



Grace Note Butterfly Wings

adapted from my pattern Crochet Butterflies

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Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn. Models made with Berocco Peruvia, Ultra Alpaca, and Patons Canadiana
- Size 8 perle cotton
- Size 8 or 10 seed beads, or size that will thread onto your perle cotton
- 30 gauge wire wrapping wire for wire-crocheted wing edging
- Size F crochet hook

We will crochet the left forewing first, then the left hindwing. Then, the right forewing and right hindwing.

Gauge is not important for these wings.



Swallowtail Wings

Left forewing:

- 1: Chain six, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch across, ch1, turn. 5sc
- 2: FLO for this row, sc in the first two sc, 2sc in the next, ch1, turn. 4sc
- 3: Sc in each sc across. 4 sc
- 4: Sc in the next three, two sc in the last sc. 5 sc.
- 5: 2sc in the first st, sc in the remaining four sts, ch1, turn. 6 sc.
- 6: Sc in each sc across. 6 sc.
- 7: 2sc in the first sc, sc in the remaining five sts, ch1, turn. 7 sc
- 8: Sc in the next six sts, (sc, hdc) in the last st, ch1, turn. 8 sts
- 9: (Hdc, sc) in the first st, sc in the next seven sts, ch1, turn. 9sts
- 10: Hdc in the first st, sc in the next eight sts, ch1, turn. 9 sts
- 11: Sc next two sts tog, sc in the next six sts, hdc in the last st, ch2, turn. 8 sts
- 12: Dc in the first st, hdc in the next st, sc in the next four sts, sc next two sts tog, ch1, turn. 7 sts
- 13: Sc next two sts tog, sc in the next three st, hdc in the next st, dc in the last st, ch2, turn. 6 sts
- 14: Dc in the first st, hdc in the next st, sc in the next four\ sts, sl st in the end of the next row to make a smooth edge and fasten off.

Left hindwing:

- 1: Join yarn with sc in the unused loop of the third sc behind the left forewing. There will be an overlap of one stitch for the fore and hind wings. Sc in the same st, sc in both loops of the next st, (sc, hdc, dc) in the last st, ch1, turn. 6 sts
- 2-3: Sc in each sc across. Ch2 at end of row 3, 6 sts
- 4: (Dc, hdc, sc) in the first st, sc in the next five sts, ch1, turn. 8 sts
- 5-6: Sc in each sc across. 8 sts
- 7: Sc in the next 7 sts, (sc, hdc, dc) in the last st, ch1, turn. 10 sts
- 8: Hdc in the first st, sc in the next eight sts, hdc in the last st, ch1, turn.
- 9: Hdc in the first st, sc in the next seven sts, sc next two sts tog, ch7 turn. 11 sts
- 10: Sl st in the second ch from the hook, sc in the next three ch; hdc in the last two ch, skip next st,

hdc in the next st , sc in the next st, sl st in the next st, sc in the next two sts, hdc the next two sts tog.
Finish off.

Right forewing:

1: With the left wings pointing down and the forewing to your left, join yarn with a sc in the first chain of the beginning chain 6 and sc in the next four ch, ch1, turn. 5sc.

2: BLO for this row, repeat row 2 of the left forewing.

3-14: Repeat rows 3 through 14 of the left forewing.

Right hindwing:

1: Repeat rows 1 through 10 of the left hindwing.



Milkweed Butterfly Wings:

Left forewing:

- 1: Chain six, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch across, ch1, turn. 5sc
- 2: FLO for this row, sc in the first two sc, 2sc in the next, ch1, turn. 4sc
- 3: Sc in each sc across. 4 sc
- 4: Sc in the next three, two sc in the last sc. 5 sc.
- 5: 2sc in the first st, sc in the remaining four sts, ch1, turn. 6 sc.
- 6: Sc in each sc across. 6 sc.
- 7: 2sc in the first sc, sc in the remaining five sts, ch1, turn. 7 sc
- 8: Sc in the next six sts, (sc, hdc) in the last st, ch1, turn. 8 sts
- 9: (Hdc, sc) in the first st, sc in the next seven sts, ch1, turn. 9sts
- 10: Hdc in the first st, sc in the next eight sts, ch1, turn. 9 sts
- 11: Sc next two sts tog, sc in the next six sts, hdc in the last st, ch2, turn. 8 sts
- 12: Dc in the first st, hdc in the next st, sc in the next four sts, sc next two sts tog, ch1, turn. 7 sts
- 13: Sc next two sts tog, sc in the next three st, hdc in the next st, dc in the last st, ch2, turn. 6 sts
- 14: Dc in the first st, hdc in the next st, sc in the next four\ sts, sl st in the end of the next row to make a smooth edge and fasten off.

Left hindwing:

- 1: Join yarn with sl st in the unused loop of the third sc behind the left forewing. There will be an overlap of one stitch for the fore and hind wings. Ch2, 2dc in the same st, hdc in the next st, 2sc in the next st, ch1, turn. 5 sts
- 2: Sc in each sc across. 5 sts
- 3: Sc in next four, 2sc in the last sc, 6sts
- 4: Sc in the next four sts, hdc in the next st, 2dc in the last st, ch1, turn. 7 sts
- 5: Sc in each sc across. 7 sts
- 6: 2sc in the first st, sc in remaining sts. 8 sts
- 7: Hdc in the next st, sc in the last seven sts, ch1, turn. 8 sts
- 8: Sc in the next seven sts, hdc in the last st, ch1, turn. 8 sts

9: Skip the first st, sc in the next five sts, skip next st, sc in the last st, ch1, turn.

