

Crochet Butterfly Appliqué – Tutorial

FINISHED PROJECT EXAMPLE

FINAL SIZE:
Approximately 4" (10cm)
wingspan (when worked
to gauge).



MATERIALS & TOOLS

YARN:
Sport/Fingering Weight
(approx. 50g red
cotton/blend, e.g.,
"Scheepjes Catona")

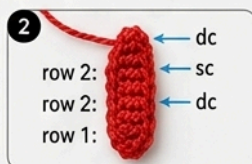
HOOK:
US C/2 (2.75mm)

NOTIONS:
Scissors
Yarn Needle

STEP-BY-STEP VISUAL TUTORIAL



1. MAGIC CIRCLE START (mc)
Start the circle start in a
finger-loop.



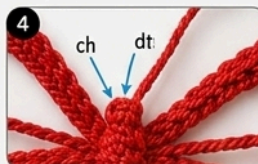
2. CENTRAL BODY
row 1 (sc), unraveled row of dc,
row 3 (dc) and cover both.



3. CHAIN TO BODY
chain to body



4. RIGHT UPPER WING FILL
1 dc 3 4 5
2 2 3 6 3
3 3 7
4 tr
5 dtr
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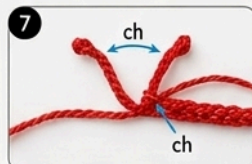
4. RIGHT LOWER WING
(showing how to chain upper,
out: cluster of the stitch, tr and
tr, dtr are stitches that upper
wing).



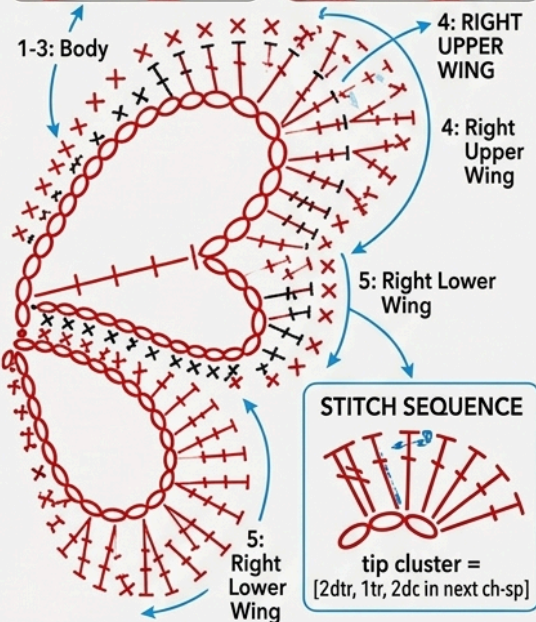
5. RIGHT LOWER WING
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ch /sc/hdc/dc (str first
stitches), tr first hdc's, ch or an
ansitid tax that upper wing.



