

#BIBITHEBABYBIRD

Bibi the baby bird



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♥ THE LOVELY, "SINGING" BIBI IS TO DIE FOR. SHE IS MADE UP FROM MANY PARTS, BUT FOR THE EXPERIENCED CROCHETER, ASSEMBLING IS A PIECE OF CAKE - AND SHE IS WORTH IT AS HER BEAUTIFUL COLOURS, HER TEXTURED BELLY, HER SPIRALLING FEATHERS, AND THE TUNE OF THE MUSIC BOX MAKES BIBI A GREAT ACTIVITY TOOL FOR YOUR BABY.

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ABBREVIATIONS:

st(s) = stitch(es)**cs** = chain stitch**sls** = slip stitch**db** = double crochet**tr** = treble crochet**bs** = bobble stitch, see explanation below**tog** = together**FLO** = front loop only**BLO** = back loop only**mr** = magic ring**rnd(s)** = round(s)

BOBBLE STITCH:

Wrap the yarn over the hook and pull up a loop = 3 loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn over the hook and pull it through the first 2 loops. Repeat this a total of 4 times in the same st. For each repeat you get an additional loop on the hook – you will end up with 5 loops. Wrap the yarn over the hook again and pull it through all 5 loops. The bobble will show on the opposite side – push it to the right side when you work the next db.

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PATTERN

Work with yarn held double. Throughout, one strand is dropped and another picked up to create an ombre effect.

HEAD AND BODY:

Begin with 2 peach strands.

Rnd 1: 6 db in a mr = 6 db.

Rnd 2: 2 db in every db = 12 db.

Rnd 3: 2 db in every db = 24 db.

Rnd 4: 24 db.

Rnd 5: *1 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 12 times = 36 db.

Rnd 6-7: 36 db [2 rnds].

Drop a peach strand and pick up a nature strand.

Rnd 8-9: 36 db [2 rnds].

Rnd 10: 3 db, 2 db in next db, *5 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, 2 db = 42 db.

Rnd 11: 42 db.

Drop the other peach strand and pick up another nature strand.

Rnd 12: 42 db.

Rnd 13: *6 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 48 db.

Rnd 14-15: 48 db [2 rnds].

Drop a nature strand and pick up a light olive strand.

Rnd 16: 4 db, 2 db in next db, *7 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, 3 db = 54 db.

Rnd 17: 54 db.

Rnd 18: *7 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 48 db.

Rnd 19: 1 db, 2 db tog, *2 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 11 times, 1 db = 36 db.

Rnd 20: *1 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 12 times = 24 db.

Drop the other nature strand and pick up another light olive strand.

Rnd 21: 24 db in FLO.

Rnd 22: *1 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 12 times = 36 db.

Rnd 23: 36 db.

Rnd 24: 1 db, 2 db in next db, *2 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 11 times, 1 db = 48 db.

Drop a light olive strand and pick up a nature strand.

Rnd 25-26: 48 db [2 rnds].

Rnd 27: *7 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 54 db.

Drop the other light olive strand and pick up another nature strand.

Rnd 28-29: 54 db [2 rnds].

Rnd 30: 4 db, 2 db in next db, *8 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, 4 db = 60 db.

Rnd 31: 60 db.

Stuff the head.

MEASUREMENTS

Height approx. 17 cm

YARN

Colourful Fraya

100% Cotton

50 g = 170 m

YARDAGE

Choose your favourite colours. The pattern is written for the following:

Peach	50 g
Nature	50 g
Light olive	50 g
Medium blue	50 g
Light brown	50 g

SUGGESTED HOOK SIZE

UK size 9 [3.5 mm] crochet hook

Please note: It is important to obtain gauge. The work should have a close texture. Try with a smaller or larger needle if necessary.

NOTIONS

Fibre filling, approx. 110 g

2 rattle boxes

1 music box

1 Wooden ring

Drop a nature strand and pick up a peach strand.

Rnd 32-34: 60 db [3 rnds].

Rnd 35: 4 db, 2 db tog, *8 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, 4 db = 54 db.

Drop the other nature strand and pick up another peach strand.

Rnd 36: 54 db.

Rnd 37: *7 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 48 db.

Rnd 38: 1 db, 2 db tog, *2 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 11 times, 1 db = 36 db.

Stuff the body lightly and insert the music box. Stuff around the music box, letting the string from the music box hang on the outside.

Rnd 39: 36 db.

Rnd 40: *1 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 12 times = 24 db.

Rnd 41: *2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 12 times = 12 db.

Rnd 42: *2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 6 db.

Fasten off, weave the tail through the remaining sts, and pull tight to close, letting the string from the music box hang on the outside.

WINGS X 2:

Begin with 2 medium blue strands. Work in BLO.

Rnd 1: 6 db in a mr = 6 db.

Rnd 2: *2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 12 db.

Rnd 3: 12 db.

Drop a medium blue strand and pick up a nature strand.

Rnd 4: *5 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times = 14 db.

Rnd 5: *6 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times = 16 db.

Drop the other medium blue strand and pick up another nature strand.

Rnd 6: *7 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times = 18 db.

Rnd 7: *8 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times = 20 db.

Drop a nature strand and pick up a light olive strand.

Rnd 8: *9 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times = 22 db.

Rnd 9: 22 db.

Flatten the opening and close it with 10 db. Do not stuff. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

WING FEATHERS:

Now, crochet wing feathers with cs.

Begin with 2 medium blue strands.

Pull up a loop in the first db worked in the mr of the wing. Work 1 db in this st.

