine. Just be sure not to give him two left feet!!!! Unless you like that look.

### **Legs** (make 2 with I hook and chunky yarn)

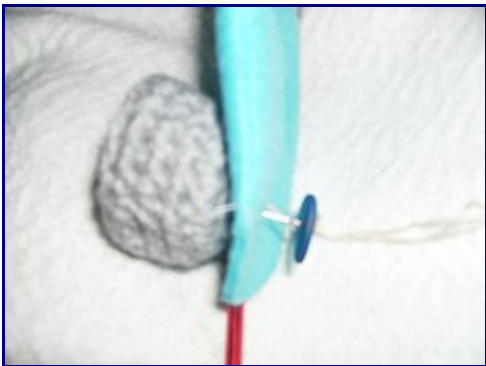
6 sc in a ring

rd1: 2sc in each sc around (12 sc)

rd2 & 3: sc in each sc around (12 sc)

Sew the foot on now:

Thread your needle, insert from 'inside' of leg, go through both the foot and the button and back down again until foot is secure:



Then continue with leg:

rd4: (sc2tog, sc in next sc ) 4 times (9 sc)

rd5-21: sc in each sc around ( 9sc)

Fasten off, stuff

**Wings** (make 2 with I hook and chunky yarn)

6 sc in a ring

rd1: 2sc in each sc around (12 sc)

rd2: 2sc in first sc, sc in next sc around (18 sc)

rd3-5: sc in each sc around (18 sc)

rd6: sc2tog, sc in next sc around (12 sc)

rd7 & 8: sc in each sc around (12 sc)

Ch 1, hold both 'sides' together and sc across. Fasten off, leave long tail for sewing. On the bird pictured above, i switched to the ww/fur combo on the last 2 rounds and sc across. You don't have to if you don't want to.

**Beak** ( use size F or G hook, ww yarn)

6 sc in a ring

rd1: 2sc in each sc around (12 sc)

rd2-4: sc in each sc around (12 sc)

rd5: 2sc in first sc, sc in next 5 sc, 2sc in next sc, sc in last 5 sc (14 sc)

rd6: sc in each sc around (14 sc)

rd7: 2sc in first sc, sc in next 6 sc, 2sc in next sc, sc in last 6 sc (16 sc)

rd8 & 9: sc in each sc around (16 sc)

rd10: 2sc in first sc, sc in next 7 sc, 2sc in next sc, sc in last 7 sc (18 sc)

rd11: sc in each sc around (18 sc)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing. Lightly stuff.

**Head/Body** (use I hook, hold 1 strand ww yarn & 1 strand fun fur together)

6 sc in a ring

rd1: 2sc in each sc around (12 sc)

rd2: 2sc in first sc, sc in next sc around (18 sc)

rd3: 2sc in first sc, sc in next 2 sc around (24 sc)

rd4: 2sc in first sc, sc in next 3 sc around (30 sc)

rd5-9: sc in each sc around (30 sc)

rd10: sc2tog 6 times, sc in next 18 sc (24 sc)

rd11: sc2tog 6 times, sc in next 12 sc (18 sc)

rd12: sc2tog 6 times, sc in next 6 sc (12 sc)

Sew beak on here

rd13 & 14: sc in each sc around (12 sc)

Now switch to 1 strand chunky yarn

rd15-32: sc in each sc around (12 sc)

Now switch back to ww and fun fur:

rd33 & 34: sc in each sc around (12 sc)

rd35: 2sc in first sc, sc in next sc around (18 sc)

rd36: sc in each sc around (18 sc)

rd37: 2sc in next 6 sc, sc in next 12 sc (24 sc)

rd38 & 39: sc in each sc around (24 sc)

rd40: (2sc in first sc, sc in next sc) 6 times, sc in next 12 sc (30 sc)

rd41 & 42: sc in each sc around (30 sc)

rd43: 2sc in first sc, sc in next 4 sc around (36 sc)

rd44-46: sc in each sc around (36 sc)

rd47: 2sc in first sc, sc in next 5 sc around (42 sc)

rd48: sc in each sc around, but add 3 (2sc in one sc) in there wherever (45 sc)

rd49-58: sc in each sc around (45 sc)

Here is a good place to sew on the wings and stuff the head/neck

rd59: sc2tog, sc in next 7 sc around (40 sc)

rd60: sc2tog, sc in next 6 sc around (35 sc)

rd61: sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc around (30 sc)

rd62: sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc around (25 sc)

Here is a good spot to sew on legs

rd63: sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc around (20 sc)

rd64 sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc around (15 sc)

rd65: sc2tog, sc in next sc around (10 sc)

rd66: sc2tog around (5 sc)

Sew shut, fasten off, weave in ends.

### Notes:

1. Sew the beak onto the head above the decrease rounds, the part that looks like it's sticking out the most.



2. After the neck is complete, you want to start round 37 so that your increases kinda line up with the beak on the head. If that means pulling out or adding some sc to get it right, it's totally cool. You're gonna want to eyeball the 3 'weird' increase rounds so the bird sorta lines up.

3. Stuff the head/neck area pretty good cause it gets wobbly. I've got one bird that can't hold up it's head and one that sorta does. Cool either way!

Enjoy your bird!!