6. WINGS COMPLETED
(showing left side mirror-imaged)
*Note in person not tension.



7. ANTENNAE
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and bngs antennae and finish.

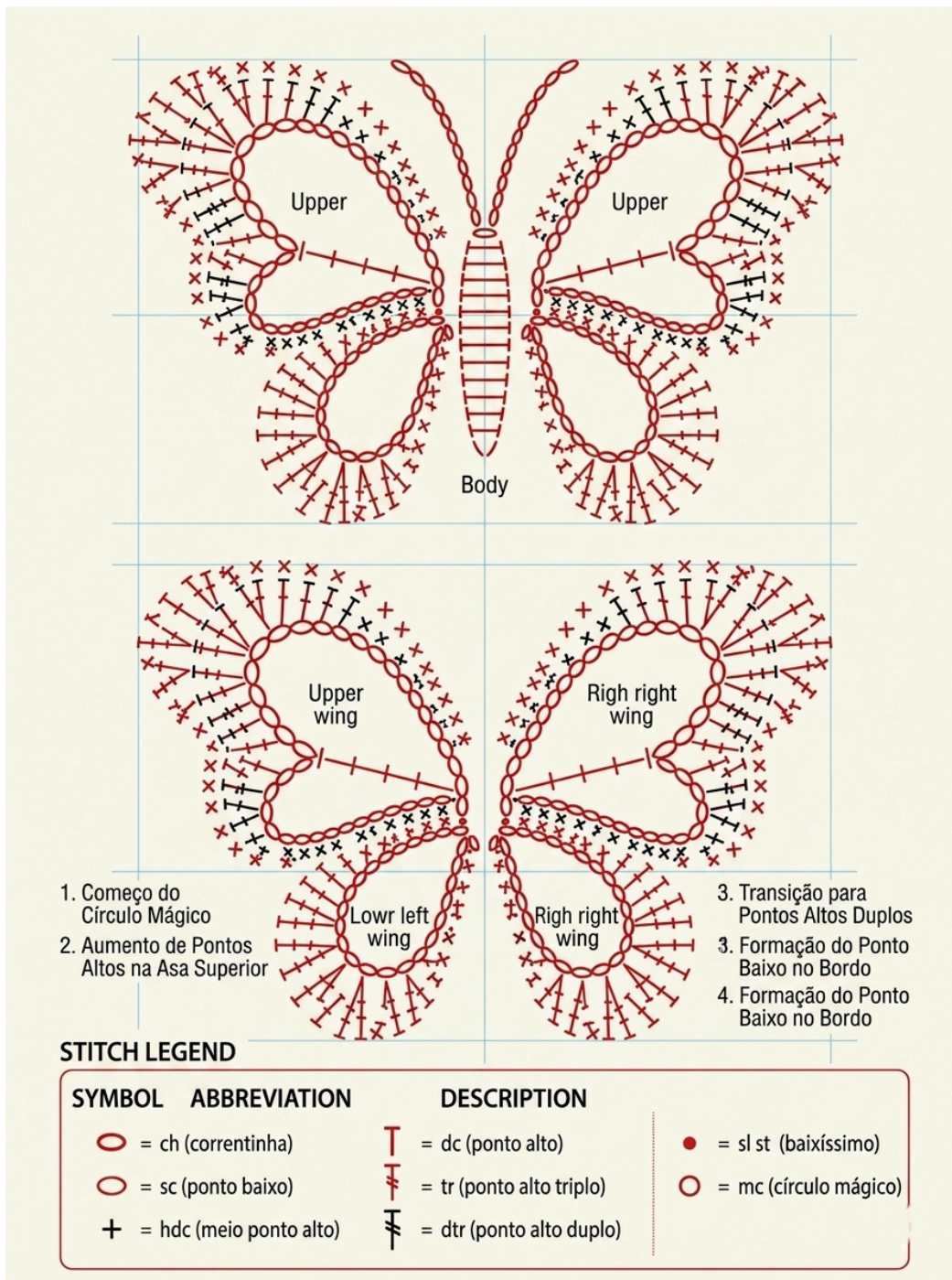


U.S. CROCHET ABBREVIATIONS & STITCH KEY (with Instructions)

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|---|---------------------------------|--|
| ○ = CH = Chain (yo, draw through loop) | ⌣ = DC = Double Crochet | ● = SL ST = Slip Stitch |
| × = SC = Single Crochet
(insert hook, yo, draw up loop,
yo, draw through 2 loops) | ⌣ = TR = Treble Crochet | ○ = MC = Magic Circle
(Adjustable Ring) |
| ⌣ = HDC = Half Double Crochet | ⌣ = DTR = Double Treble Crochet | |


This detailed tutorial will guide you through creating a beautiful crochet butterfly exactly based on the diagram you provided. The instructions follow U.S. crochet terminology and are written in a very clear, beginner-friendly way so anyone can successfully complete the project from start to finish.

The finished butterfly measures approximately **4 inches (10 cm) wingspan** when worked to gauge.





