

Snowbird



Size

5"/12.5 cm long from beak to tail

2.5"/6.5 cm wide

Yarn

Cascade Aereo

A: 04 Ecru (bottom of body); 10 yd./9 m

B: 02 Charcoal (top of body, head, tail feathers, wings); 30 yd./27 m

Needles

US Size 5/3.75 mm dpns

US Size 3/3.25 mm dpns

Notions

Scrap of peach-colored worsted weight yarn (for beak)

Darning needle

5 mm round black safety eyes

Stuffing

Knitting Abbreviations

CO	cast on
dpn	double pointed needle
EOR	end of round/row
K	knit
K2tog	knit two stitches together
L	left
M1	make 1 stitch
M1R	make one stitch to the right
M1L	make one stitch to the left
P	purl
PU	pick up and knit a new stitch from existing work
R	right
st	stitch
sts	stitches
SSK	slip 2 sts k-wise, place back onto left dpn, then K2tog through back loop
WT	wrap and turn
X	number of times to work the instruction in parentheses

Notes

M1:	Lift R leg in row below the next stitch, place on L needle and knit normally
M1R:	With L needle, PU strand between sts from back to front: K thru front loop
M1L:	With L needle, PU strand between sts from front to back; K thru back loop

WT: K side: K the specified number of sts, bring yarn to front of work, slip the next st on the L dpn to the R one, move yarn to the back of your work, then slip the stitch back to the L needle. This “wraps” the st; turn work.

P side: P the specified number of sts, bring yarn to the back of work, slip the next st on the L dpn to the R one, move yarn to the front of your work, then slip the stitch back to the L needle. This “wraps” the st; turn work.

I *do* recommend picking up and knitting the wraps in this pattern.

Body

Work begins at the bottom of the snowbird. With color A, CO 13 sts onto 3 larger size dpns. Join in the round by slipping the first CO st onto the 3rd needle, then pull the 2nd stitch (formerly the last st) over it and off the needle; 12 sts remain.

Rnd 1:	K all sts	
Rnd 2:	(M1, K2) 6X	(18 sts)
Rnd 3:	K all sts	
Rnd 4:	(M1, K3) 6X	(24 sts)
Rnds 5-10:	K all sts	
Rnd 11:	K6, (M1L, K4) 2X, (M1R, K4) 2X, K2	(28 sts)
Rnd 12:	K all sts	
Row 13:	K3, WT	
Row 14:	P6, WT	
Row 15:	K5, WT	
Row 16:	P4, WT	
Row 17:	K3, WT	
Row 18:	P2, WT	
Row 19:	K1 (EOR)	

Cut color A; join color B. Continue working with larger size dpns.

Rnd 20:	K all sts, picking up and knitting the wraps as you go	
Row 21:	K3, WT	
Row 22:	P6, WT	
Row 23:	K5, WT	
Row 24:	P4, WT	
Row 25:	K3, WT	
Row 26:	P2, WT	
Row 27:	K1 (EOR)	

Pick up and knit wraps while working the row below:

Rnd 28:	K8, (M1L, K4) 2X, (M1R, K4) 2X, K4	(32 sts)
Rnd 29:	K2tog, K28, SSK	(30 sts)
Rnds 30-31:	K all sts	
Rnd 32:	K2tog, K26, SSK	(28 sts)
Rnds 33-34:	K all sts	
Rnd 35:	K2tog, K24, SSK	(26 sts)

Rnd 36:	K1, (SSK, K1) 4X, (K1, K2tog) 4X, K1	(18 sts)
Rnd 37:	K all sts	
Rnd 38:	K2tog, K14, SSK	(16 sts)
Rnds 39-40:	K all sts	
Rnd 41:	K2tog, K12, SSK	(14 sts)
Rnds 42-43:	K all sts	
Rnd 44:	K2tog, K10, SSK	(12 sts)

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts. Before pulling closed, attach safety eyes about 4 rows down from center, and 6 sts apart from each other in the front. Pull closed; weave in loose end. Stuff bird through hole at the bottom. With a darning needle, pass the CO tail beneath every other CO st; pull to cinch closed. Weave in loose end.

Tail

Sts are now picked up at the back of the bird (where the short rows were worked) to create the tail feathers. Continue with color B and larger size dpns. With top of bird facing and head pointed down, begin in the center and work to the left.

1st dpn:	PU 4 sts in the color B sts on top
2nd dpn:	PU 4 sts in the color A sts on bottom
3Rd don:	PU 4 sts in the color A sts on top

This is what the picked-up sts should look like when you're through



Join sts in the round.

Rnds 1-3:	K all sts	
Rnd 4:	K4, SSK, K2tog, K4	(10 sts)
Rnds 5-7:	K all sts	
Rnd 8:	K3, SSK, K2tog, K3	(8 sts)
Rnds 9-16:	K all sts	



Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts and pull closed. Weave in loose end. Tail is not stuffed, should be flattened top to bottom, and stick out straight from the body.

Wings (make 2)

The wings are worked separately and seamed to the body. Work begins with the curve in the front of the wing. With color B, CO 6 sts onto 1 larger size dpn; rows 1-8 are worked back and forth.

Row 1:	P all sts
Row 2:	K all sts
Row 3:	P all sts
Row 4:	K4, WT
Row 5:	P2, WT
Row 6:	K3, WT
Row 7:	P4, WT
Row 8:	K5 (EOR)

Sts are now picked up along the edges of your work, then joined in the round with the first 6 sts. Turn your work so that the RS is facing and the working yarn is coming from the first st at the top of your needle. With 2 additional dpns, PU 6 sts total around the edges of your work: 1 on each edge, and 4 along the CO side for a total of 6 new sts; 12 sts total (EOR). Join in the round.

Rnds 1-6:	K all sts	
Rnd 7:	K2tog, K8, SSK	(10 sts)
Rnd 8:	K all sts	
Rnd 9:	K2tog, K6, SSK	(8 sts)

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts and pull closed. Weave in loose end. Flatten wings front to back, and seam to sides of body with decreases on the bottom and straight edge along the top.

Beak

With scrap of peach colored yarn and 3 smaller size dpns, PU 7 sts in a circular cluster about 4-5 rows down from top/center of head. Join sts in the round.

Rnd 1:	K all sts	
Rnd 2:	(K2tog) 3X, K1	(4 sts)

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts and pull closed. Weave in loose end.