

**You  
NEED**  
Twinkle  
yarn kit

stuffing, tapestry  
needle, white pom-  
poms, black and  
white buttons

# Little ones will love this collection of festive birdies

These round, chubby characters make a fun and colourful alternative to the traditional bauble and are just perfect for getting children involved in yuletide decorating. This charming group of avian friends can be adapted to suit your style as you can make the cute critters with or without a hat. [Amanda Berry](#) has created two headpiece designs for more variety, so your birdies can don a Santa hat or bobble beanie. Amanda has used mini ready-made pom-poms to decorate her hats, but you can whip up little fluffy balls of your own by using yarn from the kit instead.





## Meet Our Designer

*“See the Knit Clever panel for my favourite stretchy cast off technique. It looks like a regular knitted cast off but is really elastic so your hat will fit around the bird”*

Amanda Berry was taught the basics of knitting as a child, but didn't pick up the needles again until adulthood. She is now a successful designer with her own online shop, [fluffandfuzz.weebly.com](http://fluffandfuzz.weebly.com)

## knit clever

To work the stretchy cast off technique, work as follows: k1, \* k1, k two sts on RH needle tog through front loops, rep from \* to end, fasten off



## stitches used

Knit (k)  
Purl (p)  
Knit two together (k2tog)  
Knit into the front and back (kfb)

## SIZE

Height: approx 7cm

## festive birdies

### body

Make three (one in each colourway)  
Using 3.5mm needles and Regal Purple (Holly Green, Snow White) cast on nine sts  
**Row 1 and every odd-numbered rows (WS):** p  
**Row 2:** (kfb) to last st, k1. 17 sts  
**Row 4:** (k1, kfb) to last st, k1. 25 sts

**Row 6:** (k2, kfb) to last st, k1. 33 sts  
**Row 8:** k  
**Row 10:** (k3, kfb) to last st, k1. 41 sts  
**Rows 11-17:** starting with a p row work in st st  
**Row 18:** (k3, k2tog) to last st, k1. 33 sts  
**Row 19 and every odd-numbered row:** p  
**Row 20:** k  
**Row 22:** (k2, k2tog) to last st, k1. 25 sts  
**Row 24:** (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 17 sts  
**Row 26:** (k2tog) to last st, k1. Nine sts  
**Row 27:** p  
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

### wing

Make six (two in each colourway)  
Using 3.5mm needles and Regal Purple (Holly Green, Snow White) cast on 26 sts  
**Row 1 and every odd-numbered row:** k  
**Row 2:** k1, (k2tog, k3) to end. 21 sts

**Row 4:** k1, (k2tog, k2) to end. 16 sts  
**Row 6:** k1, (k2tog, k1) to end. 11 sts  
**Row 8:** k1, (k2tog) to end. Six sts  
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

### Santa hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Festive Red cast on four sts  
**Row 1 and every odd-numbered row (WS):** p  
**Row 2:** k1, (kfb) to end. Seven sts  
**Row 4:** k1, (kfb, k1) to end. Ten sts  
**Row 6:** k1, (kfb, k2) to end. 13 sts  
**Row 8:** k1, (kfb, k3) to end. 16 sts  
**Row 10:** k1, (kfb, k4) to end. 19 sts  
**Row 12:** k1, (kfb, k5) to end. 22 sts  
**Row 14:** k1, (kfb, k6) to end. 25 sts  
**Row 16:** k1, (kfb, k7) to end. 28 sts  
**Row 18:** k1, (kfb, k8) to end. 31 sts  
**Row 20:** k1, (kfb, k9) to end. 34 sts

**Row 22:** k1, (kfb, k10) to end. 37 sts  
**Row 24:** k1, (kfb, k11) to end. 40 sts  
**Row 26:** k1, (kfb, k12) to end. 43 sts  
Change to Sparkle White  
**Rows 27-29:** k  
Cast off using stretchy cast off method (see Knit Clever panel)

### bobble beanie

Using 3.5mm needles and Festive Red cast on 13 sts  
**Row 1:** (kfb) to last st, k1. 25 sts  
**Rows 2-16:** work as for Rows 15-29 of Folding Hat. 43 sts  
Cast off using stretchy cast off method

### stripy hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Festive Red cast on 13 sts  
**Row 1:** rep Row 1 of Plain Bobble Hat. 25 sts  
Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: (Holly Green, Festive Red) three times  
**Rows 2-13:** work as for

Rows 15-26 of Folding Hat. 43 sts  
Cont in Holly Green only  
**Rows 14-16:** k  
Cast off using stretchy cast off method (see Knit Clever panel)

### to make up

Sew side of Body tog, stuffing as you sew. Gather cast-on sts at top of head. Using Pistachio Green embroider beak halfway down Body and 'Y'-shaped feet at bottom. Sew layered button eyes above beak. Sew side edges of Folding Hat tog. Sew cast-off edge onto Body. Sew bobble to top. Fold end over and sew in place. Sew side edges of rem Hats tog. Sew cast-off edge onto Body. Sew bobble to top. Sew side of two Wings to side of bird under brim of hat, with cast-on edge forming outer edge of wing. Sew 35cm of Sparkle White through top to make hanging loop

