

# Bluebird of Happiness



## Abbreviations

CO	cast on
dpn	double pointed needle
K	knit
P	purl
M1	make one stitch (see special note below)
st	stitch
sts	stitches
K2tog	knit two stitches together
SSK	slip two sts knit-wise, place them back onto left dpn, then K them together through the back loop
WT	wrap and turn (see special note below)
PU	pick up (create) a new stitch from existing work

## Materials Required

Worsted weight yarn, about 25 yards  
Size 4 double pointed needles  
Darning needle  
Stuffing

## Special Notes

- M1 = make one stitch: Lift the right “leg” of the next stitch (the right side of the stitch directly below the next stitch on your left needle), place it on the left needle, then knit it as you would any other stitch.
- WT = wrap and turn: After knitting the specified number of stitches, bring yarn to the front of work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the back of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This “wraps” the stitch. Turn your work and purl the number of stitches indicated. Bring yarn to the back of work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the front of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This wraps the second stitch. Turn your work and knit the number of stitches indicated.

## Work begins at neckline

CO 18 sts onto 3 dpns and work the following rounds:

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|-----|--|-----|--------------------------|
| 1)  | K all sts                                    | 15) | Repeat round 14          |
| 2)  | (M1, K6) repeat to end of round              | 16) | Repeat round 14          |
| 3)  | K all sts                                    | 17) | Repeat round 14          |
| 4)  | (M1, K7) repeat to end of round              | 18) | Repeat round 14          |
| 5)  | K all sts                                    | 19) | Repeat round 14 (15 sts) |
| 6)  | (M1, K8) repeat to end of round              | 20) | K all sts                |
| 7)  | K all sts (27 sts)                           | 21) | Repeat round 14          |
| 8)  | K3, WT, P6, WT, K3                           | 22) | K all sts                |
| 9)  | K4, WT, P8, WT, K4                           | 23) | Repeat round 14          |
| 10) | K5, WT, P10, WT, K5                          | 24) | K all sts                |
| 11) | K6, WT, P12, WT, K6                          | 25) | Repeat round 14          |
| 12) | K7, WT, P14, WT, K7                          | 26) | K all sts                |
| 13) | K8, WT, P16, WT, K8                          | 27) | Repeat round 14          |
| 14) | K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1 | 28) | K all sts (7 sts)        |

Cut yarn, thread end into a darning needle, and slip through remaining live sts. Do not pull closed yet.

## Head

Beginning just to the right of the first CO st (center of the bird's chest), PU 18 sts, 1 in each of the original CO sts, then work the rounds below. (Row 3 should be worked exactly as written; 2 of the sts will be wrapped 3 times each).

- 1) K all sts
- 2) K all sts
- 3) K12, WT, P6, WT, K6, WT, P6, WT, K6, WT, P6, WT, K12
- 4) K all sts
- 5) K all sts
- 6) (K1, K2tog) repeat to end of round
- 7) (K2tog) repeat to end of round
- 8) (K2tog) repeat to end of round (3 sts)

Cut yarn, thread end into a darning needle, and slip through remaining live sts. Pull tightly closed and secure.

Using the end of a straight needle, stuff the bluebird's head and body through open end at tail, being mindful of his graceful lines. Do not stuff the tail, rather, flatten it out and bend in an upward direction. Pull yarn tightly closed and secure.

Darn any holes; weave in loose ends. Smile!