really flashy bird

crochet peacock hat

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Frills, feathers, and plenty of hattitude.
This one's a crowning glory.

abbreviations: (UK)
ch – chain
st(s) – stitch(es)
dc – double crochet
inc – increase
dec – increase

how you crochet it:
Start by making the body.
Work 6 dc in a magic ring. [6]
round 1: inc in all 6 st. [12]
round 2: (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18]
round 3: (dc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [24]
round 4: (dc in next 4 st, inc in next st) repeat 5 times. [30]
round 5 - 12: dc in all 30 st. [30]
Fasten off and sew in end.

wings: (make 2)
Ch 6. Stitches are worked around

both sides of the foundation chain.

round 1: start in second ch from hook, inc in this st, dc in next 3 st, inc in next st. Ch 1. Continue on other side of the foundation chain, dc in next 4 st, inc in next st. [12]

round 2: dc in all 12 st. [12]

Fasten off and sew one end of the wing onto the body between rows 6-9.

legs: (make 2)

Start 6 dcs in a magic ring then ch 6. (to make the legs)
Sew onto second to last row of the body approx. 7 sts apart.

head:

Start 6 dcs in a magic ring. [6]

round 1: inc in all 6 st. [12]

round 2: (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18]

round 3-5: dc in all 18 sts. [18]

round 6: (dc in next 3 st, dec) repeat 3 times. [12]

Start stuffing the head with fibrefill. (you will need to add more at round 8)

round 7: (dc in next 2 st, dec) repeat 2 times. [6]

round 8: dc in all 6 sts. [6]

Once nicely stuffed, fasten off, leaving a long tail, sew onto the top of the body.

headpiece: (make 3)

Start 5 dcs in a magic ring then chain 5. Sew onto the centre of the head.

beak:

Switch to a 2.5mm crochet hook. Start 5 dcs in a magic ring. [5]

round 1-5: dc in all 5 sts. [5]

Sew onto the middle of the head approx. between rows 5-6.

eyes: (make 2)

Using a 2.5mm hook, Start 5 dcs in a magic ring [5]
Either insert a 4mm plastic safety eye into the centre or embroider one.
Sew onto both sides of the head.

plumage: (make 6)

(in dark blue) Start 6 dcs in a magic ring [6]

round 1: (in teal) inc in all 6 st [12]

round 2: (in lime green) (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Fasten off and stitch all 6 onto back of the body.