10 cs, 1 sls in the next 2 db, repeat from * to * a total of 15 times = 15 feathers.

Drop a medium blue strand and pick up a nature strand.

10 cs, 1 sls in the next 2 db, repeat from * to * a total of 15 times = 15 feathers.

Drop the other medium blue strand and pick up another nature strand.

10 cs, 1 sls in the next 2 db, repeat from * to * a total of 19 times = 19 feathers.

Drop a nature strand and pick up a light olive strand.

10 cs, 1 sls in the next 2 db, repeat from * to * a total of 10 times, 10 cs, 1 sls in next db = 11 feathers.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

BELLY:

Use 2 nature strands.

Row 1: 7 cs, turn.

Row 2: Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: 2 db in next db, 1 db, 2 db in next db, 2 db, 2 db in next db = 9 db.

Row 3: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 3 bs.

Row 4: 1 cs, turn, 2 db in next db, 3 db, 2 db in next db, 3 db, 2 db in next db = 12 db.

Row 5: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 4 bs.

Row 6: 1 cs, turn, 12 db.

Row 7: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 4 bs.

Row 8: 1 cs, turn, 12 db.

Row 9: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 4 bs.

Row 10: 1 cs, turn, 2 db tog, 3 db, 2 db tog, 3 db, 2 db tog = 9 db.

Row 11: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 3 bs.

Row 12: 1 cs, turn, 2 db tog, 2 db, 2 db tog, 1 db, 2 db tog = 6 db.

Row 13: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, 1 bs, 2 db, 1 bs, 1 db = 2 bs.

Now, crochet around the belly. Work *1 db, 2 db in next db* in the row-ends and 1 db in every db along the top and bottom, ending with 1 sls in 1st db. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

TUFTS X 2:

Begin with 2 medium blue strands.

Rnd 1: 6 db in a mr = 6 db.



Rnd 2: *2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 12 db.

Rnd 3: *1 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 18 db.

Rnd 4: 18 db.

Drop a medium blue strand and pick up a peach strand.

Rnd 5-7: 18 db [3 rnds].

Rnd 8: 2 db, 2 db tog, *4 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times, 2 db = 15 db.

Stuff the bottom lightly and insert a rattle box.

Drop the other medium blue strand and pick up another peach strand.

Rnd 9: 15 db.

Rnd 10: *3 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 12 db.

Rnd 11: 12 db.

Rnd 12: 1 db, 2 db tog, *2 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times, 1 db = 9 db.

Flatten the opening and close it with 4 db. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

BEAK:

Use 2 light brown strands.

Rnd 1: 6 db in a mr = 6 db.

Rnd 2: 6 db.

Rnd 3: *1 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 9 db.

Rnd 4: 9 db.

Rnd 5: *2 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 12 db.

Rnd 6: *1 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 18 db.

Flatten the opening and close it with 4 db. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing and embroidering.

FLOWER:

Use 2 medium blue strands.

Rnd 1: 25 cs, turn.

Rnd 2: Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: *1 db, 4 tr in next cs, 1 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 8 times.

Fold into a rose and sew it together so it holds its shape.

TAIL FEATHERS:

The tail feathers are initially worked as 3 parts that are joined together later on. Work 1 part at a time.

Start by working a light olive part, a peach part, and a medium blue part. Do not fasten off on the medium blue part.

Use 2 light olive strands.

Row 1: 7 cs, turn.

Row 2: Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: 2 db in next cs, 4 db, 2 db in next cs, 1 cs, turn = 8 db.

Row 3: *21 cs, turn. Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: 2 db in every cs, 1 sls in next db, 1 sls in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times.

21 cs, turn. Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: 2 db in every cs, 1 sls in next db. You now have 4 "spirals". Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Use 2 peach strands.

Row 1: 7 cs, turn.

Row 2: Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: 6 db, 1 cs, turn = 6 db.

Row 3: *21 cs, turn. Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: 2 db in every cs, 1 sls in next db, 1 sls in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times.

21 cs, turn. Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: 2 db in every cs, 1 sls in next db. You now have 3 "spirals". Fasten off and weave in the peach ends. Using 2 medium blue strands, crochet another part with 3 "spirals".

After crocheting the medium blue part, the 3 parts are joined together. Place the peach part at the bottom, the light olive part in the middle, and the medium blue part at the top, making sure that the foundation chains are lined up. Join with 6 db.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

BEAD FOR THE STRING:

Use 2 peach strands.

Rnd 1: 6 db in a mr = 6 db.

Rnd 2: *1 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 9 db.

Rnd 3: 9 db.

Rnd 4: *1 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 6 db.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

CORD FOR HANGING:

Use 2 nature strands.

Leave a long starting tail. 70 cs. Fasten off.



ASSEMBLY:

Sew the belly to rnd 24-39 of the body with the two bs at the top.

Sew the beak to rnd 14-17 of the head. Remember to stuff the beak before closing the seam. Use the rest of the tail to embroider closed eyes.

Sew the tufts to the top of the head, over rnd 3-4 behind the mr. They should tilt backwards. Now, place the flower in a diagonal line from the tufts and sew it on.

Place the wings over rnd 24-30 at an angle and sew them to each side of the body.

Now, sew the tail feathers to the back, over rnd 31.

Pull the cord for hanging to the inside next to the mr, between rnd 1-2, and out again on the other side of the mr [you can use a needle or a crochet hook for this].

Take the bead and pull the string from the music box through the mr and the wooden ring. Now make an adjustable knot. Place the bead over the knot, fasten off and tighten. The length of the string is adjustable.

