

POCKET SEAGULL

KNITTING PATTERN



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Hello! :)

This little seagull is a **#nopressurepattern** – quick, simple and happy to be made from whatever yarn you already have at home. No stress, no perfect gauge, no complicated steps – a few stitches here and there for this cute little stash buster and bam! You have a friend.

It's a lovely small project for one evening, a cute keychain, a bag charm, or a tiny handmade gift for someone you like (or for yourself, which also counts).

My goal is to leave a little space for creativity in my patterns, so feel free to play around.

Change the wing color, move it higher or lower; give your seagull a different beak, sleepy eyes, tiny bead eyes, dramatic side-eye, a longer head or maybe even a scarf. :)

I would love to see your seagulls with their own characters.

Materials:

- white/ecru/beige/light grey yarn for the body
- some darker grey/other color for wings
- a small amount of black yarn for eyes (or other eye-supplies)
- a little yellow/orange yarn for the beak
- DPNs or circular needles for magic loop
- stuffing (yarn scraps work perfectly too)
- tapestry needle

Abbreviations:

- **k** – knit
- **m1l** – make one left
- **m1r** – make one right
- **k2tog** – knit two together
- **SSK** – slip, slip, knit
- **()*** - repeat the sequence on both needles

More info:

- worked in the round
- use needles slightly smaller than recommended on the yarn label
- body is closed with 3-needle bind off

BODY:

CO 10 sts using Judy's Magic Cast On (5 sts on each needle)

1: k10	(10)
2: (k1, m1l, k3, m1r, k1)*2	(14)
3: k14	(14)
4: (k1, m1l, k5, m1r, k1)*2	(18)
5: k18	(18)
6: k1, m1l, k16, m1r, k1	(20)
7: k20	(20)
8: k1, m1l, k18, m1r, k1	(22)
9: k22	(22)

Now you'll close the body, creating the back and tail part.

For this bind off 10 stitches (5 of each needle) using the 3-needle bind off method.

You are left with 6 stitches on each needle and one extra stitch. I recommend placing that extra stitch on the back needle to avoid creating a hole. You will knit the last two stitches together in the next round.

HEAD:

10: k11, k2tog (12)

11-15: k12 (work more or fewer rounds if you like) (12)

Stuff the bird now. Do not overstuff - this seagull is meant to stay a little flat.

16: k1, k2tog, k2tog, k2, SSK, SSK, k1 (8)

17: k2tog, k2tog, SSK, SSK (4)

Add a little more stuffing.

Cut yarn leaving a 15 cm tail. Thread through remaining stitches and pull tight to close.

Now insert the needle into the middle of the head and pull through the bird. Tighten gently to flatten the head a little. Secure the yarn.

Eyes:

Embroider small French knots, use beads, or create V-shaped sleepy eyes.

Beak + legs:

Take a long piece of yellow or orange yarn and pull it through the bird starting at the bottom.

Bring the needle out where you'd like the beak and make a few knots. Then pass the yarn back through the whole bird and bring it out near the starting point to create two little legs.

Trim legs evenly - or leave them wild if you prefer.

Wings:

Embroider little wings on the sides or leave it plain - both look lovely.

Final touches:

Attach a keyring or lobster clasp if you'd like to turn it into a charm or keychain.

You can also add a few beans inside for extra weight.

Done!

Your seagull is ready.

It may now guard your keys, decorate your bag, sit proudly on a shelf, stare at you from your desk, or become your little worry buddy to squeeze when life feels overwhelming. :)

If you make one, I'd like to see it, so please - tag me: **@hekla.cwist** and **#nopressurepatterns** on Instagram.

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