Nevermore! A Raven Fit for a Poe

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Although I designed this simple, eight-piece raven to sit perfectly on the leg of my Edgar Allan Poe stuffie, he looks just as cute all alone on your mantle or bookshelf.

Materials needed:

- Black yarn
- Small scrap of black felt
- Black thread or embroidery floss
- Scissors
- Stuffing
- Plastic safety eyes, if desired

Abbreviations

MR = Magic Ring
Ch = Chain
St = Stitch
Sc = Single crochet
FLO = Front loops only
BLO = Back loops only
sc2tog = 2 single crochet together, or a decrease
F/O = Fasten off

Head

ROWS		TOTAL ST
0.	MR 5 or Ch2, 5sc in 2nd st from hook	5
1.	2sc each st	10
2.	(Sc next, 2sc next) x5	15
3-5.	Sc around for 3 rows	15 for 3 rows
6.	(Sc next sc, sc2tog) x5	10
7.	Sc around (10 total)	10
8.	F/O, leaving tail for sewing head to body	

Add safety eyes, if using. Stuff and set aside.

Body

ROWS		TOTAL ST
0.	MR 5 or Ch2, 5sc in 2nd st from hook	5
1.	Sc around	5
2.	2sc each st	10
3.	Sc around	10
4.	(Sc next, 2sc next) x5	15
5.	Sc around	15
6.	(Sc next 2, 2sc next) x5	20
7.	Sc around	20
8.	(Sc next 2, sc2tog) x5	15
9.	**FLO {Sc next 8}, BLO [Sc next 7] and stuff**	15
10.	**FLO {Sc next 5}, BLO [Sc next 10]**	15
11.	**FLO {Sc next, sc2tog} x3, BLO (Sc next, sc2tog) x2**	10
12.	Sc2tog x3, then weave yarn through remaining st and pull closed	

Sew the head to the body. I positioned mine at the highest point on Row 12. I also turned it. If you prefer, you can have your raven looking forward and down.

Tail feather

Beginning in Row 3, you will use a slightly unusual (but very simple) method of decreasing. You will not Ch 1 at the start of the row. Instead, you will just sc into the next st, the same way you do when you're starting Row 1 after making a foundation chain. As a result of this decrease, you will end Row 3 with a total of four stitches.

(You'll still be working in black yarn. I used gray for these photos because the st are easier to see.)

ROWS		TOTAL ST
0.	Ch 6	6
1.	Sc across	5
2.	Ch 1. Turn. Sc across.	5
3.	Turn. Sc next. Sc across.	4
4.	Ch 1. Turn. Sc across.	4
5.	Turn. Sc next. Sc across.	3
6.	Ch 1. Turn. Sc across.	3
7.	Turn. Sc next. Sc next.	2
8-9	Ch 1, turn, sc across for 2 rows.	2 for 2 rows
10.	Ch 1, turn, Sc next sc. 2sc next sc. Sc up side as follows: Sc next 4, 2sc next, sc to corner, 2sc last st.	
11.	F/O, leaving a tail for stitching the tail feather to the body.	

Sew the tail feather to the body about halfway up the back. The tail feather should extend beyond the body, as you see in the picture.

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Wings (make 2)

ROWS		TOTAL ST
0.	Ch 5	5
1.	Sc across	4
2-6.	Ch 1, turn, sc across for 5 rows	4 for 5 rows
7.	Turn. Sc next. Sc across.	3
8.	Ch 1. Turn. Sc across.	3
9.	Turn. Sc next. Sc across	2
10.	Ch 1, turn, sc next sc, 2sc next sc. Sc up side, ending with 2sc in last st.	
11.	F/O, leaving a tail for stitching the wings to the body.	

Sew the wings to the body. The

Legs (make 2)

There are two ways to make the raven's legs, both of which are perfectly viable. The first method will produce the legs on the left in the picture; the second will produce the leg on the right, which are skinnier and just a smidge longer.

Method 1:

ROWS		TOTAL ST
0.	MR 4 or Ch2, 4sc in 2nd st from hk	4
1-3.	Sc around for 3 rows	4 for 3 rows
4.	F/O, leaving a tail for stitching the leg to the body	

Method 2:

Work up one side of the chain and down the other. Ch 4. Sc next 2. 3sc next. Sc next 2. Sl st. F/O, leaving a fairly long tail. Fold in half and sew up the edge.

Sew the legs to the body.

Beak!

1. Cut a rectangle of black felt roughly 3" long and 1" wide. Fold it in half. Cut a triangular shape through both layers simultaneously. (This will yield two identical triangles.)
2. Using black thread or embroidery floss, sew both long edges of the beak closed. Slip some stuffing in through the top.
3. Sew the beak to the face.
4. Your raven will stand up as is, resting on the tripod if his two legs and his tailfeather. He will also sit in Poe's lap. If desired, you can cut feet from felt and either sew or glue them to the bottom of his legs.

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