

Bird Garland



Photograph by Rose Callahan

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Why settle for a single partridge? Five different sizes of birds are knitted flat, folded, stuffed and seamed. Yarn eyes and tails are added in finishing, as are the felt-cut wings, which are attached with fabric glue.

STITCH GLOSSARY

M1R

Insert LH needle from back to front under the strand between last st worked and the next st on the LH needle. Knit into the front loop to twist the st.

M1L

Insert LH needle from front to back under the strand between last st worked and the next st on the LH needle. Knit into the back loop to twist the st.

NOTE

Instructions are given for 5 sizes of birds: X-Small (Small, Medium, Large, X-Large). Sample shows 3 each sizes Small, Large and X-Large; 4 size Medium, 2 size X-S.

BIRD

Cast on 6 (8, 8, 8, 8) sts.

Purl 1 row.

Next (inc) row (RS) K1, M1R, k to last st, M1L, k1—8 (10, 10, 10, 10) sts.

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 0 (1, 2, 3, 4) times more—8 (12, 14, 16, 18) sts.

Next (inc) row (RS) [K1, M1R] twice, k to last 2 sts, [M1L, k1] twice—12 (16, 18, 20, 22) sts.

Cont in St st (k on RS, p on WS), work even for 5 rows.

Dec row 1 (RS) [Ssk] twice, k to the last 4 sts, [k2tog] twice—8 (12, 14, 16, 18) sts.

Purl one row.

Dec row 2 (RS) K1, ssk, k to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—6 (10, 12, 14, 16) sts.

Rep dec row 2 every other row 0 (1, 2, 3, 4) times more, end with a RS row—6 (8, 8, 8, 8) sts.

Bind off.

FINISHING

Fold bird in half and sew shaped side seams. Stuff. Sew cast-on edge to bound-off edge.

With yarn needle and red yarn, embroider eyes using photo as guide.

Tail

Wrap red yarn 3 or 4 times around fingers making loose coil.

Thread coil through tail of bird and knot.

Tie

Cut length of red yarn approx 10"/25.5cm long. Thread tie through stitch at center of folded top edge of bird and knot as for fringe.

Wings

Using photo as guide, cut wings out of red felt and attach to sides of bird with fabric glue. ✂



Skill Level

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ EASY

Lamb's Pride Bulky



MATERIALS

Lamb's Pride Bulky by Brown Sheep Company, 4oz/113g skeins, each approx 125yd/114m (wool/mohair)

- 2 skeins in #M11 white frost
- Small amount of dk or worsted weight yarn in red for eyes, tails and ties
- One pair size 10 (6mm) needles
OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Red felt for wings
- Fabric glue
- Polyester stuffing
- Yarn needle

SIZES

5 sizes: X-Small, Small, Medium, Large, X-Large.

MEASUREMENTS

- **Width before stuffing** 3½ (5, 5½, 6, 6¾)"/9 (12.5, 14, 15, 17)cm
- **Folded length before stuffing** 1¼ (1½, 2, 2½, 3)"/3 (4, 5, 6.5, 7.5)cm

GAUGE

13 sts and 20 rows to 4"/10cm over St st using size 10 (6mm) needles.

TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

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