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Hanging Bird Tutorial

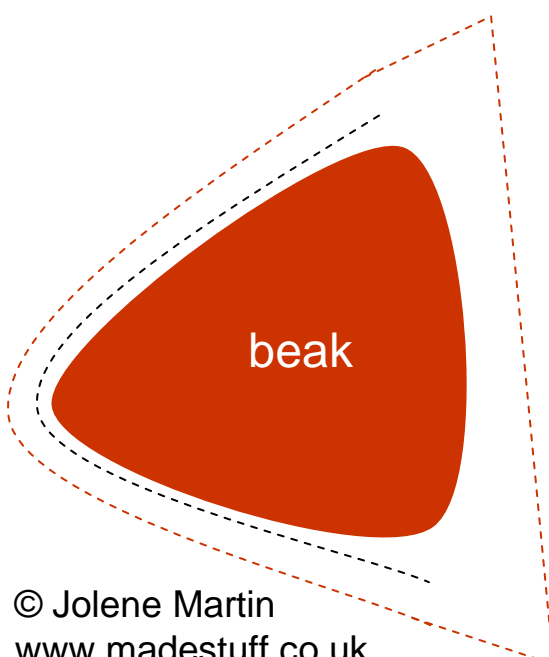
You'll need:

- Pattern (page 3)
- Printer
- Paper
- Cardboard - optional
- Two colours of fabric each 3 inches square
- 2 buttons
- Stuffing of your choice
- Ribbon for hanging
- Needle and thread



What to do:

- Print out the pattern on paper and, if desired, trace onto cardboard (I used an old birthday card)
- Cut out the cardboard pieces
- Take two pieces of the main colour fabric and place right sides together
- Draw around main body and set aside – do not cut the fabric at this stage
- Take two pieces of the second colour fabric and place right sides together
- Draw around the beak and wing
- Sew around two sides of the line you drew around the beak to make a beak shape (black dotted line)



- Cut around the beak, leaving a space next to the side of the beak that would be attached to the bird's head (red dotted line)
- Turn beak right side out
- Place the beak between the body pieces in an appropriate place depending on what you want your bird to look like. The sewn sides of the beak should be inside the body pieces and the open part should stick out slightly from the line you drew around the body template. You can add a little stuffing to the beak for substance if your fabric is thin. Pin in place.
- OPTIONAL: Fold ribbon in half and place at an appropriate place on the body with the fold on the inside. Pin in place.



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- Sew around the body, following the line, and leaving a space for cutting and turning as shown on the pattern.
- Turn right sides out and stuff lightly.
- Sew the opening closed.
- Sew buttons on for eyes. I sewed both on at the same time, threading backwards and forwards through the bird's head.
- Cut out the wings around the line and sew onto the bird with a running stitch. The edges should be left to fray.
- Stand back and admire your creation.

That's it. We would love for you to send us pictures of your creations to include in a little bird hanging gallery. Send them to jolene@madestuff.co.uk or leave a message on the website.

Little Bird Says:

I neglected my chicks for a whole morning to create this pattern and would be very sad if you took it and pretended it was your own work.

Feel free to create a whole flock of birds, but please respect my rights as the copyright owner and don't reproduce this pattern or attempt to sell birds you have made using this pattern.





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