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a claire  
garland  
knitting  
pattern



**FINISHED SIZE** Approx. 16cm length from tail to beak, 6½cm tall

**YARN** Knitted - 12 metres sport weight yarn - I used ½ x 25gm ball Scheepjes Catona

**NEEDLES** 3.5mm/ size 4 knitting needles

**TENSION** Knitted - 12 stitches, 21 rows of garter stitch over 5cm with 3.5mm needles

**EXTRAS** Scraps toy filling or scraps fabric/ yarn for stuffing, lengths ribbon or braid

### **Pattern**

Beginning with the tail cast on 8sts

**Rows 1 - 22** Garter stitch 22 rows

**Row 23** dec) K3, skpo, k3 - 7sts

**Row 24** K

**Row 25** inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 9sts

**Rows 26 - 39** inc) Rep last 2 rows 7 times - 23sts

**Rows 40 - 46** Garter stitch 7 rows

**Row 47** dec) Skpo, k9, kfb, k9, k2 tog - 22sts

**Row 48** K4, place marker (PM) - for wings if required - , k4, PM, k6, PM, k4, PM, k to end

**Row 49** Skpo, k7, kfb, k2, kfb, k7, k2 tog

**Row 50** K

**Rows 51 - 52** Rep last 2 rows once

**Row 53** dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 20sts

**Row 54** Skpo, k6, kfb, k2, kfb, k6, k2 tog

**Row 55** dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 18sts

**Row 56** dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 16sts

**Row 57** dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 14sts

... short rows to shape the head

**Short row 1** K11, bring yarn to the front of the work, slip next st purl-wise onto the right hand needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the left hand needle, turn the knitting, take working yarn to the back ready for knitting = W+T (wrap and turn) then after you've turned you knit back along the stitches you've just knitted.

**Short row 2** K8, W+T

**Short row 3** K7, W+T

**Short row 4** K6, W+T

**Short row 5** K5, W+T

**Short row 6** K4, W+T

**Short row 7** K3, W+T

**Short row 8** K2, W+T

**Short row 9** K1, W+T

**End short row** K7sts to end

**Row 58** dec) K2 tog all across - 7sts

**Row 59** K7

BEAK - change to a different here colour of you like

**Row 60** dec) Skpo, k3, k2 tog - 5sts

**Row 61** dec) Skpo, k1, k2 tog - 3sts

**Row 62** K

**Row 63** dec) K3 tog - fasten off.

WINGS - if you want pretty wings...

RS facing with bird's head facing towards you, pick up 4 sts between markers

**Row 1** inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 6sts

**Row 2** K

**Row 3** inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 8sts

**Rows 4- 5** Garter stitch 2 rows

**Row 6** dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 6sts

**Row 7** K

**Row 8** dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 4sts

**Row 9** Skpo, k2 tog - 2 sts

**Row 10** K2 tog, fasten off, use the tail end to sew the wing tip to the body

TO MAKE UP

Fold the bird in half matching row ends.

Beginning at the beak, over sew the row ends together.

Have the body rows ends side by side ready to join with mattress seam. Join seam along the head and the body up to the tail, stuffing as you go.

Join the tail halfway along leaving the remainder un-sewn, weave in the row ends.

Cut a length of ribbon/ twine about 60cm/ 24inches long and bend in half, thread the bent end through the bottom of the bird - where its legs would be,

then in through a stitch at the top of the body near the head so that it emerges

through to RS - this will be the hanging loop - make a knot just after the loop to

secure the loop above the knitting then make a knot at the bottom of the bird to

secure the ribbon at the base