Crocheted Emotional Support Chicken™
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This is inspired by a knitting pattern by the late Bev Galaskas for Fibertrends called Henrietta and Family.

Terms:
ch = chain, **sc** = single crochet, **hdc**=half double crochet, **dc**=double crochet, **tr**=triple crochet, **scdec** = single crochet decrease, **slst**=slip stitch, **skst**=skip a stitch, **st**=stitches, **inc**=increase, **RS**=right side, **WS**=wrong side

Materials: 2 contrasting colors of heavy worsted weight yarn in contrasting colors (approx. 270 yards of color A, 70yds of Color B)) for body, 5 yards for beak, 5 yards for wattle and comb, Size 4.5 crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge, 15mm safety eyes, yarn needle, approx. 250g Polyfil stuffing

Gauge: 16sc=4", 4sts/inch on 4.5mm hook, or hook needed to get gauge
For kit crocheters. Gauge is very important to have enough yarn to finish.

Notes: Rows that include a turn in the instructions are actually 2 Rows (right side and wrong side).
Pay attention to Rows that go all the way across.
Pay attention to slst at the end of Row before turn. Unless specified, you will sc into the slst

Instructions
Tail (Make 2)
Section 1:
Row 1: With colorA Ch18, sc in second ch from hook, sc16, turn (17)
Row 2: Ch1, sc in first 3 sts, turn, sc3, turn
Row 3: Ch1, sc6 (3 in row, and next 3 from row 1--continue in this manner throughout), turn, sc6 to end.

Row 4: Ch1, sc9, turn, sc9, turn
Row 5: Ch1, sc12, turn, sc12, turn
Row 6: Ch1, sc15, turn, sc15, turn
Row 7: Ch1, sc 17, turn, sc17, turn
Row 8: Ch1, sc17, turn, sc11, turn
Section 2:
Row 1: Sc 5, ch12, turn
Row 2: Sc in 2nd ch from hook (ws of ch), and to end, turn (22)
Row 3: Ch1, sc16, turn, sc16, turn
Row 4: Ch1, sc18, turn, sc18, turn
Row 5: Ch1, sc20, turn, sc20, turn
Row 6: Ch1, sc22, turn, sc15, turn
Section 3
Row 1: Sc5, ch14, sc in 2nd ch from hook and to end, turn
Row 2: Ch1, sc15, turn, sc15, turn
Row 3: Ch1, sc18, turn, sc18, turn
Row 4: Ch1, sc21, turn, sc21, turn
Row 5: Ch1, sc23, turn, sc23, turn
Row 6: Ch1, sc25, turn, sc25, turn
Row 7: Ch1, sc25, turn, sc25, fasten off and weave in tails

(25)

Connect tail sections by lining up short straight sides (at fasten off edges) and sc together with color B on RS. *Note: Single crochet seam is on RS (WS are facing each other)*

Body (part 1):

Row 1: With color B, starting at far right edge of RS, sc 71 sts across (35 on each side of center, and one in the middle), turn

Rows 2-6: Ch1, sc across row, turn (71)

Rows 7-10: With color A, ch1, sc across row, turn (71)

Note: If you are short a few stitches, no worries, just add them on the next row.

Body (part 2)
Row 1: RS Ch1, sc33, slst in next, turn, sc33 (do not sc into slst, rather into 1st sc here and throughout)
Row 2: RS Ch1, sc30, slst in next, turn, sc30, turn
Row 3: RS Ch1, sc27, slst in next, turn, sc27, turn
Row 4: RS Ch1, sc 21, slst in next, turn, sc21, turn
Row 5: RS Ch 1, sc14, slst in next, turn, sc14, turn
Row 6: RS Ch1, sc7, slst in next, turn, sc7, turn
Row 7: RS Ch 1, sc71 to opposite side, turn

Body (part 3)
Row 1: WS Ch1, sc 33, slst in next, turn, sc33 (do not sc into slst, rather into 1st sc here and throughout), turn
Row 2: WS Ch1, sc 30, slst in next, turn, sc30, turn
Row 3: WS Ch1, sc27, slst in next, turn, sc27, turn
Row 4: WS Ch1, sc 21, slst in next, turn, sc21, turn
Row 5: WS Ch 1, sc14, slst in next, turn, sc14, turn
Row 6: WS Ch1, sc 7, slst in next, turn, sc7, turn
Row 7: WS Ch1, sc 71 to opposite side, turn

Note: Place a marker in the slst of each row to make it easier to see. You will pass over the slst on 2nd half of row, but crochet into it on the next row.

Chest (part 1)
Row 1: RS Ch1, sc6, slst, turn, sc6, turn
Row 2: RS Ch1, sc9 (7th st is in marked slst from previous row), slst, turn, sc9, turn
Row 3: RS Ch1, sc12,slst (10th st is in marked slst from previous row), turn, sc12, turn
Row 4: RS Ch1, sc15, slst(13th st is in marked slst from previous row), turn, sc15, turn
Row 5: RS Ch1, sc18, slst(16th st is in marked slst from previous row), turn, sc18, turn
Row 6: RS Ch1, sc19, slst (19th st is in marked slst from previous row), turn, sc19, turn
Row 7: RS Ch1, sc20, slst (20th st is in marked slst from previous row), turn, sc20, turn
Row 8: RS Ch1, sc1, scdec,sc18, slst, turn, sc20, turn
Row 9: RS Ch1, sc1, scdec, sc18, slst, turn, sc20, turn
Row 10: RS Ch1, sc1, scdec, sc to end of row to opposite side, turn (68)

