

## Creame Egg Creatures



These creatures are fairly forgiving, so many yarn/hook combinations will work - I used some scraps of DK and a 3.5 mm hook. This pattern uses American crochet terminology.

<b><u>Terminology:</u></b>	Magic Ring	See <a href="http://www.spinstarcreations.wordpress.com">www.spinstarcreations.wordpress.com</a> for instructions
	sl st	Slip Stitch
	ch	Single chain stitch
	sc	Single crochet
	hdc	Half double crochet
	dc	Double crochet
	tc	Treble crochet
	sc2tog	Decrease by crocheting 2 sc together (photo tutorial within pattern)

### **To get started:**

Buy a creme egg. In fact, buy a pack with several in it because the temptation to eat them will get to you at some point - just remember to wash your sticky fingers afterwards as creme egg filling and yarn do not go well together!

### **BODY:**

**Step 1:** Use a magic ring with 6 sc and pull it tight

**Step 2:** Chain 1 to start the round, then 2sc into each sc and join with a slip stitch - 12 sc

**Step 3:** Chain 1 to start the round, then repeat [1 sc, 2 sc into the next sc] all the way round and join with a slip stitch - 18 sc. Do one more increase round - chain 1 to start the round, then repeat [1sc, 1sc, 2sc into the next sc] around, but this time do not join to the start of the round. 24 sc.

This picture shows the completed base, before starting to work upwards to form the body.



**Step 4:** For the next few rows you need to work back and forth, rather than continuing in the round. This will create a slot in the back of the creature into which you can push the creme egg when you're finished. So, sc into each sc until you have run out of stitches, then chain 1 and turn the work and sc into each sc again. Repeat this until you are about 2/3rds the way up the egg - I did 6 rows.



**Step 5:** Repeat Step 4 to work one more row, but this time don't turn the work, join across the gap by continuing to sc for a couple of stitches.

**Step 6:** Now you need to begin decreasing to shape the top of the creature, which will involve crocheting 2 sc together:

- hook through next sc, yarn over and pull through as normal, but then
- hook through the next sc, yarn over and pull through (you should have 3 stitches on your hook)
- yarn over again and pull through all 3 stitches



Repeat [sc2tog, sc] until you have completed a round and gone past the point at which you joined the gap together on the last round. Now change to repeating the sc2tog decrease over again and again.



Check against the creme egg to see how the sizing compares - if you think it is getting too small too quickly you could switch to alternating the decrease with a sc for a while. When it is too fiddly to continue decreasing any more, pull the yarn tightly through the remaining stitches and sew in the ends.

### **BASE:**

Some sort of base is useful to stop the creature falling over. You could either make a nest or some feet.

**Nest:** Using a slightly larger hook than you used for the body, follow the instructions for making the bottom of the body and keep working up a few rows in rounds. The nest should be big enough to put the chick inside.



**Feet:** **Step 1:** Use a magic ring with 6 sc and pull it tight

**Step 2:** Chain 1 to start the round, then 2sc into each sc and join with a slip stitch - 12 sc

**Step 3:** Chain 3, tc into next sc, tc into next sc, chain 3, slip stitch into the same sc as the tc you have just made, slip stitch in the next sc - repeat again to make the second foot and fasten off.



### **WINGS:**



**Step 1:** Use a magic ring with 6 sc and pull it tight

**Step 2:** Chain 1 to start the round, then 2sc into each sc and join with a slip stitch - 12 sc

**Step 3:** Chain 1 to start the round, then sc, 2 x hdc into next sc, 2 x dc into next sc, 2 x tc into next sc, 2 x dc into next sc, 2 x hdc into next sc, sc and fasten off.

### **BEAK:**

I found this the hardest bit to get right – my early attempts kept coming out far too large! If you have a smaller hook and some thinner yarn it might be useful for this.

**Step 1:** Chain 4

**Step 2:** Pull a loop through second chain from the hook, and pull another loop through the third (last) chain - you have three loops on the hook. Yarn over the hook again and pull through all three loops. Fasten off.

### **COMB:**

**Step 1:** Chain 4

**Step 2:** Sc in second chain from hook, sc in each chain = 3 sc

Repeat the above 2 steps twice more (you should end up with something like the picture!)

You could omit the comb and create a duckling by sewing a few strands of yarn to the top of the head instead.

### **Finishing touches:**

Use pins to position all the various extra parts and keep adjusting until it looks right, then attach them to the body. Again, use pins to work out where the eyes look best and then take care not to pull too tightly when embroidering.

Gently push the creme egg through the hole in the back - voila!

