



Blossom BIRDS

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pattern



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

YARN 12 metres sport or DK weight yarn - I use Cascade 220

TENSION 13 stitches, 16 rows of stocking stitch over 5cm with 3.25mm needles

EXTRAS Scraps toy filling or scraps fabric/ yarn for stuffing

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

Row 26 P1, pfb, p to last 2 sts. pfb, p1 - 11sts

Rows 27 - 32 inc) Rep last 2 rows 3 times - 23sts

Row 33 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 25sts

Row 34 P

Cont to work instarsia patt. from chart over next 16 rows as foll:

Rows 1-12 Stocking sttch 12 rows

Row 13 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog - intarsia at same time - 23sts

Row 14 dec) Ssp, p to last 2 sts, p2tog - intarsia at same time - 21sts

Rows 15-16 dec) Rep last 2 rows - 17sts

Row 51 Skpo, k5, kfb, k1, kfb, k5, k2 tog

Row 52 dec) Ssp, p to last 2 sts, p2 tog - 15sts

... short rows to shape the head

Short row 1 K13, with yarn in front sl next st purl-wise onto RH needle, with yarn in back, sl st back onto LH needle, turn (WTK - wrap and turn knit)

Short row 2 P11, with yarn behind sl next st purl-wise onto RH needle, with yarn in front, sl st back onto LH needle, turn (WTP - wrap and turn purl)

Short row 3 K10, W+T

Short row 4 P9, W+T

Short row 5 K8, W+T

Short row 6 P7, W+T

Short row 7 K6, W+T

Short row 8 P5, W+T

Short row 9 K4, W+T

Short row 8 P3, W+T

Short row 9 K2, W+T

Short row 8 P1, W+T

End short row K8sts to end

Row 53 dec) P2tog 3 times, p3tog, p2tog 3 times - 7sts

BEAK - change to a different colour for beak

Row 54 dec) K2tog, k3, k2tog - 5sts

Row 55 dec) P2tog, k1, p2tog - 3sts

Row 56 K

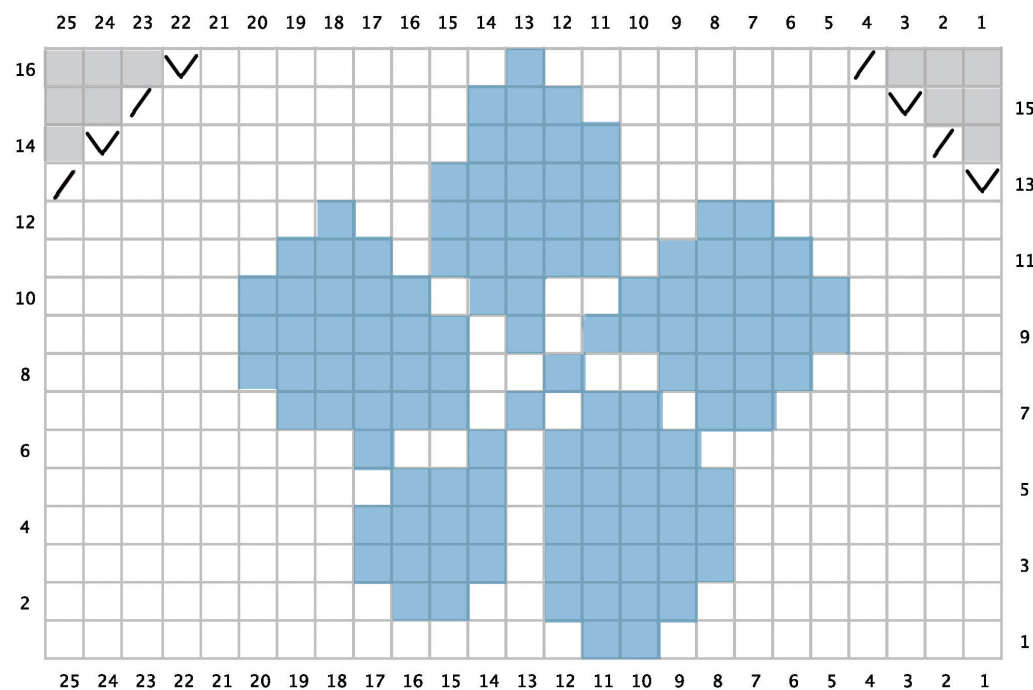
Row 57 dec) P3tog - fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Fold the bird in half matching row ends.

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

Have the row/ selvedge edges side by side ready to join with mattress seam. Join seam together along the head and the body up to the tail, stuffing as you go leaving the garter stitching tail un-sewn.



Intarsia key

K from right to left on each odd numbered row

P from left to right on each even numbered row

✓ Skpo on K row, Ssp on P row

/ K2tog on K row, P2tog on P row