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Detailed Peacock Crochet Rug Tutorial (US Terms)

Materials and Preparation

Use worsted weight (Category 4) 100% cotton yarn for structure and durability. Suggested colors: Peacock body (teal/blue), feather fans (green and purple accents), background/tail (neutral or black). You will need approximately 700–900 yards total depending on size. Hook: 5.0 mm (H/8) or size needed to obtain firm fabric. Additional tools: stitch markers, scissors, yarn needle, measuring tape. Best Practice: Rugs must be dense. If stitches feel loose, reduce hook size.

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Construction Overview

This rug is worked in three major sections: 1. The peacock body (worked in continuous rounds). 2. The expanding tail fan (worked in radial increases). 3. The decorative feather eye motifs (worked in layered shell stitches). The chart uses traditional US crochet symbols. Follow stitch increases carefully to maintain flatness.

Step 1 – Creating the Body Center

Start with a Magic Ring using body color. Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc). 11 dc into ring. Sl st to join. (12 sts) Round 2: Ch 3. 2 dc in each st around. Sl st to join. (24 sts) Round 3: Ch 3. *Dc in next st, 2 dc in next st.* Repeat around. (36 sts) Continue increasing evenly until body circle measures approximately 8–10 inches.

Step 2 – Shaping the Neck and Head

Attach yarn at upper left side of circle. Row 1: Ch 1. Sc across approximately 1/4 of circle. Turn. Row 2: Ch 1. Sc across. Turn. Gradually decrease one stitch at inner curve every other row to create neck shaping. Continue until neck reaches desired length (approximately 6–8 inches). For head: Work 3–4 rounds of sc in a small circle at top. Add small picot stitches (ch 3, sl st in same st) for crown detail.

Step 3 – Expanding the Tail Fan

Return to body circle at opposite side of neck. Round 1 (Tail Foundation): Attach tail color. Ch 3. Dc evenly around remaining circle. Increase every 4–5 stitches. Round 2: Ch 3. *Dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st.* Repeat. Round 3: Introduce tr stitches in every increase section to create fan expansion. Continue increasing gradually to form wide semicircle. If tail ripples → reduce increases. If tail curls upward → increase more frequently.

Step 4 – Creating Feather Eye Motifs

Feather eyes are worked in layered shells. Foundation Space: Ch 5, skip 2 sts, sc in next st. Inside each ch-5 space: Layer 1 (Green): 5 dc into space. Layer 2 (Purple): 5 tr into same space. Layer 3 (Outer Edge): 7–9 dc forming rounded fan. Repeat evenly across tail edge.

Step 5 – Defining Feather Structure Lines

From body outward, work dc and tr stitches in straight radial lines. These stitches follow the chart's long vertical symbols. Work 1 dc into each stitch moving outward between feather motifs. These structural lines prevent sagging and maintain visual symmetry.

Step 6 – Outer Decorative Border

Round 1: *Ch 5, sc in next valley between shells.* Round 2: In each ch-5 space work: (2 dc, 2 tr, 2 dc) This produces rounded scallops matching the chart.

Step 7 – Blocking and Finishing

Weave in all ends securely. Wet block by dampening rug and shaping tail into smooth semicircle. Pin feather fans evenly. Allow to dry completely. Optional: Add non-slip backing for safety.

Care Instructions

Machine wash cold, gentle cycle. Lay flat to dry. Reshape while damp. For high-traffic areas, consider double-stranding yarn for added thickness.
