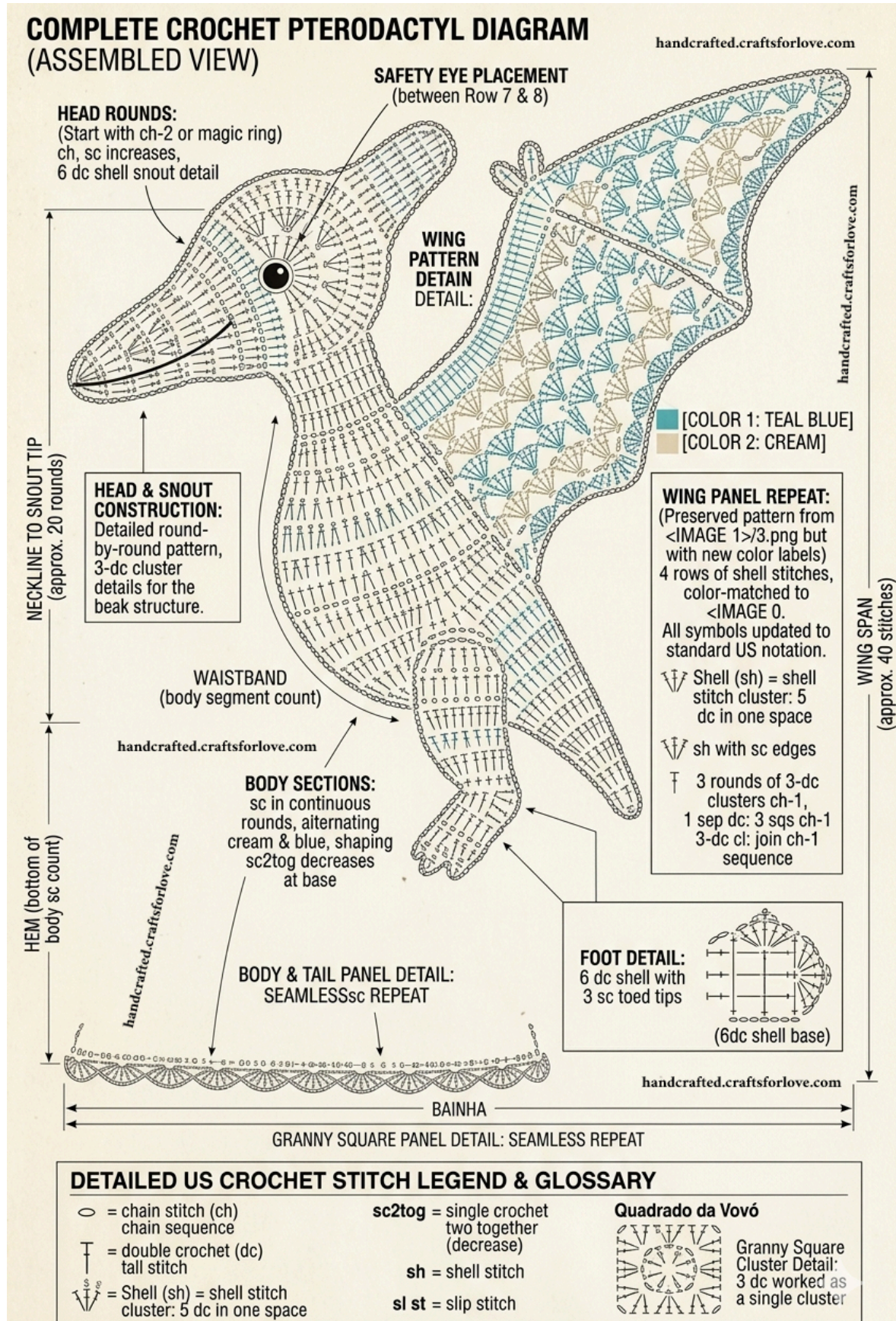


Complete Crochet Pterodactyl Tutorial (US Terms)

