

Official pattern



Garden bird BUDDIES

We've teamed up with the RSPB to crochet some two of our favourite garden birds – the robin and blue tit



Kit yarn



3.5mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

Kit yarn
11g each in blue (A), yellow (B), white (C), black (D), red (E) & brown (F)

About the yarn

4-ply; 400m per 100g ball; 100% polyester

Tension

10 sts x 11 rows = 5cm over dc

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

2 pairs of safety eyes, 8mm (included in kit)
toy stuffing

Sizing

Each bird is 12cm tall

Start crocheting

Blue Tit

This pattern is worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd. When changing colours, add new colour in when making the last yrh of previous st.

Head

Rnd 1: With A and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 6: Dc around, change to C.

Rnds 7-9: Dc around.

Rnd 10: 1 dc, change to D, dc to end.

Rnd 11: Dc around, change to C.

Rnds 12-15: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Body

Rnd 1: With B and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 6: [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 7: [2 dc in next st, 5 dc] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnd 8: [2 dc in next st, 6 dc] 6 times. 48 sts

Rnd 9: [2 dc in next st, 7 dc] 6 times. 54 sts

Rnd 10: [2 dc in next st, 8 dc] 6 times. 60 sts

Rnds 11-13: Dc around.

Rnds 14-18: Inv-dc3tog, dc to end. 50 sts

Rnd 19: Change to A, inv-dc3tog, dc to end. 48 sts

Rnd 20: Inv-dc3tog, dc to end. 46 sts

Rnds 21-28: Inv-dc3tog, dc across to last 3 sts, inv-dc3tog. 14 sts

Add toy stuffing.

Rnd 29: Inv-dc2tog, 10 dc, inv-dc2tog. 12 sts

Rnd 30: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Press the end flat and sew it closed to shape the tail.



Wings

Rnd 1: With A and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: 6 dc, [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnds 5-7: Dc around.

Special stitches

Invisible dc3tog (inv-dc3tog): [Insert hook in FLO of next st] 3 times (4 loops on hook), yrh, draw through 3 loops on hook, yrh, draw through both loops on hook. 2 sts dec'd

Invisible dc2tog (inv-dc2tog): [Insert hook in FLO of next st] twice (3 loops on hook), yrh, draw through 2 loops on hook, yrh, draw through both loops on hook. 1 st dec'd



Visit our website for a video on how to sew the beak

FREE PATTERN



If you don't want to make these birds, head to www.crochetnow.co.uk to download your alternative wristwarmer pattern

- Rnd 8:** 6 dc, [inv-dc2tog, 1 dc] 6 times, change to C. 18 sts
Rnd 9: Dc around, change to A.
Rnd 10: 6 dc, [inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts
Rnds 11-12: Dc around.
Rnds 13-16: Inv-dc2tog, dc to end. 8 sts
Rnd 17: [Inv-dc2tog] 4 times. 4 sts



A colourful mix of blue, yellow, white and green makes the blue tit one of our most attractive and most recognisable garden visitors. In winter, family flocks join up with other tits as they search for food. A garden with four or five blue tits at a feeder at any one time may be feeding 20 or more. Blue tits are common in woodland, hedgerows, parks and gardens. They're widespread and found across the whole of the UK with the exception of some Scottish islands.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Do not stuff, sew up the wing tip.

Legs (make 2)

With D, chain 7 for foundation chain. Pm in 7th ch (closest to hook).

Rnd 1: [5 ch, starting in 2nd ch from hook, 4 dc, sl st in marked ch] 3 times (3 front toes complete), miss marked ch, 6 dc across foundation ch, rotating as you go, work into the other side of the foundation ch, 1 ch, 6 dc, 4 ch, starting in 2nd ch from hook, 3 dc, sl st into marked ch. 3 front toes, 1 back toe

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Assembly

Put safety eyes into the head section along the black stripe. Put a bit of stuffing under Head and sew it over the top of Body, pushing some of the body deep underneath the head. Top up stuffing just before sewing Head to Body.

With D, embroider the beak as follows: work 3 horizontal stitches over the head, then 3 vertical stitches over the horizontal stitches, then 2 horizontal stitches over the vertical ones, then 1 stitch vertically across the tip – this will create a raised triangle beak. Weave end back inside Body to hide it. With B, stitch over the top and bottom of beak, so there is a small black line running along the centre. Sew Wings to Body and Legs to tummy, using photo as guide.

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Head

Rnd 1: With F and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnds 6-12: Dc around.

