



# Watch The Birdies

Bring a touch of spring indoors with a flock of brightly coloured baby birds

**Woman's  
Weekly**

Knitting and shaping these toys isn't difficult, although the making up is a little fiddly

### Measurements

Each bird is approximately 10cm/4in long, including beak and tail.

### Materials

**For a set of three:** 1 x 50g (120m) ball of Patons Merino Extra Fine Cotton DK (50% cotton, 50% wool) in each of Blue (552), Green (572), Coffee (510), Honey (521) and Cherry (530)\*. Small amount of Black yarn for embroidery. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles. A knitter's sewing needle. Washable toy filling.

### Tension

23 stitches to 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3¼mm needles.

### Abbreviations

**K**, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **inc**, increase (knit in front and back of stitch to make 2 stitches from 1); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **kb or pb**, k or p each st through back of loop; **tog**, together; **skpo**, slip 1 knitwise, k1, pass slipped stitch over; **up1**, make a st by inserting left-hand needle, from the front, underneath the strand between stitches, then k this loop through the back.

### Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

\*Yarn subject to availability

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### Back

With 3¼mm needles and Blue, Green or Coffee, cast on 3 sts for beak.

**1st row (right side):** [Inc] twice, k1 – 5 sts.

**2nd row and every wrong side row:** P.

**3rd row:** K1, up1, k3, up1, k1 – 7 sts.

**5th row:** K1, up1, k5, up1, k1 – 9 sts.

**7th row:** K1, up1, k2, up1, k3, up1, k2, up1, k1 – 13 sts.

**9th row:** K1, up1, k3, up1, k5, up1, k3, up1, k1 – 17 sts.

**11th row:** K1, up1, k4, up1, k7, up1, k4, up1, k1 – 21 sts.

Beginning with a p row, work 7 rows stocking stitch.

**Decrease row:** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, skpo, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 times more, then work decrease row again – 9 sts. P 1 row.

Now work tail:

**1st row:** K1, k1b, [p1, k1b] 3 times, k1.

**2nd row:** K1, [p1b, k1] 4 times.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, twice more, then work 1st row again. Cast off knitwise.

### Underside

With 3¼mm needles and Green, Honey or Cherry, cast on 3 sts.

**1st row (right side):** [Inc] twice, k1 – 5 sts. P 1 row.

**3rd row:** K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 5 times more – 17 sts. Beginning with a p row, work 7 rows stocking stitch.

**1st decrease row:** [K1, k2tog] twice, k5, [skpo, k1] twice – 13 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd decrease row:** [K1, k2tog] twice, k1,

[skpo, k1] twice – 9 sts.

Change to Blue, Green or Coffee.

P 1 row.

Now work tail:

**1st row:** K1, k1b, [p1, k1b] 3 times, k1.

**2nd row:** K1, [p1b, k1] 4 times.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, twice more, then work 1st row again.

Cast off knitwise.

### Wing

#### (make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Blue, Green or Coffee, cast on 7 sts.

**1st row (right side):** Inc, [p1, k1b] twice, inc, k1 – 9 sts.

**2nd row:** K1, [p1b, k1] 4 times.

**3rd row:** K1, up1, k1b, [p1, k1b] 3 times, up1, k1 – 11 sts.

**4th row:** K2, p1b, [k1, p1b] 3 times, k2.

**5th row:** K1, up1, p1, [k1b, p1] 4 times, up1, k1 – 13 sts.

**6th row:** K1, [p1b, k1] 6 times.

Cast off in rib.

### To make up

All seams are joined with invisible seaming (mattress stitch) unless stated otherwise. Pinch first 5 rows of back, stitch edges and bind to form beak. Right sides together, back stitch cast-off edge of wing along each decreased edge of back. Join underside to back, catching it down under the wings. Join tail pieces with back stitch on the right side. Insert filling before stitching between ribs at base of tail to close body. Using black yarn, make French knots for eyes and stitch over these if necessary.