



Little  
feathered  
friend

a claire garland  
knitting pattern





YARN about half a 50gm ball of any yarn from 4-ply to sport weight in 2 or 3 contrasting shades:

NEEDLES set 2.5mm (US 1) double pointed knitting needles (dpns)

EXTRAS something to stuff the bird with and two small toy eyes, mine were 6mm diameter safety eyes from Suncatcher eyes

## feathered friend

**Beak, head, body, wings and tail** *make as one piece*

Using beak colour cast on 3 sts.

**Row 1 (RS)** (inc) K1, kfb, k1. 4sts

**Row 2** P.

**Row 3** (inc) K1, kfb twice, k1. 6sts

**Row 4** P.

**Row 5** (inc) K1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1. 8sts

**Row 6** P.

Cut yarn.

Join in head colour

**Row 7** K.

...shape head...

**Row 8** Purl into front knit into back of st (pfb), p to last st, pfb.

10sts

**Row 9** (inc) Kfb, k4, m1, k4, kfb. 13sts

**Row 10** P.

**Row 11** (inc) Kfb, k2, kfb 7 times, k2, kfb. 22sts

**Row 12** P.

(Change yarn colour here if you want a different colour body to head)

... shape throat...

**Rows 13 & 14** (inc) Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 28sts

Divide all 28 sts over 3 dpns as follows: K8 onto 1st dpn, K next 12 sts onto 2nd dpn, K8 onto 3rd dpn. RS of knitting facing, with 4th needle join for working in the round.

Keeping tension fairly tight in first rnd, cont to work as follows:

**1st rnd** K28.

Without turning work cont as follows:

**Rnd 2** (inc) Kfb 6 times, k16, kfb 6 times. 40sts

**Rnd 3** K40.z

Rep last rnd once more.

... shape breast...

**Rnd 5** (inc) Kfb 4 times, k32, Kfb 4 times. 48sts

**Rnd 6** K48.

Rep last rnd once more.

**Rnd 8** (dec) K21, k2 tog, k2, skpo, k21. 46sts

**Rnd 9** (dec) K20, k2 tog, k2, skpo, k20. 44sts

**Rnd 10** K44.

Rep last rnd once more.

**Rnd 12** K2 tog, K40, k2 tog. 42sts

**Rnd 13** K42.

Rep last rnd twice more.

**Divide for wings**

**Rnd 16** K12, Sl next st off needle onto a small safety pin, K16, Sl next st off needle onto a second small safety pin, K12. 40sts on needles

**Rnd 17** K13, Sl next st off needle onto 1st safety pin (as previous rnd), K12, Sl next st off needle onto second safety pin, K13. 38sts on needles

**Rnd 16** K14, Sl next st off needle onto 1st safety pin, K8, Sl next st off needle onto 2nd safety pin, K14. 36sts on needles

**Rnd 17** K15, Sl next st off needle onto 1st safety pin, K4, Sl next st off needle onto 2nd safety pin, K15. 34sts on needles

**Rnd 18** K34.

**Rnd 19** (dec) K2 tog, K30, k2 tog. 32sts

**Rnd 20** K32.

Rep last 2 rnds 4 times. 24sts

**Shape for tail**

**Rnd 29** (dec) K9, k2 tog 3 times, k9. 21sts

**Rnd 30** K21.

**Rnd 31** (dec) K9, k3 tog, k9. 19sts

**Rnd 32** K19.

Re-arrange 19 sts over 3 needles as follows: K4 onto 1st dpn, K next 11 sts onto 2nd dpn, K4 onto 3rd dpn - then knit across the first 4 sts of the rnd onto the last dpn so that you have 8sts on one dpn, 11sts on the other.

