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EASY

knitting

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Amigurumi:
1 ball 9212 Bird

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 3.25 mm [US 3]

Stuffing, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 20 sts = about 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side). **EXACT GAUGE IS NOT CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

George & Hubert Knit Bird

We're not sure why these cute little birdies are grumpy, maybe they need a nap! You can always change their eyebrows for a friendlier looking feathered pal.

Bird measures about 3½″ [9 cm] tall.

Notes

1. Before beginning, separate the different color sections of the yarn as follows: Pop the center color out by pushing gently on the center of the ball so that it comes out intact. Find the point where the color changes and cut the yarn. Repeat this process for the remaining yarn colors by carefully pushing the rings of color out of the larger ring and cutting. Wind each color into a separate ball to prevent tangling. You may find that one color appears both in the center, and on the outside of the ball, wind together or separately. In the pattern instructions, the red color is referred to as **A**, the yellow as **B**, the black as **C**, and the white as **D**.
2. Bird is made in 7 pieces: Body/head, tail, 2 wings, beak, and 2 feet.
3. Pieces are sewn together using yarn tails or yarn scraps.
4. Pattern contains instructions for making two identical birds in different colorways, colorway #1 and colorway #2.

Special Stitches

kfb (knit into front and back) = Knit next stitch but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same stitch and remove from needle – 1 st increased.

kfbf (Knit into front, back, then front of same st) = Knit into front of next stitch without removing stitch from needle, then knit into back of same stitch and then into front again, remove stitch from needle – 2 sts increased.

BODY/HEAD

Note: Before beginning, choose a colorway and refer to colorway lists to determine when to change yarn color.
Colorway #1: Work Rows 1-9 with **D**, and Rows 10-23 and top tuft with **A**.
Colorway #1: Work Rows 1-9 with **D**, and Rows 10-23 and top tuft with **B**.

Beginning at bottom of bird with **first color** of chosen colorway, cast on 6 sts.
Row 1 (right side): [Kfb] 6 times—12 sts.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: [K1, kfb] 6 times—18 sts.
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5: [K2, kfb] 6 times—24 sts.
Row 6: Purl.
Row 7: [K3, kfb] 6 times—30 sts.
Row 8: Purl.
Row 9: [K4, kfb] 6 times—36 sts.

Change to **second color** of chosen colorway.
Row 10: Purl.
Rows 11–18: Work in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 8 rows.
Row 19: [K2, k2tog] 9 times—27 sts.
Row 20: Purl.
Row 21: [K7, k2tog] 3 times—24 sts.
Row 22: Purl.
Row 23: [K2tog] 12 times—12 sts.
Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last row and pull to gather. Sew side edges together for back seam, using matching yarn colors. Stuff piece. Sew cast-on edges together, flat.

Top Tuft: With **second color** of chosen colorway, embroider 5 loop stitches on top of head.

Facial features: Using photograph as a guide, with **C** embroider French knot eyes and straight stitch eyebrows.

TAIL

With **second color** of chosen colorway as used for top section of body/head, cast on 15 sts.

Rows 1–6: Work in Stockinette stitch for 6 rows

Row 7: [K3, k2tog] 3 times—12 sts.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: [K1, k2tog] 4 times—8 sts.

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: [K2tog] 4 times—4 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last row and pull to gather. Sew side edges together for bottom center seam. Stuff lightly.

WINGS (make 2 for each bird)

With **C**, cast on 1 st.

Row 1: Kfbf—3 sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Kfb, k1, kfb—5 sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last row and pull to gather. Secure tail but do not trim. It can be used later for sewing wing to body.

BEAK (make 1 for each bird)
Notes

1. Beak is worked from top down to tip.
2. For colorway #1, use **B** for beak. For colorway #2, use **C** for beak.

Leaving a long beginning tail for sewing, cast on 2 sts.

Row 1: [Kfb] twice—4 sts.

Rows 2 and 3: Knit.

Row 4: [K2tog] twice—2 sts.

Row 5: K2tog—1 st.

Fasten off.

FEET (make 2 for each bird)

With **C**, cast on 4 sts.

First Toe: Bind off 3 sts, slip the 1 st remaining on right needle back to left needle—1 st remains.

Second and Third Toes: *Cast on 3 sts then bind off 3 sts, slip the 1 st remaining on right needle back to left needle; repeat from * once more. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Thread the tail through the back end of the toes and pull to gather. Do not trim tail. It can be used later to sew foot to bird.

FINISHING

Referring to photograph as a guide to placement, use yarn tails or yarn scraps to sew the following pieces together.

1. Sew tail to lower back of body.
2. Sew wings to sides of body.
3. Sew beak to front of head.
4. Sew feet to bottom of body.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C, and D = Color A, Color B, Color C, and Color D; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.