

Crocheting a golden feather for the dragon

This feather consists of 2 parts, which are made separately: A reddish brown basic feather, with a golden feather part on top of it.

For the reddish brown base you can use any reddish brown, probably medium weight yarn. The yarn should be just a little bit thicker than the gold yarn you use.

(I used Merino soft, color 608 of Scheepjes for this)

For the golden top feather I used Katia Gatsby, color 20, but you can use any brand of gold yarn you like - as long as it is gold and it is just a little bit thinner as the reddish brown yarn. As you can see in my sample, the golden feather on top should be a bit smaller than the reddish brown basic feather. If the top and basic feather would be the same size, you can also adjust the pattern a bit - leaving out or adding some rows.

I am using US crochet terms

ch	= chain
sl st	= slip stitch
sc	= single crochet
m	= stitch marker (you can use a safety pin instead)
P1	= picot with a chain stitch: ch 4, sc in third chain from the hook
P2	= picot: ch 3, sc in third chain from the hook

Note: In the row of picots moving towards the stem, the picots are made in the chain stitch in between the picots. The slip stitches between the picots are made in the base stitch of the P1 and the chain stitches in between the P1's.

For the reddish brown basic feather

1. Ch 20, m in last ch
2. [P1] 3x
3. Going back: Sl st in next ch, [P2, sl st 2] 2x (to m), remove m
4. Sl st 3 along the stem, put m in next ch
5. [P1] 4x
6. Sl st, [P2, sl st 2] 3x, remove m
7. Sl st 3 along the stem, put m in next ch
8. [P1] 5x
9. Sl st, [P2, sl st 2] 4x, remove m
10. Sl st 4 along the stem, put m in next ch
11. [P1] 5x
12. Sl st, [P2, sl st 2] 4x, remove m
13. Sl st 4 along the stem, put m in next ch
14. [P1] 5x
15. Sl st, [P2, sl st 2] 4x, remove m
16. Sl st 5 along the stem, put m in next ch
17. [P1] 5x
18. Sl st, [P2, sl st 2] 4x, remove m
19. Sl st in last chain stitch, sc in top of the stem, sl st at the other side of the stem (still in the last ch)

From here you continue making rows of picots at the other side of the stem (mirroring the first side):

- 5 picots (with ch) away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem, sl st 5 along the stem
- 5 picots away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem, sl st 4 along the stem
- 5 picots away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem, sl st 4 along the stem
- 5 picots away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem, sl st 3 along the stem
- 4 picots away from the stem, 3 picots towards the stem, sl st along the stem, bind off.

The goldfeather at the top is made almost the same way - so here is a short description:

- Ch 24
- 3 picots (with ch) away from the stem, 2 picots towards the stem
- sl st 3 along the stem, 4 picots away from the stem, 3 picots towards the stem
- sl st 4 along the stem, 5 picots away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem
- sl st 5 along the stem, 5 picots away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem
- sl st 6 along the stem, 5 picots away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem
- sl st in last chain stitch, sc in top of the stem, sl st at the other side of the stem (still in the last ch)

And then back again in mirror image:

- 5 picots away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem, sl st 6 along the stem
- 5 picots away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem, sl st 5 along the stem
- 5 picots away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem, sl st 5 along the stem
- 5 picots away from the stem, 4 picots towards the stem, sl st 4 along the stem
- 4 picots away from the stem, 3 picots towards the stem, sl st along the stem, bind off.

Both parts can be sewn together along the stem, matching the tops - see picture.

