

Knitted Bird Chocolate Egg Cosy



Materials:

Small amounts of DK yarn for body, wings and beak

4mm needles

Small amount of toy stuffing

Safety eyes (or embroider)

Abbreviations:

() work instructions between brackets as many times as given

Alt alternate

B&T bind and tie, feed yarn through stitches left on needle, pull tight, leaving yarn length for sewing up

CO cast on

Cont continue

DK double knit

K knit

KFB knit into front and back of stitch

K2tog knit two stitches together

K3tog knit three stitches together

P purl

PFB purl into front and back of stitch

P2tog purl two stitches together

R row

Rem remaining

Rep repeat

SK2togPO slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over
SS stocking stitch
St stitch(es)
Tbl through back of loop

Body

CO 20 st

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: PFB, P1, (PFB, P2) to last 3 st, PFB, P1, PFB (28st)

Row 3-6: Starting with a K row work 4 rows SS

Row 7: KFB, K to last st, KFB (30st)

Row 8: Purl

Row 9: KFB, K to last st, KFB (32st)

Row 10: PFB, P to last st, PFB (34st)

Row 11: KFB, K to last st, KFB (36st)

Row 12: PFB, P to last st, PFB (38st)

Row 13: KFB, K to last st, KFB (40st)

Row 14: PFB, P to last st, PFB (42st)

Row 15: Knit

Row 16: Cast off 11st, P to end (31st)

Row 17: Cast off 11st, K to end (20st)

Row 18: Purl

Head

Change colour (optional)

Row 19-28: Starting with a K row work 10 rows SS

Row 29: (K2tog tbl) x10 (10st)

B&T

Sew up back seam. Fill head with a small amount of toy stuffing, not too much as to stretch the stitches. Add safety eyes - small parts can be a choking hazard so supervision required for young children if using - alternatively embroider on eye details. Thread a length of matching coloured yarn through the neck (between rows 18-19) starting at the back seam with a gathering stitch. Pull together to emphasis head shape. Fasten securely.

Beak

CO 3st

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: SK2togPO

B&T

Sew the sides together and onto face just below eyes

Wings (worked as one piece)

CO 15st

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: KFB, K to last st, KFB (17st)

Row 4: PFB, P to last st, PFB (19st)

Row 5: KFB, K to last st, KFB (21st)

Row 6: PFB, P to last st, PFB (23st)

Shaping left wing:

Row 7: Knit 8st, turn work, continue working on this group of stitches only leaving remaining stitches on needle

Row 8: Purl (8st)

Row 9: KFB, K6, KFB (10st)

Row 10: PFB, P8, PFB (12st)

Row 11: K2tog, K8, K2tog (10st)

Row 12: Purl

Row 13: K2tog, K to end

Row 14: Purl to last 2st, P2tog

Row 15, 17, 19: Rep R13

Row 16, 18, 20: Rep R14

Row 21: K2tog

B&T

Shaping right wing:

Row 22: Re-join yarn, K15

Row 23: Purl 8st, turn work, continue working on this group of stitches only leaving remaining stitches on needle

Row 24: KFB, K6, KFB (10st)

Row 25: PFB, P8, PFB (12st)

Row 26: K2tog, K8, K2tog (10st)

Row 27: Purl

Row 28: K to end, K2tog

Row 29: P2tog, Purl to end

Row 30, 32, 34: Rep R28

Row 31, 33, 35: Rep R29

Row 36: K2tog

B&T

Shaping tail wing:

Row 37: Re-join yarn P7

Row 38: KFB, K2, KFB, K2, KFB (10st)

Row 39: PFB, P8, PFB (12st)

Row 40: K2tog, K8, K2tog (10st)

Row 41: P2tog, P6, P2tog (8st)

Row 42: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6st)

Row 43: P2tog, P2, P2tog (4st)

