

Knitables



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“He rocks in the tree tops all day long, hoppin’ and a-boppin’ and singing his song...” I hope you have fun knitting this adorable robin, which has been designed to have many uses. It could be made into a Christmas tree decoration, a soft and cuddly toy or a finger puppet. It could be filled with chocolates, sweets or small treats and given as a gift or party favour. It is also ideal for charity fundraising. Part of the Knitables Christmas Tree Decoration Collection!

Measurements

Robin - Height approximately 12 cm (4.7 in)

Materials

Double knitting yarn (USA - knitting worsted weight: Australia - 8ply) in brown, red, black and yellow

Anchor Artiste Metallic yarn in gold or equivalent yarn

Knitting needles size 3¼mm (UK size 10)

Sewing needle

Double pointed needles

A pair of tweezers (useful for inserting small amounts of stuffing)

Good quality washable toy stuffing



Toy safety

These characters have been designed for children, so please ensure that attached pieces are sewn on very securely and seams are tightly finished off. Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing that conforms to current safety standards.

Abbreviations

K	Knit
P	Purl
st(s)	Stitch(es)
beg	Beginning
tog	Together
m1	Make one stitch by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it
Inc 1	Increase one by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
K2 tog	Knit two stitches together
P2 tog	Purl two stitches together
sl1	Slip 1 stitch (stitch is passed from the left needle to the right needle without being knitted, slip purl-wise)
pssso	Pass slip stitch over (pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch and off the needle)
st-st	Stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)
g-st	Garter stitch (every row knit)
yrn	Yarn round needle (take strand of yarn under and over tip of right hand needle, then continue as given in instructions)
yb	Yarn back (take yarn to the back before working the next stitch)
yfwd	Yarn forward (bring yarn to the front before working the next stitch)
cm	Centimetres
in	Inches
B & T	Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Pattern Notes

Instructions in round brackets

These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

Casting on/off

The knitted casting on method is recommended. Cast off knit wise unless otherwise stated.

Sewing

Sew up all pieces using a tiny oversew stitch. Join seams with right sides together and then turn right side out.

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Body and Head

Before you begin make one small ball of brown yarn from the same original ball. Begin at bottom and using brown yarn cast on 9 sts

Row 1 (Inc 1) 8 times, K1 (17 sts)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 (K1, m1, K1) 8 times, K1 (25 sts)

Row 4 In brown P10, in red P5, join *second ball of brown yarn P10

** By using a second ball of brown yarn you will not need to carry the yarn across the back of the red breast, which gives a neater finish!*

Row 5 In brown (K2, m1, K2, m1, K1) 2 times, in red K1, m1, K3, m1, K1, in brown (K1, m1, K2, m1, K2) 2 times (35 sts)

Row 6 In brown P14, in red P7, in brown P14

Row 7 In brown K2, m1, K10, K2tog, in red K1, m1, K5, m1, K1, in brown K1, K2tog, K9, m1, K2 (37 sts)

Row 8 In brown P14, in red P9, in brown P14

Row 9 In brown K2, m1, K10, K2tog, in red K1, m1, K7, m1, K1, in brown K1, K2tog, K9, m1, K2 (39 sts)

Row 10 In brown P14, in red P11, in brown P14

Row 11 In brown K2, m1, K12, in red K11, in brown K12, m1, K2 (41 sts)

Row 12 In brown P15, in red P11, in brown P15

Row 13 In brown K2, m1, K13, in red K11, in brown K13, m1, K2 (43 sts)

Row 14 In brown P16, in red P11, in brown P16

Row 15 In brown K16, in red K11, in brown K16

Row 16 In brown P16, in red P11, in brown P16

Row 17 In brown cast off 2 sts, K14, in red K11, in brown K14, slip the last 2 sts onto the right hand needle (41 sts)

Row 18 In brown cast off 2 sts purlwise*, P2tog (* here you will need to cast off the first stitch, then P2tog, then pass the second cast off stitch over the P2tog), P12, in red P11, in brown P12, P2tog (37 sts)

Row 19 In brown sl1, K1, pss0, K11, in red K11, in brown K11, K2tog (35 sts)

Row 20 In brown sl1, P1, pss0, P10, in red P11, in brown P10, P2tog (33 sts)

Row 21 In brown sl1, K1, pss0, K8, m1, K1, in red K1, K2tog, K6, K2tog, in brown K1, m1, K8, K2tog (31 sts)



Row 22 In brown sl1, P1, pss0, P9, in red sl1, P1, pss0, P4, P2tog, P1, in brown P9, P2tog (27 sts)

Row 23 In brown sl1, K1, pss0, K7, m1, sl1, K1, pss0, K5, K2tog, m1, K7, K2tog (25 sts)

Rows 24 - 34 Beg with a Purl row, st-st 11 rows

Row 35 K6, K2tog, K9, K2tog, K6 (23 sts)

Row 36 Purl

Row 37 K1, (K2, K2tog, K1) 4 times, K2 (19 sts)

Row 38 Purl

Row 39 K1, K2tog to end (10 sts)

B&T

Join the side edges of the head, working down from the gathered top of the head. Turn right side out. Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches and draw up. Then working up from the bottom, join the side seam, leaving a 4cm opening. Stuff the head and body firmly, shaping as you go. Oversew gap in body seam.

Wings (make two)

Using brown yarn, cast on 8 sts

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 (Inc 1) 7 times, K1 (15 sts)

Rows 3 - 9 Beg with a Purl row, st-st 7 rows

Row 10 K1, K2tog, K10, K2tog (13 sts)

Row 11 Purl

Row 12 K1, K2tog, K8, K2tog (11 sts)

Row 13 Purl

Row 14 K1, K2tog, K6, K2tog (9 sts)

B & T

With right side of st-st outside, fold wings in half and over sew row ends together. Position and sew the wings onto the robin's body.

Beak

Using yellow yarn, cast on 8 sts

Row 1 Knit

Row 2 P2tog to end (4 sts)

B&T



With right side of st-st outside, make into a beak shape and over sew row ends together. Position and sew the beak nose onto the robin's face, as illustrated. Using two strands of black yarn together embroider the eyes (the eyes are positioned 4 knitted rows above the red breast, with 5 clear knitted sts between them).

Legs (make two)

The legs are made from an I-cord. This simple knitting technique creates a very narrow tube of knitting. Using yellow yarn cast on 3 sts, with double pointed needles (DPNs).

Row 1 Knit, do not turn the work.

Slide the stitches to the other end of the needle.

Row 2 Knit a second row by bringing the yarn behind the work and starting with the first stitch. Tug the work from the bottom after each first stitch to help it to take shape and to even out the tension.

Rows 3 - 9 Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 10 (Inc 1) 3times (6 sts)

Right Claw

Row 11 K2, pass these 2 sts to the other end of the DPN, leaving the 4 remaining sts on the left hand DPN.

Row 12 With a spare knitting needle, Knit these 2 sts B&T

Middle Claw

Row 11 Re-join yarn, K2, pass these 2 sts to the other end of the DPN, leaving the 2 remaining sts on the left hand DPN.

Row 12 With a spare knitting needle, Knit these 2 sts B&T

Left Claw

Row 11 Re-join yarn, K2, pass these 2 sts to the other end of the DPN

Row 12 Knit B&T

Sew the side seams of the claws and tidy loose ends. Position and sew the legs onto the robin.

To make the robin into a hanging decoration, attach a length of yarn and make into a loop.