This step-by-step guide is fully based on the diagram you provided. It uses standard US crochet terminology and is written so beginners and experienced crocheters alike can follow from start to finish. <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**





Materials You'll Need

- Worsted weight yarn in:
 - Color 1: Teal Blue
 - Color 2: Cream
- Crochet hook (recommended: 4.0–5.0 mm / G–H)
- Safety eyes (small size, approx. 8–12 mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**
- Stitch markers (optional but helpful)



Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc2tog = single crochet 2 together (decrease)
- sh (shell) = 5 dc in same stitch/space
- st(s) = stitch(es)



Overview of Construction

This pterodactyl is worked mostly in continuous rounds and panels:

- Head & snout: worked in rounds
- Body: continues from head downward
- Wings: separate panels, then attached
- Legs & feet: worked directly from body
- Tail: extension of body
- Edging: decorative shell border



Step 1: Head & Snout (Round-by-Round)

Start with either:

- Magic ring OR
- ch 2 and work into first chain

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- Work 6 sc into ring
(6 sts)

Round 2:

- inc around (2 sc in each st)
(12 sts)

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- (1 sc, inc) repeat around
(18 sts)

Round 4:

- (2 sc, inc) repeat
(24 sts)

Round 5–8:

- sc in each st around
Shape begins forming head

Snout shaping:

- Extend stitches forward by working extra increases on one side
- Use dc shell (6 dc in one space) at tip to create the beak shape

Eye Placement :

- Insert safety eye between Rows 7 & 8
- Position slightly toward the front sides of the head

Step 2: Neck & Upper Body

Continue from the head without fastening off.

Rounds 9–14:

- sc evenly around
- Gradually increase on underside to widen body

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- Use sc increases to round out the chest
- Keep top flatter and underside slightly curved



Step 3: Body Sections

Work in continuous rounds.

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- Alternate Cream and Teal Blue every few rounds

Body shaping:

- Maintain steady sc rounds
- Use sc2tog decreases near base to taper toward tail

Waistband Area:

- This is the midsection where body transitions
- Keep stitch count stable for several rounds



Step 4: Legs & Feet

Legs are worked directly from the body.

For Each Leg:

1. Identify position on lower body
2. Attach yarn and:

Round 1:

- sc around small circle (approx. 8–10 sts)

Round 2: <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

- sc evenly

Foot Detail:

- Create a shell using 6 dc in one stitch
- Add 3 small sc extensions to form toes

Repeat for second leg.

Step 5: Wings (Panel Construction)

Make 2 wings separately.

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- ch a base row (length depends on desired wing size)

Wing Pattern:

- Work rows using shell stitch pattern:

Row pattern:

- (skip 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip 2 sts, sc in next st)

Repeat across row.

Build 4 rows of shell stitches:

- Alternate colors:
 - Row 1–2: Cream
 - Row 3–4: Teal Blue

Edge shaping:

- Decrease slightly at one end to form wing tip

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- Sew or crochet wings onto upper back of body

Step 6: Tail

Continue from body.

Tail shaping:

- Work sc rounds
- Gradually decrease using sc2tog

Tip:

- Finish with a small rounded end
- Fasten off and weave in ends



Step 7: Body & Tail Panel Detail

Along the underside:

- Add a seamless sc repeat panel
- Keep stitches tight and even
- This forms a clean belly line



Step 8: Decorative Shell Border

Along bottom edge:

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- (skip 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip 2 sts, sl st)

Repeat across entire base.

This creates the scalloped edging seen in the diagram.



Step 9: Final Assembly

- Attach wings securely to upper back
- Ensure symmetry
- Check eye placement and tighten if needed
- Weave in all loose ends



Step 10: Finishing Touches

- Lightly shape snout and wings by hand
- Optional: block lightly for cleaner structure
- Add embroidery details if desired
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