Row 44: Knit

Row 45: Purl

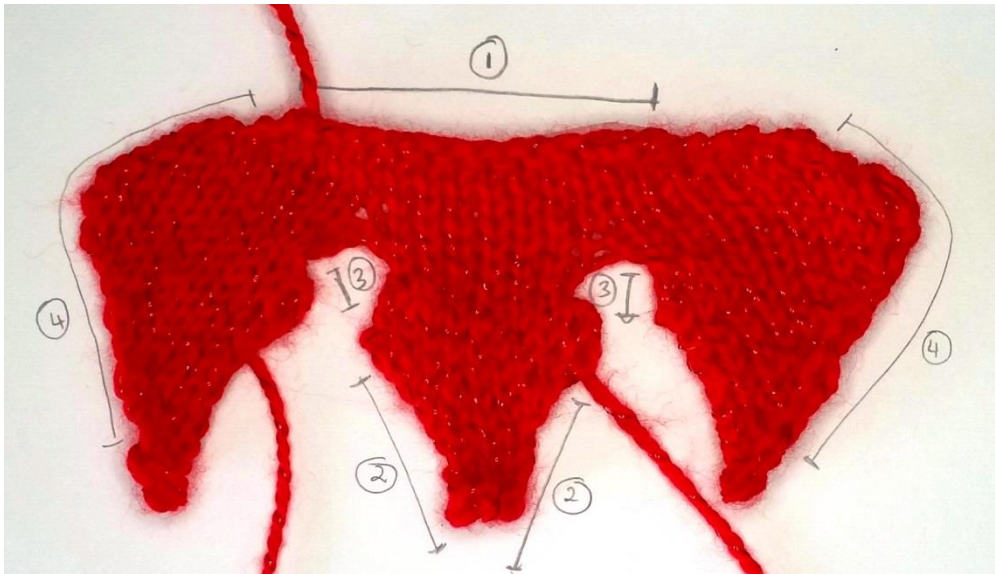
Row 46: Knit

Row 47: (P2tog) x2 (2st)

Row 48: K2tog

B&T

Sew wings onto main body as given below sewing in any ends



Pin centre point ① of wings to back head seam at the neck
Sew cast on edge around the sides and back of neck



Pin tail wing over tail area of body
Sew sides ② down and finish off tail tip into a point



Pin left and right wings over tail wing
Sew short sides ③ over the tail



Sew left and right front wings ④ to the front body leaving the wing tips free to stick out slightly

Below are just some examples of bird breeds and their colour schemes. There's one in the main picture that's been done like a duckling and another 'gull' like.



Blue Tit

Colour scheme for body: rows 1-18 yellow, rows 19-20 black, rows 21-24 white, rows 25-26 black, rows 27-29 light blue

Colour scheme for wings: rows 1-36 light blue, rows 37-48 tail wing in aqua blue or darker blue



Coal Tit

Colour scheme for body: rows 1-12 yellow, rows 13-18 grey, rows 19-21 black, rows 22-25 white, rows 26-29 black

Colour scheme for wings: rows 1-48 grey



Robin

Colour scheme for body: rows 1-14 beige, rows 15-29 red

Colour scheme for wings: rows 1-48 brown or use double strand beige and brown



Hen

Colour scheme for body: rows 1-29 white

Colour scheme for wings: rows 1-48 double strand white, sew onto body in reverse, sew on left and right wing then overlap with tail wing

Comb head crest: CO 8st red - cast off 2st, knit rem st - cast off 3st, knit rem st - cast off rem 3st - sew on top of head

Wattle: CO 10st red - cast off - fold in half to find centre and sew under beak at the neck

Crochet Birds Nest (worked in the round)



Materials:

Double knit yarns – two strands worked together in nest colours

5mm crochet hook

Stitch marker (not necessary but helpful, personal choice to use or not)

Large eye sewing needle

Abbreviations:

ch – chain

dc – double crochet

rep - repeat

rnd - round

slst – slip stitch

st - stitch

tr – treble crochet

Rnd 1: Using two strands of double knit, ch 5, join with a slst

Rnd 2: Work 8 dc into ring (capture the yarn tail within the chains as you go), join with a slst, add stitch marker to last ch

Rnd 3-4: Work 2 ch, add stitch marker to last ch, 1 dc in next st, work 2 dc in each rem st, join with a slst

Rnd 5: Work 2 ch, add stitch marker to last ch, work 1 dc in each rem st, join with a slst

Rnd 6-8: Work 3 ch, add stitch marker to last ch, work 1 tr in each rem st, join with a slst

Rnd 9: Work 3 ch, add stitch marker to last ch, *miss a stitch, 1 tr in next st**, rep *-** to end, join with a slst

Rnd 10-12: Work 3 ch, add stitch marker to last ch, work 1 tr in each rem st, join with a slst

Rnd 13-14: Work 2 ch, add stitch marker to last ch, work 1 dc in each rem st, join with a slst

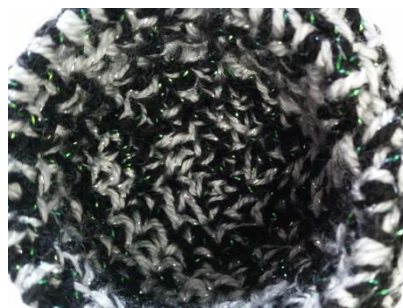
Rnd 15-16: Work 2 ch, add stitch marker to last ch, *miss a stitch, 1 dc in next st**, rep *-** to end, join with a slst

Thread cast on tail yarn through to inside. Thread cast off tail yarn along remaining stitches, pull to close gap, feed through to inside. Fold in the sides to form nest walls. Add chocolate eggs or other treats of choice.

Worked over rnds 1-12 – ‘open’ bottom



Worked over rnds 1-16 – ‘closed up’ bottom



Work rnds 1-12 for a more ‘open’ bottomed nest instead of ‘closed up’, this makes it slightly bigger allowing more to fit in.

Want a larger version? Start with 10dc on rnd 2 and follow pattern in the same way. Why not add craft feathers, twigs, embroider, or needle felt into, to make more decorative.