

Materials

- Cotton rug yarn or t-shirt yarn
- Main Color – Cream / Gold (phoenix body and wings)
- Accent Color – Dark gold / brown (feathers and outlines)
- Optional Accent – Red or orange for phoenix flames
- Small amount of black yarn for the eye

Tools:

- Crochet hook 5 mm – 8 mm depending on yarn thickness
 - Yarn needle
 - Stitch markers
 - Scissors
 - Optional non-slip rug backing
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Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch – chain
sl st – slip stitch
sc – single crochet
hdc – half double crochet
dc – double crochet
ddc – double double crochet
inc – increase (2 stitches in one stitch)
dec – decrease
st – stitch
MR – magic ring

Pattern Overview

The phoenix rug is made in these sections:

1. Head
2. Body
3. Left wing

4. Right wing
 5. Feather edging
 6. Tail strands
 7. Tail ornaments
 8. Final border
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Part 1 – Head

Using main color.

Round 1

Make a Magic Ring.

Ch 1 and work 6 sc into the ring.

Join with sl st.

(6 stitches)

Round 2

Ch 1.

Work 2 sc in each stitch around.

(12 stitches)

Round 3

Sc evenly around.

Round 4

Switch to hdc stitches and increase every third stitch.

Round 5

Work evenly.

Fasten off.

Embroider a small eye with black yarn.

Part 2 – Neck and Body

Attach yarn to the bottom of the head.

Row 1

Ch 3 (counts as first dc).

Work 5 dc across.

Row 2

Turn.

Ch 2.

Increase at both edges.

Row 3–6

Continue increasing at both sides while working dc rows.

Row 7–12

Work dc evenly to form the body width.

Row 13–16

Switch to hdc stitches and gradually decrease to shape the lower body.

Row 17–20

Switch to sc stitches to taper the bottom.

Fasten off.

Part 3 – Left Wing

Attach yarn to the left side of the body.

Row 1

Ch 10.

Work dc across chain.

Row 2

Turn.

Ch 2.

Work dc across and increase at the outer edge.

Row 3–8

Continue increasing at the outer edge every row to expand the wing.

Row 9–12

Add taller stitches (ddc) near the outer edge to give the wing height.

Row 13–16

Work dc evenly.

Fasten off.

Part 4 – Right Wing

Repeat the same instructions as the left wing but mirror the increases on the opposite side.

Part 5 – Wing Feather Edging

Attach accent color along the wing edges.

Work the following pattern along the edge:

sc, hdc, dc, ddc, dc, hdc, sc in the same stitch
Skip 2 stitches

Repeat across the entire wing edge.

This creates the layered feather appearance.

Part 6 – Tail Strands

Attach yarn at the bottom center of the body.

Create several chain strands of varying length:

Strand 1

Ch 30, sl st back along chain.

Strand 2

Ch 35, sl st back.

Strand 3

Ch 40, sl st back.

Make 6–8 strands total.

These represent the flowing phoenix tail feathers.

Part 7 – Tail Ornaments

Make small circles that attach to the tail ends.

Round 1
MR, 12 dc.

Round 2
Ch 2
Work dc inc around.

Fasten off.

Attach one circle to the end of each tail strand.

Part 8 – Crest Feathers (Head Decoration)

Attach yarn to the top of the head.

Create small flame-like strands:

Ch 6, sl st in next stitch

Repeat 5–6 times.

This forms the phoenix crest.

Part 9 – Border

Attach accent yarn around the entire rug.

Round 1
Work sc evenly around all edges.

Round 2
Work reverse single crochet (crab stitch) around for a firm border.

Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all yarn ends securely.
 - Steam block lightly to shape wings.
 - Attach anti-slip backing if used as a floor rug.
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Tips for Best Results

Use thicker yarn to give the rug structure and durability.

Blocking the finished wings helps them lay flat and symmetrical.

Color gradients (cream → gold → orange) create a more realistic phoenix look.