Chest (part 2)
Row 1: WS Ch1, sc6, slst, turn, sc6, turn
Row 2: WS Ch1, sc9, slst, turn, sc9, turn
Row 3: WS Ch1, sc12, slst, turn, sc12, turn
Row 4: WS Ch1, sc15, slst, turn, sc15, turn
Row 5: WS Ch1, sc18, slst, turn, sc18, turn
Row 6: WS Ch1, sc19, slst, turn, sc19, turn
Row 7: WS Ch1, sc20, slst, turn, sc20, turn
Row 8: WS Ch1, sc1, scdec, sc18, slst, turn, sc20, turn
Row 9: WS Ch1, sc1, scdec, sc18, slst, turn, sc20, turn
Row 10: WS Ch1, sc1, scdec, sc63 to end of row to opposite side, turn (65)

Neck (change colors every 4 rows if desired)
Place a marker in the center stitch (32sts on either side of marker), and move with up with each
Row 1: RS Ch1, sc, scdec, sc27, scdec, sc, scdec, sc27, scdec, sc, turn (61)
Row 2: WS Ch1, sc, scdec, sc55, scdec, sc, turn (59)
Row 3: RS Ch1, sc, scdec, sc24, scdec, sc, scdec, sc24, scdec, sc, turn (55)
Row 4: WS Ch1, sc, scdec, sc22, scdec, sc, scdec, sc22, scdec, sc, turn (51)
Row 5: RS Ch1, sc, scdec, sc20, scdec, sc, scdec, sc20, scdec, sc, turn (47)
Row 6: WS Ch1, sc, scdec, sc18, scdec, sc, scdec, sc18, scdec, sc, turn (43)
Row 7: RS Ch1, sc, scdec, sc16, scdec, sc, scdec, sc16, scdec, sc, turn (39)
Row 8: WS Ch1, sc, scdec, sc14, scdec, sc, scdec, sc14, scdec, sc, turn (35)

Row 9: RS Ch1, sc, scdec, sc29, scdec, sc, turn (33)
Row 10: WS Ch1, sc, scdec, sc11, scdec, sc, scdec, sc11, scdec, sc, turn (29)
Rows 11-12: Ch1, sc across, turn (29)

Head

Short row sequence 1
Row 1: sc, scdec, sc23, scdec, sc, turn (27) Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of next row.
Row 2: 2 slst, sc23, turn. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of next row.
Row 3: slst, sc19, turn
Row 4: slst, sc17, turn
Row 5: slst, sc15, turn
Row 6: slst,sc13, turn
Row 7: slst, sc11, turn
Row 8: slst,sc9, turn
Row 9: slst, sc7, turn
Row 10: sc to end of row back to marker (1sc across 7 and approx. 1sc in each row), turn (15)
Row 11: sc to end of row back to marker (1sc across 15 and approx. 1sc in each row), turn (26)

Short Row Sequence 2
Row 1: Skst sc24, turn
Row 2: skst, slst, Sc21, turn
Row 3: slst, sc19, turn
Row 4: slst, sc17, turn
Row 5: slst, sc15, turn
Row 6: slst, sc13, turn
Row 7: Sc to end back to stitch marker (1sc across 13 and approx. 1sc in each row) (21)
Row 8: Sc to end back to stitch marker 1sc across 21 and approx. 1sc in each row) (28)
Row 9: Sc, (scdec)13X, sc (15), fasten off Leave long tail for stitching neck, weave in tail at the beginning of body section, remove markers.

Beak

Row:1: Attach yellow yarn on RS of work, sc15, turn (15)
Row 2: (Sc, scdec) 5X, turn (10)
Row 3: Skst [Sc, scdec] 3X, turn (6)
Row 4: (scdec) 3X, turn (3)
Row 5: (Scdec) sc, turn (2)
Row 6: Scdec, Fasten off, leaving a 16" tail to sew beak together. Weave in 2nd tail.
Note: Use tails from beach and head to tighten any holes made from the decreases .

Wattle

Row 1: Ch 11, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3, hdc5, hdc in last ch, turn ch to opposite side and hdc5, sc3, slst in last ch, fasten off leaving tail for sewing.

Weave in 2nd tail.

Comb

Row 1: Ch17, dc in 4th ch from hook (counts as 1st dc, (dc, tr, dc2) in same ch,* sk1, sc in next, sk2, (dc2, tr, dc2) in next ch,* repeat once, sk1,sc, slst, fasten off leaving 10" tail for sewing. Weave in 2nd tail.

UnderBelly (make 2 triangles) Alternate colors every 2 rows and carry up the side.
Row 1: Ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc, turn (2)
Row 2: Ch1, 2sc in same st, 2sc in next, turn (4)
Row 3: Ch1, 2sc in same st, sc2, 2sc in last, turn (6)
Row 4: Ch1, 2sc in same st, sc4, 2sc in last, turn (8)
Row 5: Ch1, sc across row, turn (8)
Row 6: Ch1, 2sc in same st, sc to last st, 2sc in last, turn (10)
Row 7: Repeat rows 5 and 6 until there are 22 sts
Rows 8-11: Sc across row, turn, fasten off, weave in tails. (22)

Finishing
Flatten chicken and sew on comb starting just above beak and over top of head.

Attach eyes approximately 5sts down from crown and 6 rows in from beak.
Sew beak together
Stitch neck together down to the top of the chest (just below first stripe)
Fold wattle in half vertically, and sew just below beak.

Sc the tail sections together on RS and 1" on under side.
Sc the first half of underbelly on RS, starting at top of chest and down either side,
Sc the 2nd half of underbelly on RS starting 1" in from tail.
Note: pieces can also be sewn together.

Weave in tails.

Stuff chicken firmly, starting at the head, then tail, then body, sc underbelly pieces together.

Note: You can sc the underbelly parts together in a different color if desired. The ESCs sometimes flatten out. This makes it easier to open and restuff.

Hug your new friend, and feel the calm wash over you!!

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