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Crochet Butterfly Appliqué Pattern Tutorial

This tutorial is written directly from the crochet chart provided in the image. The stitch interpretation follows standard international crochet chart symbols and is organized into a complete step-by-step guide that allows beginners and experienced crocheters alike to recreate the butterfly from start to finish.

Skill Level

Intermediate

The pattern uses:

- Magic Ring
- Chain stitches (ch)
- Slip stitches (sl st)
- Single Crochet (sc)
- Double Crochet (dc)
- Picots
- Working into chain spaces
- Symmetrical construction

Materials Needed

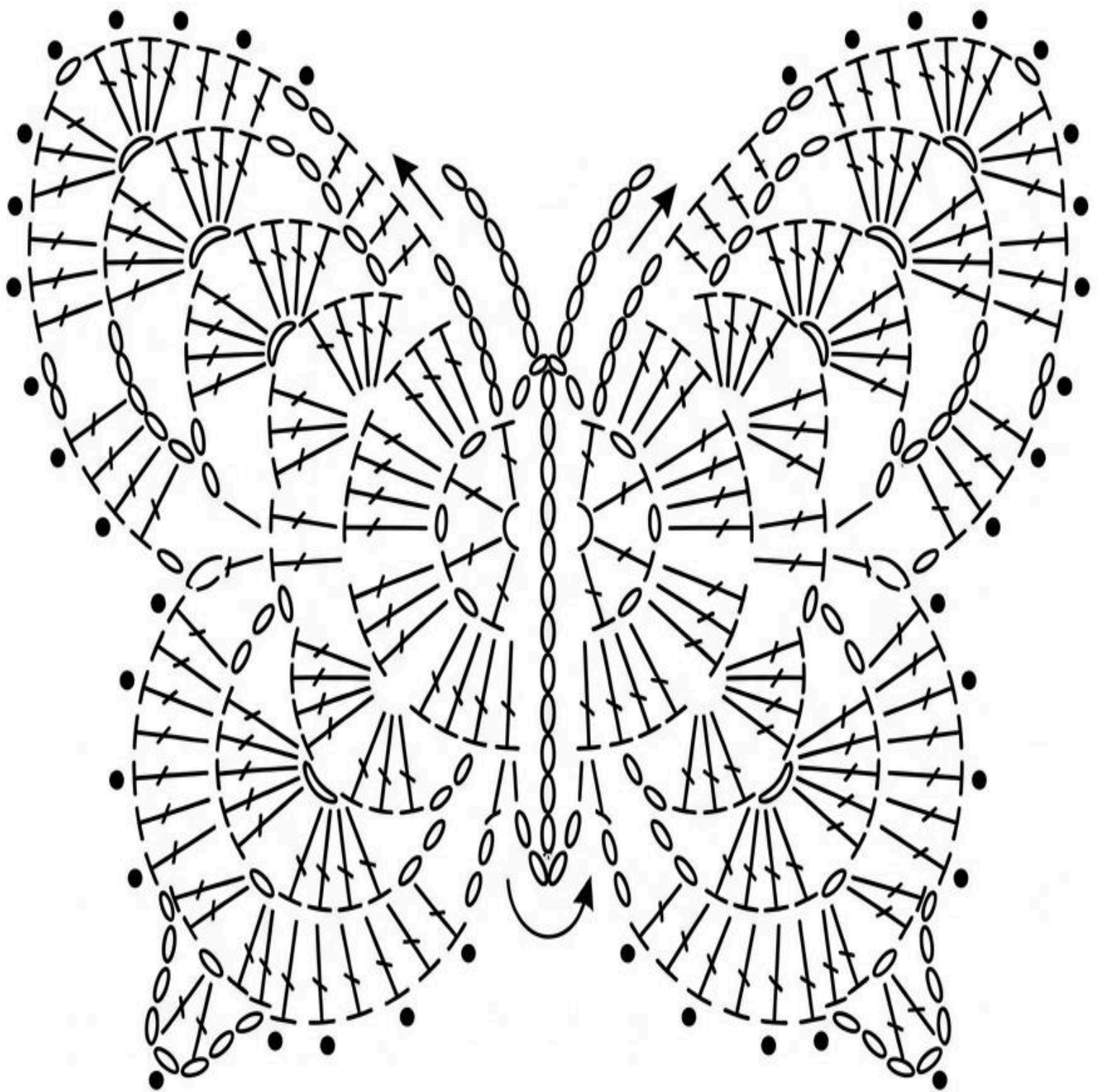
- Lightweight cotton yarn (Category 2 or 3 recommended)
- Crochet hook suitable for your yarn (2.5 mm–3.5 mm works well)
- Scissors
- Yarn needle
- Blocking mat and pins (optional but recommended)

Chart Symbol Guide

Before beginning, familiarize yourself with the symbols used in the chart:

- Oval = Chain stitch (ch)
- Solid dot = Slip stitch (sl st)
- T-shaped symbol = Double crochet (dc)
- Curved arch of chains = Chain space
- Arrow = Direction of work

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Finished Butterfly Structure

The butterfly consists of:

- Center body
- Upper left wing
- Upper right wing
- Lower left wing
- Lower right wing

The body is crocheted first and acts as the foundation for all four wings.

Step 1: Crochet the Butterfly Body

Start with a slip knot.

