

# Yarn Birds



**The sounds of Spring are in the air!**

If you enjoy the sweet sound of returning birds, you'll love bringing an adorable yarn bird into your home!

## Supplies:

- Three (3) different colored yarns
- Two (2) pieces of cardboard cut to four and five inches (4" and 5") long respectively
- One (1) scrap of orange paper
- Two (2) black beads
- Two (2) lengths of wire six inches (6") long
- One (1) length of wire two inches (2") long
- One (1) sandwich-sized paper bag
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue
- Pliers/wire cutters (optional)



## Instructions:

1. Determine which yarn will serve as the underside of the bird, the wings of the bird, and the top of the bird. In this example, white will be used for the underside, yellow for the wings, and blue for the top. (**Fig. 1**).
2. Cut three inches (3") of yarn off of each color. Cut an additional six inches (6") off the color you will use for the top of the bird (**Fig. 2**). Set aside.
3. Wrap the underside yarn lengthwise around the four inch (4") cardboard (**Fig. 3** and **Fig. 4**). When wrapped, the yarn should rise to about a half inch (1/2").
4. Holding the yarn tightly, cut the yarn at a looped end, like in **Fig. 5**. Your result should be a group of yarn strands about eight inches (8") long.
5. Repeat steps three (3) and four (4) with the wing yarn and top yarn using the four inch (4") cardboard and five inch (5") cardboard respectively. Your result should look like **Fig. 6**.
6. Lay the underside yarn horizontally on your work surface. Lay the top yarn perpendicularly over the underside yarn, as in **Fig. 7**.
7. Fold each colored yarn group from step six (6) in half, like in **Fig. 8**. The yarns should interlock.

8. Using the three inch (3") piece of yarn you cut in step two (2), tie the yarn groups together as close to the fold as possible. See **Fig. 9**.
9. Tie the wing yarn group in the middle, using the three inch (3") piece of yarn you cut in step two (2). Your result will look like **Fig. 10**.
10. Lay the tied wing yarn perpendicularly across the yarn bundle created in step eight (8), like **Fig. 11**.
11. Crumple a half sheet of paper, or use half of the bag this craft came in (**Fig. 12**).
12. Place the crumbled paper at the intersection of the yarn bundles (**Fig. 13**).
13. Gather the ends of yarn tightly in your fist, completely surrounding the crumbled paper with yarn. Your result should look like **Fig. 14**.
14. Using the six inch (6") piece of yarn you cut in step two (2), tie the yarn ends snug against the crumbled paper (**Fig. 15**).
15. Trim the yarn ends for a clean, bushy look. (**Fig. 16**).
16. Fold a strand of six inch (6") wire in half. Shape the bend in the wire into toes. Twist the remaining wire to form a leg. Repeat for the second six inch (6") wire. Your result will resemble **Fig. 17**.
17. Stick the legs into the belly of the bird, taking care to puncture the paper (**Fig. 18**). The legs are for decoration only and will probably not support the weight of the bird.
18. Cut the orange scrap of paper into a semicircle. Fold into a cone, secure with glue (**Fig. 19**). Glue the cone to the bird's head where the underside yarn comes together in a 'V'.
19. Thread one (1) black bead onto the two inch (2") wire. Twist the wire to secure the bead as in **Fig. 20**.
20. Pass the wire through the bird's head as in **Fig. 21**. Thread the other black bead on the wire and twist to secure. Pass extra wire back into the bird, or use wire cutters to trim excess wire.

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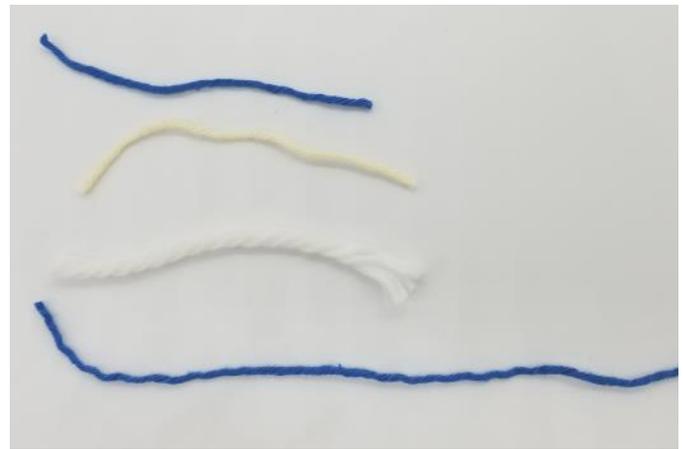


