



# Tweety Bird

Ages 4 & Up with supervision; Adults. Easy Craft for beginners.

I found a darling picture on Pinterest of a great gift to make, from recycled materials too; no directions, no credit to give to the maker.

After posting it on Day Dreams Face Book page, and having received a strong response for making it to sell, I decided to try the craft myself. It was somewhat of a fail. Not a total failure; however, it does need some “tweaking” (no pun intended). Have fun with this and be creative!

## Prepare:

1. Gather materials and heat glue gun
2. Cut twig to measure across jar.
3. Snip off two pieces of twine or other material you are using to hang twig.
4. Cut 2 circles from scrap fabric (Pinks are nice to use for the edge)
5. Cut Ribbon length to wrap around lid and tie a bow.



## Materials:

- 1 or 2 Birds (pattern in back)
- Twig—approx 3”
- Twine, Jute, Hemp or Other
- Scrap Fabric
- 3/8” Ribbon
- Glass Jar with Lid (Large Jar)
- Glue Gun, Fabric Glue or Needle & Thread
- Decorations
- Scissors
- Ruler

**Step 1:** Tie each piece of twine to ends of twig. Determine length you want by dropping a length into the jar (holding the twine) and “eye balling” where you want the bird to perch.

**Step 2:** Use glue gun to run a bead of glue across the bottom of the bird, along top of tail. Sit bird on twig. Add a dab of glue to each side of bird and press twine into the glue. Let dry completely.

**Step 3:** Glue both ends of the twine (tops) to the middle of the fabric circle.

*\* Add decorations into jar at this point...*



**Step 4:** Once the bird and twine are dry, holding bird gently with twig, turn sideways to insert into jar (see picture).

**Step 5: Options ....**

\* Place fabric over mouth of jar and place lid on that piece. Then cover the lid with the second piece of fabric and hold down with ribbon. Tie.

\* Place fabric over mouth of jar, add second piece and place ring (Mason jar ring) over both pieces of fabric (as in picture).



**Creative Ideas for The Birds**

- Add color to the birds with multi-color yarn.
- Add scallops on the tail.
- Knit the birds—easily done with the garter stitch in the round.
- Add flair with a few loose feathers and seed in the bottom of the jar.
- Sprinkle hearts in the bottom for an anniversary or wedding gift.

**A few notes:**

- The birds need to be made 1/2 the size to place 2 into a jar (First craft fail).
- The jar should be free of marks, indents, seams, etc (such as Mason Jars) in order to get a clear view of the bird(s).
- Two birds will work; however, make sure they are attached with needle and thread or glued somehow. They flop over (this was the fail) if not attached to the sides of the twine.
- Wire can be used instead of twine, but then you have to attach the wire to a metal lid.





### Materials to Make a 4” Bird (head to tail)

Scrap yarn (very little) or crochet thread size 10

E Hook or D if using thread

Stuffing Tapestry needle

Gauge: 5 Rows = 1”      5 Sc = 1” (with yarn)

Make a magic circle. Work 4 Sc in circle.

1. Work 2 Sc in each ch sp around. (8)
2. \*Work 1 Sc, then 2 Sc in next ch sp, then 1 Sc \* Repeat from \* around (12)
3. \*Work 2 Sc, then 2 Sc in next ch sp, then 2 Sc \* Repeat from \* around (16)
4. \*Work 3 Sc, then 2 Sc in next ch sp, then 3 Sc \* Repeat from \* around (20)
5. Sc around each ch sp for 5 rows (20 each row)
6. \*Work 3 Sc, then work a decrease of 1 Sc over 2 Sc\* Repeat from \* around (16)
7. \*Work 2 Sc, then work a decrease of 1 Sc over 2 Sc\* Repeat from \* around (12)
8. \*Work 2 Sc, then work a decrease of 1 Sc over 2 Sc\* Repeat from \* around (8)
9. Stuff firmly with polyfil or scrap materials
10. Hold bottom firmly and pinch sides of last row together. Work a Sc in each ch sp around, working through both sides. This should be 4 Sc. Ch 1 and turn.
11. Work a Sc in each ch sp across, increasing by 1 Sc at the end of the row (5)
12. Work a Sc in each ch sp across, increasing by 1 Sc at the end of the row (6)
13. Work a Sc in each ch sp across, increasing by 1 Sc at the end of the row (7)
14. Tie off and weave in loose end.
15. Using black thread, yarn or embroidery thread, make a French knot for the eyes. Run a length between the eyes and then to the middle back (hiding it) and pull back toward eyes (this makes an indent in the back for the head/body sculpting). Tie off. Hide thread ends.

\* Add extra color with multi-color yarns, feathers, or add wings if desired. Perhaps a plume of feathers on the top of the head? Be creative and experiment!