Cocca the Hen Pattern

Pattern Description:

Cocca la gallina is a tiny, simple hen. It is primarily a pear shaped body with a few specific peculiar details to add. The pattern is rated for advanced beginners.

Materials Need & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** White yarn, Red yarn, Yellow yarn, some left-over Pink yarn.
- **Hook:** Crochet hook size 3 mm.
- **Notions:** Fiberfill for stuffing, two 6mm black safety eyes, tapestry needle.

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **st:** stitch
- **sc:** single crochet
- **inc:** increase
- **dec:** decrease

- **hdc:** half double crochet
- **dc:** double crochet
- **tr:** treble crochet
- **slst:** slip stitch
- **ch:** chain
- **MR:** magic ring
- **R:** round

Instructions for Making the Cocca the Hen Pattern:

The pattern is broken down into several parts: Body, Tail (Big piece and Small piece), Cockscomb, and Wings.

Body:

- Use white yarn.
- **R1:** Start 7 sc in a MR .
- **R2:** inc in all 7 st .
- **R3:** (sc, inc) repeat 7 times .
- **R4:** (2 sc, inc) repeat 7 times .
- **R5:** (3 sc, inc) repeat 7 times .
- **R6:** sc around .
- **R7:** (4 sc, inc) repeat 7 times .
- **R8-13:** sc around .
- **R14:** (4 sc, dec) repeat 7 times .
- **R15:** (3 sc, dec) repeat 7 times .
- **R16:** (5 sc, dec) repeat 4 times .
- **R17-22:** sc around .
- **R23:** (2 sc, dec) repeat 6 times .
- **R24:** sc around .
- **Insert safety eyes between round 22 and 23 leaving a gap of 4 st**.
- **R25:** (sc, dec) repeat 6 times .
- **R26:** sc around .
- **R27:** dec 6 times .
- **Stuff the body with some fiberfill**.
- **Fasten off, leaving a long tail**.
- Using a yarn needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of each remaining st and pull tight to close.

Tail:

- Use white yarn.
- **Big piece**:
    - **R1:** start 6 sc in a MR .
    - **R2:** inc in all 6 st .
    - **R3-5:** sc around .

- o **R6:** (2 sc, dec) repeat 3 times .
- o **R7-8:** sc around .
- o **R9:** (sc, dec) repeat 3 times .
- o **R10-11:** sc around .
- o slst to finish off leaving a long tail. Don't stuff.
- **Small piece**:
  - o **R1:** start 6 sc in a MR .
  - o **R2:** inc in all 6 st .
  - o **R3-4:** sc around .
  - o **R5:** (2 sc, dec) repeat 3 times .
  - o **R6:** sc around .
  - o **R7:** (sc, dec) repeat 3 times .
  - o **R8:** sc around .
  - o slst to finish off leaving a long tail. Don't stuff.
- **Sew the tail to the body**, placing the small piece between round 8 and 9 and the big one between round 5 and 6.

Cockscomb:

- Use red yarn.
- **R1:** ch 11.
- **R2:** make 5 tr in the 4th chain from the hook, skip 2 st, slst in the next st, skip 1 st, 5 dc in the next st, skip 1 st, slst in the last st.
- Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
- **Place the cockscomb starting from the back of Cocca's head (round 23)**.

Wings (make 2):

- Use white yarn.
- **R1:** start 6 sc in a MR .
- **R2:** inc in all 6 st .
- **R3:** (sc, inc) repeat 6 times .
- **R4:** (2 sc, inc) repeat 6 times .
- slst to finish off leaving a long tail.
- **Sew only half of the wings to the body**.

Embroider details:

- Embroider the details at **round 21**.
- Use yellow yarn for the beak.
- Use pink yarn for the cheeks. (like shown in the picture).

Finishing & Assembly:

- **Attach Wings:** Sew the two wings to the sides of Cocca's body, starting around round 10, placing them symmetrically. Attach only half of each wing to allow a lifted look.

- **Attach Tail:** Sew the **small tail piece** between round 8 and 9, and the **big tail piece** between round 5 and 6 on Cocca's back.
- **Attach Cockscomb:** Position the red cockscomb from the back of the head, starting around round 23, and sew it securely in place.
- **Embroider Beak and Cheeks:**
  - Use **yellow yarn** to embroider a small triangle for the beak centered between the eyes at round 21.
  - Use **pink yarn** to add tiny cheek circles just below the eyes for a sweet touch.

Final Touches:

- Gently adjust the stuffing if needed to smooth out any bumps.
- Shape the body with your hands to enhance Cocca's pear-like form.