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# Crochet Heart with Rooster & Hen – Full Step-by-Step Tutorial (US Terms)

This tutorial walks you through creating a beautiful heart-shaped crochet piece featuring a white hen and a brown rooster, based closely on the provided chart. It uses US crochet terminology and includes detailed guidance so you can follow from start to finish—even if you're not used to reading symbol charts.

**Round 1:** 6 in a magic ring, ch-1, sl st (6)  
**Round 2:** (12)

**Full white hen face (left):**  
 sc, hdc, eye bead placement, beak/wattle embroidery, beak/comb embroidery

**Scalloped border (detailed st sequence):**  
 5-dc shell, sk 1 st, sl st, repeat. Detailed chart for ch-picots.

**Full brown rooster face (right):**  
 sc, hdc, eye bead placement, beak/end/wattle embroidery  
**Detailed body pattern:** Rounds 1-10 with detailed feather texture mapping (bpdc, fpdc sequence detailed in separate inset)

**Green grass border (full detail):**  
 sc, bpdc, ch-3 ch-3 picot sequence]

**US Crochet Symbol Key**

×	sc	•	sl st
7	hdc	∞	sc-inc
†	dc	∇	dc-inc
⊗	bpdc	+	pc
⊥	fpdc	↑	etc.
○	ch	⋮	etd-pieces

**Summary and Tips**

- Heart shape start is a Magic Ring.
- Maintain even tension for flat finish.
- Detailed feather textures use bpdc/fpdc clusters.
- Use color change technique at row/round ends.

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## Materials

- Worsted weight yarn in:
  - Cream or off-white (background)
  - White (hen)
  - Brown shades (rooster body)
  - Red (comb and wattle)
  - Yellow/orange (beak and legs)
  - Green (grass)
  - Teal or dark green (rooster tail)
  - Beige/tan (border)
- Crochet hook: Size H/8 (5.0 mm) or suitable for your yarn
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors



## Abbreviations (US Terms)

- sc: single crochet
- hdc: half double crochet
- dc: double crochet
- bpdc: back post double crochet
- fpdc: front post double crochet
- sl st: slip stitch
- ch: chain
- inc: increase (2 stitches in same stitch)
- pc: picot (ch 3, sl st in first ch)



## Step 1: Start the Heart Center

Begin with a magic ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, work 6 sc into the magic ring. Join with sl st (6 sts).

Round 2: Ch 1, inc in each stitch around (12 sts). Join with sl st.

You now have the center circle that anchors the heart.

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## Step 2: Shape the Heart

Continue building outward in joined rounds, increasing evenly to maintain a flat circle until it begins forming a heart shape.

Round 3–6: Continue increasing in a circular pattern (e.g., *1 sc, inc* around, then *2 sc, inc*, etc.) until the base is wide enough.

To form the top lobes of the heart:

- Work one half of the stitches, then create a small dip using slip stitches or decreases.
- Mirror the shaping on the other side.

Tip: Keep tension even to avoid curling.

## Step 3: Crochet the Hen (Left Side)

Use white yarn.

Work directly onto the charted area inside the heart.

Body:

- Use dc stitches to fill the shape.
- Follow the feather texture using alternating fpdc and bpdc stitches to create dimension.

Tail:

- Build using dc clusters and ch-3 picots for a feathery look.
- Rounds 1–5: Increase outward with clusters.

Head:

- Shape with sc and hdc.
- Add eye placement using a small black stitch or bead.
- Embroider beak and wattle using yellow and red yarn.

## Step 4: Crochet the Rooster (Right Side)

Use brown yarn shades.

Body:

- Work dc stitches following the chart.
- Use fpdc and bpdc to create feather texture from rounds 1–10.

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Tail:

- Switch to teal/dark green yarn.
- Use elongated dc and layered stitches to form curved tail feathers.

Head:

- Use sc and hdc for shaping.
- Add comb and wattle in red yarn.
- Embroider eye and beak.

## **Step 5: Add Grass Border (Bottom Section)**

Attach green yarn at the bottom of the heart.

- Use sc, bpdC, and ch-3 picots in a repeating sequence.
- Work in rows or rounds to fill the triangular base area.
- Vary stitch height slightly to mimic grass blades.

## **Step 6: Fill Background**

Use cream or off-white yarn.

- Fill remaining heart area with dc stitches.
- Follow the chart's circular rounds.
- Maintain consistent tension for a smooth finish.

## **Step 7: Embroidery Details**

Use a tapestry needle to add:

- Feather outlines on both birds
- ωζ Eye definition
- 638 Beak and comb accents
- 638 638 Texture lines for realism

This step brings the design to life—take your time here.

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## Step 8: Scalloped Border

Switch to beige/tan yarn.

Round 1:

- *Skip 1 st, 5 dc in next st, skip 1 st, sl st in next st* — repeat around.

This creates a shell (scallop) pattern.

Optional:

- Add picots (ch 3, sl st) between shells for extra detail.



## Step 9: Final Touches

- Fasten off and weave in all ends.
- Block lightly if needed to shape the heart evenly.
- Add a hanging loop if you want to display it.



## Tips for Success

- Keep tension even throughout to prevent warping.
- Use stitch markers to track rounds and shaping.
- When switching colors, complete the last yarn-over of the previous stitch with the new color for clean transitions.
- Practice fpdc and bpdc if you're unfamiliar—they're key for feather texture.