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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