10: Skip the first st, [(sl st, ch1) in the next st] five times. Finish off.

Right forewing:

1: With the left wings pointing down and the forewing to your left, join yarn with a sc in the first chain of the beginning chain 6 and sc in the next four ch, ch1, turn. 5sc.

2: BLO for this row, repeat row 2 of the left forewing.

3-14: Repeat rows 3 through 14 of the left forewing.

Right hindwing:

1: Repeat rows 1 through 10 of the left hindwing.



Luna Moth Wings

Left forewing:

- 1: Chain six, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch across, ch1, turn. 5sc
- 2: FLO for this row, sc in the first two sc, 2sc in the next, ch1, turn. 4sc
- 3: Sc in each sc across. 4 sc
- 4: Sc in the next three, two sc in the last sc. 5 sc.
- 5: 2sc in the first st, sc in the remaining four sts, ch1, turn. 6 sc.
- 6: Sc in each sc across. 6 sc.
- 7: 2sc in the first sc, sc in the remaining five sts, ch1, turn. 7 sc
- 8: Sc in the next six sts, (sc, hdc) in the last st, ch1, turn. 8 sts
- 9: (Hdc, sc) in the first st, sc in the next seven sts, ch1, turn. 9sts
- 10: Hdc in the first st, sc in the next eight sts, ch1, turn. 9 sts
- 11: Sc next two sts tog, sc in the next six sts, hdc in the last st, ch2, turn. 8 sts
- 12: Dc in the first st, hdc in the next st, sc in the next four sts, sc next two sts tog, ch1, turn. 7 sts
- 13: Sc next two sts tog, sc in the next two sts, hdc in the next st, dc in the last two sts, ch2, turn. 6 sts
- 14: Dc in the next two sts, hdc in the next st, sc in the next three sts, sl st in the end of the next row to make a smooth edge and fasten off.

Left hindwing:

- 1: Join yarn with sc in the unused loop of the third sc behind the left forewing. There will be an overlap of one stitch for the fore and hind wings. Sc in the same st, sc in both loops of the next st, (sc, hdc, dc, trc) in the last st, ch9, turn. 7 sts, 9 chain.
- 2: Hdc in second ch from hook, sc in the next two ch, sl st in the next two ch, sc in the next ch, hdc in the last two ch and next six sts, dc in the last st. Ch2
- 3: Dc in the first st, hdc in the next st, sc in the next six sts, ch1 turn. 8 sts
- 4: Sc the next six sts, hdc in the next st, dc in the last st. ch2, 8 sts
- 5: Dc in the first st, hdc in the next st, sc in the last six sts. 8 sts
- 6: Sc next two sts tog, sc in the next five sts, hdc in the last st. 7 sts
- 7: Hdc in the first , sc in the next six sts. 7 sts

8: Sc next two sts tog, sc in the next four sts, hdc in the last st. 6 sts.

9: Sc next two sts tog, sc in the next two sts, sc the last two sts tog, ch1, 4 sts

10: Skip first st, sc next two sts tog, sl st in the last st, finish off.

Right forewing:

1: With the left wings pointing down and the forewing to your left, join yarn with a sc in the first chain of the beginning chain 6 and sc in the next four ch, ch1, turn. 5sc.

2: BLO for this row, repeat row 2 of the left forewing.

3-14: Repeat rows 3 through 14 of the left forewing.

Right hindwing:

1: Repeat rows 1 through 10 of the left hindwing.

Finishing the wings:

For the Swallowtail Wings, I threaded size 8 seed beads onto size 8 perle cotton, about 100 beads for the forewing, and 80 beads for the hindwing (this should be more than enough). With worsted yarn in a similar or contrasting color, hold the yarn and the perle cotton together and work (sl st, slide up a bead, ch1) around the outer edge of both wings. Remember, beads will naturally fall on the wrong side of the work, so decide which side you want the beads to show up on, and work with that side facing away from you.

For the Monarch and Luna wings, I threaded size 8 beads onto 30 gauge copper wrapping wire, again, the same number of beads as for the Swallowtail wings. With size F hook, I worked a bead sc all around each wing.

After finishing, dampen your wings and stretch them out on a towel to dry, shaping them a bit and getting all of the 'curl' out of your crochet.

Once completed you can sew your wings directly to the back of your fairy, or attach them to her/his tunic or dress.

Some thoughts on these wings:

-Acrylic yarn makes a stiffer wing. The Luna Moth wings were made with acrylic, the Swallowtail and Milkweed wings with 100% wool. The wool wings are heavier.

-30 gauge wire was what I had on hand; it is pretty fine. If you want more rigidity in your wings, try 28 or 26 gauge wire. You should still be able to crochet with it without too much trouble.

-I liked the crochet wire edging better than the perle/yarn/bead edging, as it did add more rigidity to the wings.

-You might consider using cotton yarn for the wings, then spraying them lightly with spray starch for additional stiffness.