Work over two needles in the rnd as follows:

**Next rnd** K19.

**Next rnd** (dec) K2 tog, k7, skpo, k8. 17sts

**Next rnd** (dec) K9, k4, m1, k4. 18sts

### Tail

Knit the top set and bottom set tail sts together as follows:

1. Hold needles with the 2 sets of 9sts parallel in left hand.
2. With an empty dpn, \*go into front of first stitch on front needle k-wise, then go into the back (side closest to you) of first stitch on back needle k-wise, (this leaves you with one stitch on the left hand needle).
3. Yarn round (as if to knit) the back needle and knit the stitch as normal then dip the tip of the RH needle under the first stitch on front needle to knit that.\*\*

Rep from \* to \*\*. 9sts

Beg with a k row work as many garter stitch rows to however long you want the tail to be - ending with: k2 tog k4, k2 tog on last row before binding off.

Snap the eyes in place either side of the beak, using the photographs as position guides, alternately embroider eyes using coloured threads Stuff body, breast and head. Mattress st the beak and throat to close the seam.

### Wings

\*Slip 4 sts that are held on one of the safety pins onto a dpn.

With the underside of the wing facing rejoin yarn (MC or contrasting colour) - purl across.

Cont in stocking st for 2 rows, so ending with a WS row.

**Row 3** Kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb. 6sts

**Row 4** P.

Rep last 2 rows twice. 10sts

Cont in stocking st for 4 rows, so ending with a WS row. \*\*

... for Left wing (this is the wing to your left as you look at down on the bird with the tail toward you)

**Row 13** (dec) K2 tog, k to end. 9sts

**Row 14** P.

Rep last 2 rows six times. 3sts

**Row 27** (dec) K3 tog.

Fasten off. Weave in end or use end to sew the wing against the tail (I gently pressed mine before working a few stitches to hold the wing against the tail and a bit of the body).

Work the right wing similarly from \* to \*\*. Continue to shape reversing shaping - that is to say, on this wing, you will do your decreasing at the end of the knit row.

### Legs

make 2 alike

Cut length leg coloured yarn to 8in. Cut a shorter length to 3in thread this end into a yarn needle, pass needle through longer length of yarn

1in from one end to split the yarn, pull short length through stopping when there is an inch of end, take another st through split yarn to secure, trim so that all three ends/ claws are the same length. Apply same method for a back claw trimming one end flush with 'knot' created at the join. 4 claws made.

To make the legs stiff: - Either - make up a solution of either equal quantities of sugar and water or equal quantities of PVA art glue and water (the latter will give you a stiffer effect) and paint or dip the solution onto the legs then leave to dry – you can position them/ bend them as you want them when they are dry.

... Or steam them with a hot iron - seems to felt the yarn a bit, however this method will only work with 100% wool!

**cm** centimetre/s  
**CO** cast on  
**cont** continue  
**dec** decrease  
**DK** double knit yarn weight  
**ft** foot/ feet as in measurements  
**gm** gram/ mes  
**in** inch/es  
**inc** increase  
**k** knit/ knitting  
**kfb** knit into front, then back  
**LH/ RS** left hand/ left side  
**m1** make a stitch  
**mc** main colour  
**mm** millimetre  
**p** purl

**patt** pattern  
**pfkb** purl into front, knit into back  
**pup&k** pick up and knit  
**rep** repeat  
**rem** remaining  
**RH/RS** right hand/ right side  
**skpo** slip next stitch, knit the next stitch  
 pass slipped stitch over the knitted stitch  
**sl** slip stitch - k-wise on p row, p-wise on p row  
**st/sts** stitch/es  
**WS** wrong side  
**yf** bring yarn to front of work and over the needle from front to back to make a stitch  
**yo** bring yarn over the needle from back to front to make a stitch

#### *Special instruction*

**M1** – (make one stitch) an increase stitch, used primarily a within a row. Knit to where the increase is to occur, in a pattern this will read as k5, m1- for example, so knit 5 sts, slip the right-hand needle front to back, under the horizontal bar that lies before the next stitch, slip left-hand needle through, from front to back, the picked up bar and allow the stitch to remain on the left-hand needle then, with the right-hand needle, knit into the back of the newly made loop to complete the new stitch. carry on knitting along the row or round unless otherwise stated.