

# Duckling

## About this Duckling

These little bundles of fluff are designed to be as realistic as possible in their adorableness. Perfect spring and Easter decorations, they also make cute nursery decorations and toys in the right materials.

With this pattern you can make a mallard duckling - in brown and yellow - or a single-colour duckling (that might grow up into a white duck).

Like all my patterns, I try to avoid niche materials or yarns you might find it hard to find, so you can make these little guys in widely-available, ordinary yarn, and fluff them up with a simple trick I will show you.

## Materials & Tools

For a duckling around 10cm long duckling you will need Double Knitting (DK) weight **yarn** in approximately the following quantities:

- 21m of brown
- 15m of yellow/ochre
- or
- 32m of yellow/ochre

You will also need Double Knitting (DK) weight **yarn** for the beak and feet (the feet are optional). Choose dark grey or taupe for a mallard, and orange or peach for a yellow duckling.

- 1m for the beak
- 3m for both feet

Finally you will need around 1m of black yarn for the eye detail. You could use Double Knitting, 4ply or even embroidery cotton for this.

See 'Yarn Choice' for more detail about choosing your yarns.

You will need a small amount **stuffing material** for your duckling. See 'Stuffing Choice' for more details.

You will need a **3.5mm crochet hook** or the size you need to form a nice, fairly tight fabric with your chosen yarn.

If you are not using a fluffy yarn and want a fluffy finish, you need a **small piece of Velcro** (the spiky side), or else a pet grooming brush or other method to tease out the surface of your crochet (see p13).

You will also need a **blunt-ended yarn or tapestry needle** and some **good sharp scissors**.



## Size and Tension

The exact tension is not critical to success with this project. As long as you work with a consistent tension, you will end up with a perfectly-proportioned duckling, only the size may vary. It is more important to work to a tension that produces a nice, dense fabric, which will hold the stuffing firmly and not 'gape'. Experiment with your chosen yarn to find the best hook for you.

The pictures in this document show ducklings made with a 100% wool DK yarn and a 3.5mm hook, ending at approximately 10cm long. There is nothing to stop you making smaller or larger ducklings by using different weight yarns with appropriate hooks.

Note that using the same yarn, you may find that a two-colour duckling works up slightly larger than a single-colour duckling, due to the fact you are working over the non-working yarn. The difference will only be very small however.

Whatever you end up using, don't forget to write down the hook and yarn combination that works for you! You can use the area for notes overleaf.

## About this Pattern

This pattern uses British crochet conventions and metric measurements and prints on A4: a version with US crochet conventions and imperial measurements which prints on US Letter paper is available.

If you have any difficulties with this pattern, please contact me so I can help you and improve the pattern for others.

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