



Knitting is for the (baby) birds!



Finished nests can be mailed or delivered to

The Bird Rescue Center
3430 Chanate Road
Santa Rosa CA, 95404

They can also be delivered to the yarn store where you got this pattern and I will pick them up!

Questions? Email
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Thank you for your support!

This pattern* is a quick stash buster that will go a long way to helping our feathered friends. These small nests are used in rehabilitation for baby birds as a washable, reusable and more comfortable alternative to paper nests, and only take about 40 minutes to do. Please take some time to help out if you can.

—Dave Laurice

Notes

1. This pattern requires small amounts of **washable** worsted weight yarn. I use acrylic because it can stand up to numerous washings.
2. Any color is fine, as long as it is not really bright (think baby birds). Also, avoid anything really **fuzzy** as birds might get caught in it.
3. This pattern is knit double stranded. I use two colors because it is easier for me to see what I am doing.
4. You will knit in the round for the nests. I use DPNs size six, and have a medium gauge. Size 7's will work for people with a tight gauge.
5. The KTOG sections might be easier for some to do through the back loops instead of the fronts. That is OK — birds don't mind.
6. This is knit in the three sizes we use; small (medium, large)

Instructions

Cast on double strands 32 (44,56) stitches onto a straight needle.

Knit stitches evenly onto four DPN's, join in the round.

Work in stockinette (knit every round) until nest is approximately 2.5" tall.

Purl one row.

Decrease:

Row 1 Knit 6 (9,12) KTOG, repeat to end

Row 2 Knit 5 (8,11) KTOG, repeat to end

Row 3 Knit 4 (7,10) KTOG, repeat to end

Row 4 Knit 5 (6,9) KTOG, repeat to end

A pattern should emerge here — KTOG the last two stitches on every needle until you have 2 stitches remaining on each DPN (8 stitches total).

Bind off and weave in. I knot my bind off on the bottom of the nest because these will need to stand up to a lot of wear and tear then weave in about 4". Weave in the cast on leg as normal and cuff the top of the nest (roll).

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*Pattern adapted from one by Native Songbird Care & Conservation volunteer, Barbara Johnson