

# Little Winter Bird

A fun and easy sewing project by Michelle Goggins



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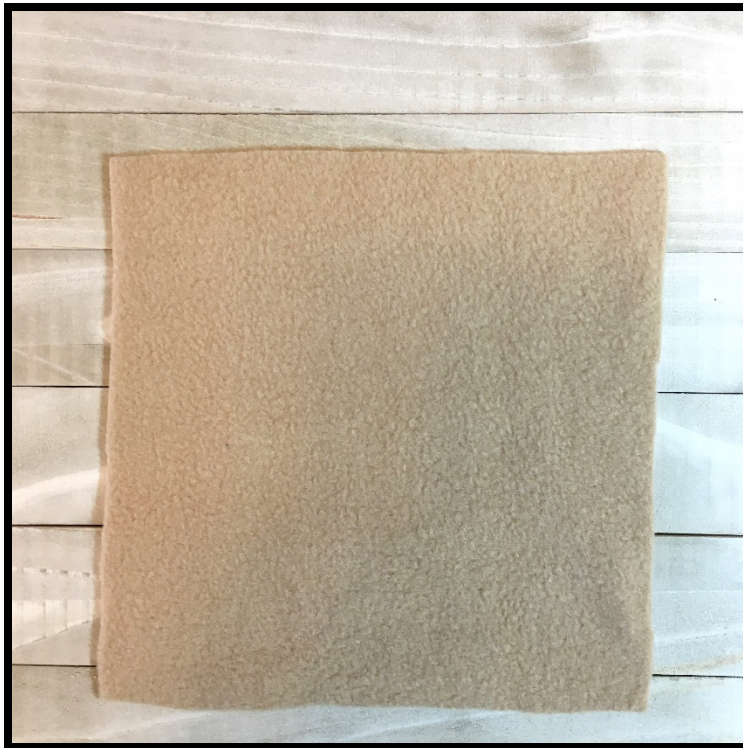
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### **Supplies needed:**

- A piece of fleece 8 X 8 inches for the bird
- A piece of fabric 9 X 9 inches for the hat, plus, one thin strip to use as a tie. (About 6 X ½ inch)
- Little bits of felt for the beak, wings & eyes
- Glue that can stick to fabric (Such as a glue gun)
- 2 pieces of yarn, any color, about 8 inches long
- Sewing thread to match the bird and hat
- Stuffing/fiberfill

### **How to sew the bird:**

Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between the right side and the wrong side of fleece. Pick a side to be the right side and place it facing up on your table.



Fold the fleece in half, so right sides are together.  
Sew along the raw edges, using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance. Knot the thread at the beginning and end of the seam.



Get a piece of yarn and place it about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the bottom edge.





Tie the yarn into a tight knot.



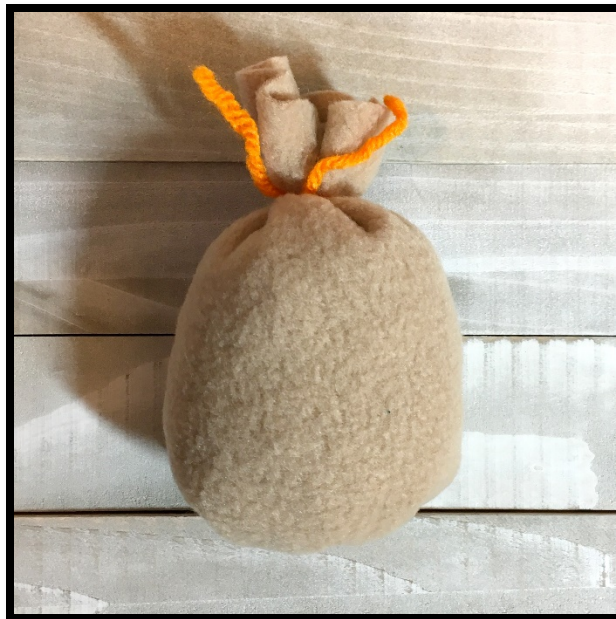
Turn it right side out.



Fill it about 2/3 full of the stuffing of your choice. Polyester fiberfill works nicely. I like my bird to have some weight in the bottom, so I put in a layer of dry rice or beans.

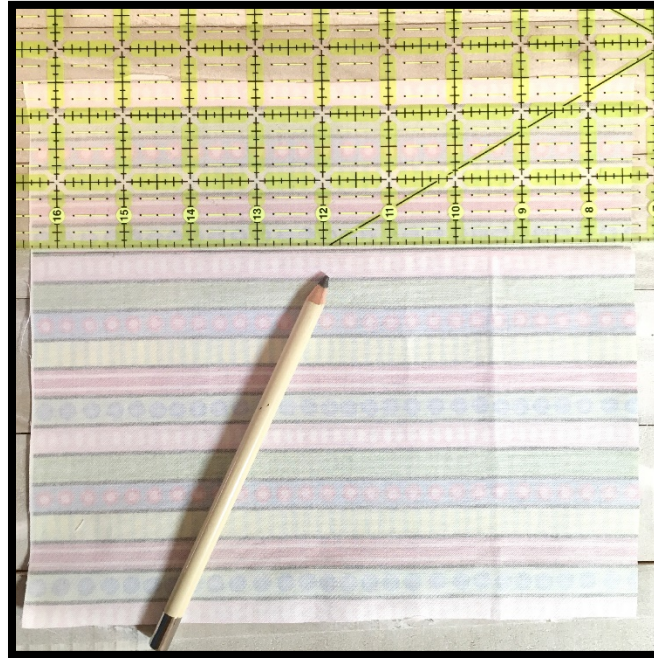


Get the second piece of yarn and tie a knot around the top. It looks like a little bag! Don't worry; the top part will be hidden under the hat.



## How to sew the hat:

Place the hat fabric right side down on your table.  
Draw a line 2 ½ inches down from the top.



Cut strips up to the line.  
They should be about ½ inch wide – but there's no need to be fussy about it.





Fold the fabric with right sides together. Sew along the raw edge from the bottom to the fringe with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance. Knot the thread at the beginning and end of the seam.



Turn the hat right side out. Take the small strip of fabric and place it just under the cut strips.



Tie the fabric strip into a knot. Trim the ends if needed.



Turn the bottom edge twice to make the hatband.





Put the hat onto the bird, matching up the back seams. You may want to glue it or stitch the hat to keep it securely in place.

Now it's time to add the face and wings. This is where you'll add a lot of personality to your bird!

I've used a triangle of fabric for the beak. Have fun making whatever beak you like - short & wide, long & thin, crooked, or heart-shaped.

For the eyes, I've used buttons. You could use anything you have on-hand, from googly eyes to felt.

For the wings, I've used two half circles of felt. I traced the lid of a jar to make a circle, then cut it in half.

I've just glued the face & wing pieces to the bird with a glue gun. You could also stitch them on.

Happy sewing!