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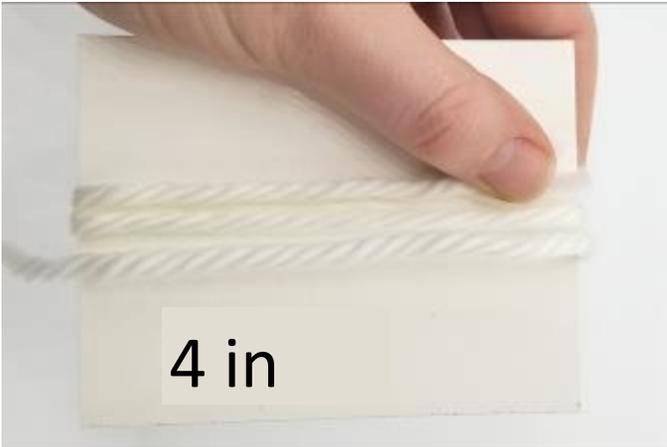


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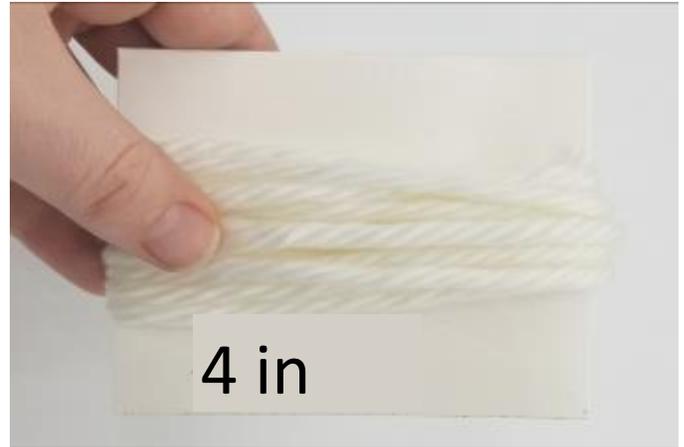


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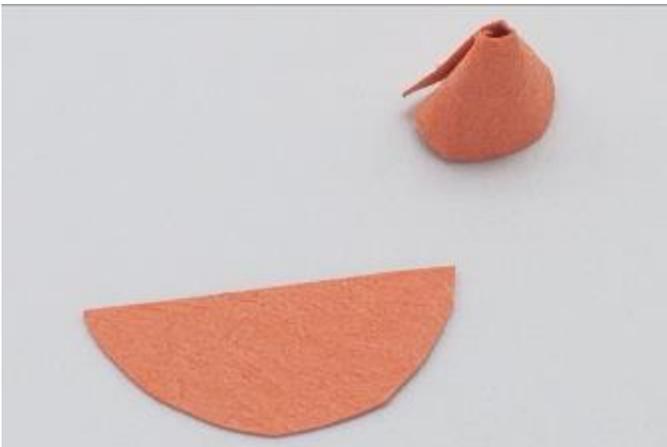


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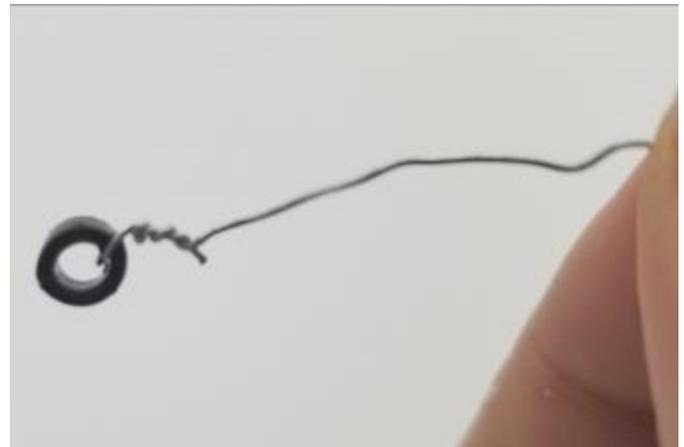


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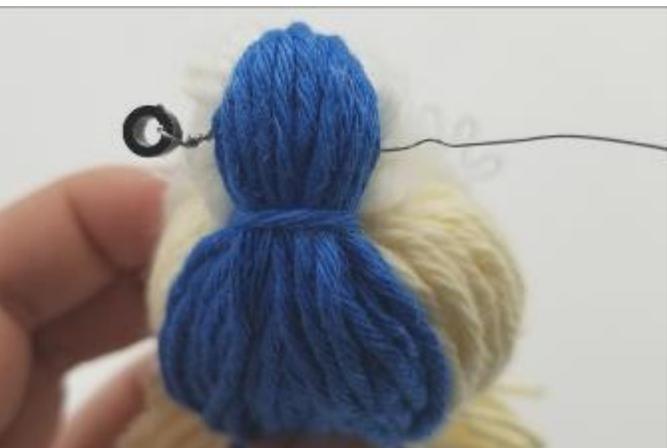


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