Rnd 13: 5 dc, change to E, 15 dc, change to F, 10 dc.

Rnd 14: 5 dc, change to E, 16 dc, change to F, 9 dc.

Rnd 15: 5 dc, change to E, 17 dc, change to F, 8 dc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail of F for sewing.

Red Front

Made in turned rows.

Row 1: Join E to the start of 17 red (E) sts from Head, 17 dc. Turn. 17 sts

Row 2: 1 ch (does not count as a st now and throughout), dc across. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, miss 1 st, 14 dc, inv-dc2tog. Turn. 15 sts

Row 4: 1 ch, miss 1 st, 12 dc, inv-dc2tog using BLO instead of FLO. Turn. 13 sts

Row 5: 1 ch, miss 1 st, 10 dc, inv-dc2tog. Turn. 11 sts



Super-cute robin

The UK's favourite bird – with its bright red breast is familiar throughout the year. Males and females look identical, and young birds have no red breast and are spotted with golden brown. Robins sing all year round and despite their cute appearance, they are aggressively territorial and are quick to drive away intruders. They will sing at night next to street lights. Robins live across the UK in woodland, hedgerows, parks and gardens.

Row 6: As Row 2.

Row 7: 1 ch, miss 1 st, 8 dc, miss 1 st, 1 dc. 9 sts
Fasten off.

Red Front Edging

Join E to start of Red Front section, work 23 dc evenly along the outer edge. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.



Body

Rnds 1-13: With C, work as for Blue Tit.

Rnd 14: Change to F, inv-dc3tog, dc to end. 58 sts

Rnds 15-20: Inv-dc3tog, dc to end. 46 sts

Rnds 21-28: Inv-dc3tog, dc across to last 3 sts, inv-dc3tog. 14 sts

Add toy stuffing.

Rnd 29: Inv-dc2tog, 10 dc, inv-dc2tog. 12 sts

Rnd 30: Dc around. 12 sts
Fasten off. Press the end flat and sew it together to shape the tail.

Right Wing

Made in turned rows, beg ch does not count as a st throughout.

Row 1: With F and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. Turn. 6 sts

Row 2: 1 ch, 3 dc, [2 htr in next st] 3 times. Turn. 9 sts

Row 3: 2 ch, [2 htr in next st] 5 times, [2 dc in next st] 4 times. Turn. 18 sts

Row 4: 1 ch, [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 4 times, [2 htr in next st, 1 htr] 5 times, rotate to work along row edges, work 6 dc evenly across to magic ring, sl st in next row edge. 33 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Left Wing

Made in turned rows, beg ch does not count as a st throughout.

Row 1: With F and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. Turn. 6 sts

Row 2: 2 ch, [2 htr in next st] 3 times, 3 dc. Turn. 9 sts

Row 3: 1 ch, [2 dc in next st] 4 times, [2 htr in next st] 5 times. Turn. 18 sts

Row 4: 2 ch, [1 htr, 2 htr in next st] 5 times, [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 4 times, rotate to work along row edges, sl st across to magic ring, work 6 dc evenly across rem row edges, sl st in next st. 33 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Legs (make 2)

Work as for Blue Tit.

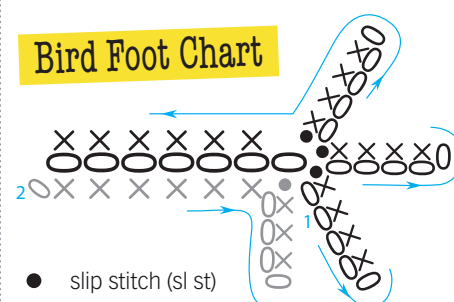
Assembly

Put safety eyes onto Head, where E and F meet. Put a bit of stuffing under Head and sew over top of Body, pushing some of Body deep underneath Head. Sew down red front over the white, place it so the

bottom edge is right up to Body's magic ring (use photo as guide). Top up stuffing just before sewing up. Embroider beak as for Blue Tit.

Sew Wings to Body and Legs to Tummy, using photo as guide.

Bird Foot Chart



- slip stitch (sl st)
- chain stitch (ch)
- × double crochet (dc)



Put down your crochet hook and pick up your binoculars for this year's **Big Garden Birdwatch!** The RSPB's yearly survey is back again and will be celebrating 40 years of recording birds. You can help record nature in your garden, park or local green space for just one hour during the weekend of the 26th - 28th January. In 40 years, from humble beginnings to the world's largest garden survey, over 130 million birds have been counted, giving an astonishing amount of information into how our wildlife is faring.

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