



# Crocheted Butterfly for Decoration Pattern (US Terminology)

## Materials & Tools

- DK or Sport weight cotton yarn for structure and stitch clarity.
- 2.5 mm – 3.5 mm crochet hook.
- Tapestry needle for finishing.
- Scissors.
- Stitch markers (optional).

Mergerized cotton is recommended for decorative butterflies because it enhances definition and holds blocking well.

## Finished Size

Finished butterfly measures approximately 6–10 inches wide depending on yarn weight and hook size. Adjust materials to scale the project.

## Abbreviations (US Terminology)

ch – chain  
sl st – slip stitch  
sc – single crochet  
hdc – half double crochet  
dc – double crochet  
tr – treble crochet  
st(s) – stitch(es)

## Construction Overview

The butterfly is constructed in separate components: two upper wings, two lower wings, and a central body. Wings are formed using increasing rounds and finished with decorative shell edging to create the curved silhouette.

## Pattern Instructions

### Upper Wings (Make 2)

Ch 6, join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring. Join. (12 sts)

Round 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around. Join. (24 sts)

Round 3: Ch 3, \*dc in next st, 2 dc in next st.\* Repeat around. Join. (36 sts)

Round 4: \*Skip 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip 2 sts, sl st in next st.\* Repeat for shell edging.

### Lower Wings (Make 2)

Ch 5, join to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 3, 9 dc in ring. Join. (10 sts)

Round 2: Ch 3, \*dc in next st, 2 dc in next st.\* Repeat around. Join.

Round 3: Add shell edging similar to upper wings but proportionally smaller.

### Body

Ch 10. Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and across. Turn.

Rows 2–4: Ch 1, sc across. Turn.

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

Assembly: Sew upper and lower wings to each side of the body. Create antennae by attaching yarn at top of body and chaining 10–12 stitches.

## **Blocking & Finishing**

Wet block or steam block lightly to open lace sections and shape the wings symmetrically. Pin in place and allow to dry completely. Blocking enhances stitch definition and professional presentation.

## **Professional Best Practices**

- Maintain consistent tension for symmetry.
- Count stitches after each round.
- Use lightweight cotton for crisp structure.
- Starch lightly if using for wall décor.
- Weave in all ends securely for durability.