Materials & Tools

- Yarn: Sport/Fingering weight cotton yarn (approx. 50g)
 - Crochet Hook: US C/2 (2.75 mm)
 - Scissors 
 - Yarn needle
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Stitch Abbreviations (U.S. Terms)

- ch = chain
 - sc = single crochet
 - hdc = half double crochet
 - dc = double crochet
 - tr = treble crochet
 - dtr = double treble crochet
 - sl st = slip stitch
 - mc = magic circle
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Step 1: Magic Circle (Butterfly Body Start)

Start by creating the base of the butterfly's body.

- Make a **magic circle (mc)** using the finger-loop method.
- Insert your hook into the loop, yarn over, and pull up a loop.
- Chain 1 to secure the ring.

Now you're ready to build the body.



Step 2: Crochet the Central Body

The butterfly body is worked in rows inside the magic circle.

- **Row 1:** Work **3 double crochets (dc)** into the magic circle.
- **Row 2:** Chain 1, turn your work, and make **3 single crochets (sc)** across.
- **Row 3:** Chain 1, turn again, and make **3 double crochets (dc)** across.

This forms a small oval shape, which is the butterfly's body.

- Tighten the magic circle gently to close the base.
 - Do not fasten off—you will continue directly to the wings.
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Step 3: Chain to Begin Wings

Now you will create the foundation loops for the wings.

- Chain several stitches (as shown in the diagram) to extend from the body.
- These chains act as the base structure for the wings.

You will now work around these chains to form the wing shapes.

Step 4: Right Upper Wing

This is the first decorative wing and uses a mix of tall stitches to create a curved shape.

Work into the chain space:

- Begin with **1 dc**
- Then work **multiple dc stitches** gradually increasing
- Add **treble crochet (tr)** stitches
- Then **double treble crochet (dtr)** stitches for height at the top of the wing

At the tip of the wing, form a **cluster**:

- Work: **2 dtr, 1 tr, 2 dc** all into the same chain space

This creates the rounded tip of the upper wing.

Continue back down the other side of the chain:

- Mirror the stitches (dc, tr, etc.) to maintain symmetry

Step 5: Right Lower Wing

Now move on to the lower wing using a similar method but slightly smaller.

Work into the next chain space:

- Start with **hdc and dc stitches**
- Add a few **tr stitches** for shaping
- At the widest point, form another **cluster**:
 - Use a combination of **dc, tr stitches**

Then decrease the stitch height as you return toward the body:

- Work back using **dc → hdc → sc**

Finish the lower wing by attaching it close to the body with a **slip stitch (sl st)**.

Step 6: Repeat for Left Side

Now you will mirror everything you did for the right side.

- Chain again from the body
- Repeat the exact same steps for:
 - Upper wing
 - Lower wing

Make sure the stitches mirror the opposite side so your butterfly looks balanced.

Step 7: Shape and Adjust Wings

At this point:

- You should have **four wings total**
- Gently adjust the stitches with your fingers
- Ensure both sides are symmetrical

If needed, lightly stretch the wings to shape them.

Step 8: Create the Antennae

To finish your butterfly:

- Attach yarn at the top center of the body
- Chain a short length (about 5–7 chains)
- Slip stitch back down OR leave as-is for a soft curve
- Repeat for the second antenna

You can gently curl the antennae with your fingers for a natural look.

Final Finishing

- Fasten off and cut yarn
- Use a yarn needle to weave in all ends securely
- Shape the butterfly neatly

Optional:

- Lightly block the butterfly for a more polished finish
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Helpful Tips

- Keep your tension consistent for even wings
 - Use stitch markers if needed when working into chain spaces
 - If your wings curl too much, try using a slightly larger hook
 - Cotton yarn works best for structure and stitch definition
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You're Done!

You now have a beautiful crochet butterfly appliqué that can be used for:

- Clothing decoration
- Hair accessories
- Bags and hats
- Home décor