

# birdy apron

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## Skill Level


Intermediate

## Finished Size

Apron: 13" x 26" (33cm x 66cm)

Ties: 64 (74, 84)" [163 (188, 213)cm]

## Materials

- Willow Yarns™ Meadow  (100% cotton; 50g/115yd)
  - 731937-0012 Ocean (2 balls): A
  - 731937-0013 Thistle (2 balls): B
  - 731937-0014 Lady Slipper (1 ball): C
  - 731937-0015 Wisteria (1 ball): D
  - 731937-0007 Brush (1 ball): E
- US size 7 (4.5mm) 24" circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge
- US size 6 (4mm) 24" circular needle
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

## Gauge

16 sts x 20 rows = 4" (10.2cm) in St st with size 7 needle

*Save time, check your gauge.*



## Instructions

### Apron

With A and size 7 needle, CO 4 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** (K1, yo) 3 times, k1—7 sts.

**Row 2 and all WS Rows:** P.

**Row 3:** K1, M1, k2, M1, k3, M1, k1—10 sts.

**Row 5:** K1, M1, k2, M1, pm, \*(k1, M1) twice, pm; rep from \* once more, (k1, M1) twice, k1—18 sts

**Row 7:** K.

**Row 9:** K1, M1, \*k to m, M1, sl m, k1, M1; rep from \* twice more, k to last st, M1, k1—8 sts inc'd.

**Row 10:** P.

Rep Rows 7-10 twelve more times—122 sts.

Cut A, change to B and size 6 needle.

### Edging

**Rows 1-2:** K.

**Row 3:** K1, M1, \*k to m, M1, sl m, k1, M1; rep from \* once more, k to last st, M1, k1—8 sts inc'd.

### Row 4:

K.

Rep last 4 rows once more.

K 2 more rows.

BO all sts loosely.

### Top Edging/Ties

With B and size 6 needle, CO 76 (96, 116) sts, pick up and k104 along top edge of apron, CO 76 (96, 116) more sts—256 (296, 336) sts.

K 9 rows.

BO all sts.

### Birds

Make a left-facing bird with C as CC and D as MC, and make a right-facing bird with D as CC and B as MC.

With CC and size 6 needle, CO 3 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** (K1, yo) twice, k1—5 sts.

**Rows 2 and 4:** P.

**Row 3:** K1, M1, k to last st, yo, k1—7 sts.

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**Row 5:** \*(K1, M1) twice, pm; rep from \* once more, (k1, M1) twice, k1—13 sts.

**Row 6 (WS):** K.

Cut CC and join MC.

**Row 7:** K.

**Rows 8 and 10:** P.

**Row 9:** K1, M1, \*k to m, M1, sl m, k1, M1; rep from \* once more, k to last st, M1, k1—6 sts inc'd.

Rep Rows 7-9 once more—25 sts.

**Row 14 (WS):** K.

*Left-Facing Bird:*

**Row 15:** BO 19 sts, k to end—6 sts.

*Right-Facing Bird:*

**Row 15:** K 6 sts, BO next 19 sts. Cut yarn and reattach to work rem 6 sts.

*Both Birds:*

**Rows 16-24:** K.

BO all sts.

On side opposite tail, make a small gather about 7 sts from the edge of the MC rows to separate the head from the body.  
With A, make a French knot eye on each bird.

**Pocket**

With size 7 needle and A, CO 20 sts.

Work in St st until pocket measures 4" (10.2cm).

Switch to B and size 7 needle.

K 6 rows.

BO all sts.

**Finishing**

Refer to diagram for placement. With E, embroider swirls along side of apron.

Sew birds onto apron perched on swirls.

With C, embroider beaks on birds.

Sew Pocket onto apron. Weave in ends.

**Abbreviations**

**BO:** bind off

**CC:** contrasting color

**cm:** centimeter

**CO:** cast on

**inc'd:** increased

**k:** knit

**m:** marker

**M1:** make one stitch

**MC:** main color

**p:** purl

**pm:** place marker

**rem:** remaining

**rep:** repeat/repeats

**RS:** right side

**sl:** slip

**st/sts:** stitch/stitches

**WS:** wrong side

**yo:** yarn over

