

#402 Knit Bluebird

Designed by Kirsten Hipsky



Finished Size:

About 4" tall

Materials:

1 sk each of Valley Yarns Northampton (100%wool) in colors 30 Bright Blue, color 16 Orange Sunset, color 02 Natural US size 5 (3.75 mm) double pointed needles scraps of black

Gauge:

about 5 sts = 1" in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations:

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 sts together

kfb: knit in the front and back of stitch

st(s): stitch(es)

Body:

For stuffing, with blue, loosely wind a ball of yarn about 8" around. Cut yarn.

With orange, cast on 8 sts and join in the round.

Work in stockinette stitch, increasing 8 sts evenly every other round until you have 40 sts.

Knit 10 rounds

Change to blue.

Sew in all loose ends so far and insert ball of yarn into the body.

Top of body will be knit around the ball.

Continuing in stockinette stitch, decrease 8 sts evenly every other round until you have 8 sts.

Cut yarn and draw through remaining stitches.

Tummy:

With natural, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 and all WS rows: Purl.

Row 2: Kfb, k2, kfb, k1. 7 sts.

Row 4: Kfb, k4, kfb, k1. 9 sts.

Row 6: Knit.

Row 8: K1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1. 7 sts.

Row 9: Purl.

Bind off.

Wings:

With blue, cast on 5 sts.

Rows 1 and 3: Purl.

Row 2: K1, slip 1 st, k2tog, pass slipped st over the k2tog, k1.

Row 4: Slip 1 st, k2tog, pass slipped st over the k2tog.

Cut yarn and draw through remaining stitch.

Finishing:

Sew tummy and wings to body. Embroider beak and eyes in black. Bury all ends within the body.