

ROBIN redbreast

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knitting
pattern



FINISHED SIZE Approx. 17cm from tip of beak to tail end

YARN Cotton DK in brown - shown as Schjeepjes Catona shade 254 Moonrock

NEEDLES Pair 3.75mm knitting needles

EXTRAS Toy filling, blunt ended yarn sewing needle, 2 x 6mm amigurami-style toy eyes, varying shades of orange and orangey-red and optional grey stranded embroidery threads

Abbreviations can be found at the end of pattern

Beginning at the tail, cast on 10 sts

Row 1 inc) K2, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k4, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k2 – 6sts

Rows 2 - 4 Beg with a purl row work 3 rows st st

Row 5 dec) K1, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k2, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k1 – 12sts

Rows 6 - 8 Beg with a purl row work 3 rows st st

Row 9 dec) K4, skpo, k2 tog, k4 – 10sts

Rows 10 - 14 Beg with a purl row work 5 rows st st

Row 15 inc) K3, kfb, k2, kfb, k3 – 12sts

Row 16 P

Row 17 inc) K2, kfb twice, k4, kfb twice, k2 – 16sts

Row 18 P

Row 19 inc) K2, kfb, k2, kfb, k4, kfb, k2, kfb, k2 – 20sts

Row 20 P

Row 21 inc) K3, kfb, k2, kfb, k6, kfb, k2, kfb, k3 – 24sts

Row 22 P

Row 23 inc) K4, kfb, k2, kfb, k8, kfb, k2, kfb, k4 – 28sts

Row 24 dec) P2, p2 tog, k20, p2 tog, p2 – 26sts

Row 25 dec) K1, skpo, k20, k2 tog, k1 – 24sts

Row 26 P

Row 27 inc) K1, kfb, k1, kfb, k16, kfb, k1, kfb, k1 – 28sts

Row 28 P

Row 29 inc) K1, kfb, k1, kfb, k20, kfb, k1, kfb, k1 – 32sts

Rows 30 - 32 Beg with a purl row work 3 rows st st

Row 33 dec) K1, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k20, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k1 – 28sts

Row 34 P

Row 35 dec) K1, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k16, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k1 – 24sts

Row 36 dec) P1, p2 tog, p1, p2 tog, p12, p2 tog, p1, p2 tog, p1 – 20sts

Row 37 dec) K1, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k8, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k1 – 16sts

Rows 38 - 40 Beg with a purl row work 3 rows st st

Row 41 dec) K1, skpo, k10, k2 tog, k1 – 14sts

Row 42 P

Row 43 dec) K6, k2 tog, k6 – 13sts

Row 44 dec) P5, p3 tog, p5 – 11sts

Row 45 dec) K1, skpo, k1, k3 tog, k1, k2 tog, k1 – 7sts

Row 46 dec) P2 tog, p3, p2 tog – 5sts

Row 47 dec) K1, k3 tog, k1 – 3sts

Row 48 P

Row 49 dec) K3 tog. Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Gently press piece with a warm iron.

Partially work the embroidery as follows:

Step one: Take 3 different coloured strands (each about 20cm in length) thread ends through a blunt end needle and secure to wrong side of knitting - bring strands to the front to begin embroidery.



Step two: On one side of the knitting work random straight stitches - ranging from 6mm to 1cm in length - to define the imaginary line around the robin's breast. Note - there is no pattern to the stitches - just to make sure they are neat-ish and follow a semblance of direction. Also work the embroidery one stitch in from the row ends for now.

Step three: Work the other side as Step 3. Note - at this point your aim is just to define the edge and not to fully decorate the bird.



Step four: Fit eyes to each side of the head at the seam just behind the beak.

Step five: WS of knitting facing match row ends, thread up a yarn needle with body colour yarn, secure the end to WS and mattress sew together along the body, head then along the beak, leave the tail unsewn - at same time - stuff the bird lightly, shaping the bird as bird-like as you can - as you do so. Weave in all ends at the beak and then along side of the tail and thread all loose ends inside the stuffed body.

Step six: Complete the embroidery - padding out the stitches from Step two, working around the eyes and at the front of the breast - maintaining the 'heart-like' shape at the front of the breast as pictured - Note - at the seam I used single strands of embroidery threads to create smaller finer feathers. If you like - work a little bit of grey too beyond the orangey edge.



Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

inc = increase

dec = decrease

K2 tog = knit two together

Rep = repeat

RS/WS = right side/ wrong side st/ sts = stitch/ stitches

SKPO = slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit

stitch

Kfb = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

* AND A BIT OF SELF PROMOTION....

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