Chain 18.

Work 1 slip stitch into the first chain to form a long oval loop.

Chain 18 again.

Slip stitch into the same starting point.

You now have two long loops joined in the center.

These form the butterfly body.

Work 1 chain.

Crochet approximately 18 single crochets evenly around the first loop.

Slip stitch at the center.

Crochet 18 single crochets around the second loop.

Slip stitch to join.

Fasten lightly but do not cut the yarn if you prefer working continuously.

The body should resemble the narrow center shown in the chart.

Step 2: Begin the Upper Left Wing

Join yarn at the upper left side of the body.

Chain 8.

Slip stitch back into the body attachment point.

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This creates the first wing arch.

Chain 5.

Turn and begin working inside the chain arch.

Work:

- 8 dc into the arch
- Chain 2
- 8 dc into the same arch

Slip stitch into the next joining point.

You have completed the first fan section.

Step 3: Build the Second Upper Wing Fan

Chain 5: Attach with a slip stitch to create the next arch.

Work into this arch:

- 10 dc
- Chain 2
- 10 dc

Slip stitch into the next attachment point.

The wing should now start curving outward.

Step 4: Create the Third Upper Wing Fan

Chain 6.

Attach with slip stitch.

Work:

- 12 dc
- Chain 2
- 12 dc

Slip stitch into the next joining point.

This fan is larger and creates the widest section of the upper wing.

Step 5: Shape the Outer Edge of the Upper Wing

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Follow the outer chain arches shown on the chart.

Work:

- Chain 5
- Slip stitch
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- Slip stitch

Continue around the outer edge.

Inside each chain space, work clusters of double crochets matching the chart's fan shapes.

The upper wing gradually narrows toward the wing tip.

Step 6: Form the Upper Wing Tip

At the wing tip shown in the chart:

Chain 6.

Slip stitch to create a pointed loop.

Work:

- 1 sc
- Chain 3
- Slip stitch into first chain

This creates a picot point.

Work another sc into the same loop.

Continue around the remaining side of the wing.

Step 7: Return Toward the Body

Following the chart inward:

Create chain arches between the fan groups.

Typical sequence:

- Chain 4
- Slip stitch
- Chain 4
- Slip stitch

Work fan sections of:

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- 8 dc
- 10 dc
- 8 dc

as indicated by the decreasing size of the wing.

Slip stitch back to the body.

The upper left wing is complete.

Step 8: Crochet the Upper Right Wing

Repeat Steps 2–7 as a mirror image on the opposite side.

Carefully count chains and double crochet groups to maintain symmetry.

When finished, both upper wings should match exactly.

Step 9: Begin the Lower Left Wing

Attach yarn to the lower left side of the body.

Chain 6.

Slip stitch into the body.

Create a smaller arch than the upper wing.

Work into the arch:

- 8 dc
- Chain 2
- 8 dc

Slip stitch.

Step 10: Build the Lower Wing Sections

Continue adding arches exactly as shown on the chart.

For each arch:

Chain 4–5.

Attach with slip stitch.

Work fan groups consisting of:

- 8 dc

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- 10 dc
- 12 dc

depending on the size of the section.

The lower wing is slightly rounder and shorter than the upper wing.

Step 11: Shape the Lower Wing Curve

Along the outside edge:

Create chain arches.

Work fans into every arch.

Follow the gradual increase and decrease visible in the chart.

Maintain smooth curves.

Avoid tightening your tension.

Step 12: Create the Lower Wing Tail Loop

At the bottom point of the wing:

Chain 8.

Join with slip stitch to form the decorative loop visible in the chart.

Work:

- 1 sc
- Chain 3
- Slip stitch

for a small picot.

Secure with another sc.

This creates the elegant tail-like detail.

Step 13: Return to the Body

Continue around the remaining wing edge.

Work decreasing fan groups.

Join to the body using a slip stitch.

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The lower left wing is now finished.

Step 14: Crochet the Lower Right Wing

Repeat Steps 9–13 on the opposite side.

Count all chains carefully.

Match every fan group to maintain perfect symmetry.

Step 15: Add the Decorative Edge

The black dots around the chart indicate decorative joining points.

Around all wing edges:

Work:

- Slip stitch
- Chain 3
- Slip stitch

repeated evenly around the perimeter.

This creates the delicate scalloped effect visible in the diagram.

Step 16: Final Shaping

Fasten off.

Weave in all yarn ends.

Lightly wet block the butterfly.

Pin:

- Upper wings fully open
- Lower wings rounded
- Body straight and centered

Allow to dry completely.

Finished Measurements

Using lightweight cotton yarn:

- Width: approximately 6–8 inches (15–20 cm)

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- Height: approximately 5–7 inches (13–18 cm)

Measurements vary depending on yarn weight and hook size.

Helpful Tips

- Count every chain arch before moving to the next section.
- Complete one wing entirely before starting its mirror image.
- Use stitch markers at major fan sections.
- Block the finished butterfly for the crisp shape shown in the chart.
- Cotton yarn provides the best stitch definition for decorative appliqués.

Abbreviations Reference

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- sp = space
- rep = repeat
- st = stitch
- rnd = round

Your finished butterfly can be used as a wall decoration, appliqué, table accent, gift embellishment, scrapbook decoration, curtain tie-back, or framed fiber-art piece. 