



Finished nests can be mailed or delivered to:

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Crocheted Baby Bird Nests

Can you help provide injured and orphaned baby birds with a soft, comfortable place to grow and heal? These quick-to-knit nests are used by the hundreds of baby birds that come through the doors of *Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center* each year.

Tips:

1. To prevent legs or feet from getting snagged in the nest, avoid using fuzzy yarns and be sure it is knitted tightly. Using 2 or 3 strands of yarn will help ensure a tight knit and help the nest holds its form when baby birds are placed in the nest.
2. The nests need to be made from washable yarn that can last through numerous washings. Acrylic or cotton yarn works well and is inexpensive.
3. Any color is fine, but earth tones are the best.
4. ***We have a need for nests of all sizes***, so feel free to make modifications to the pattern to achieve different sizes.

Instructions: Size H hook

1. **Starting ring:**
 - a. Crochet 3 chains using 2 or 3 strands of yarn held together.
 - b. Slip stitch last chain to first chain to make a loop or ring.
2. **Round 1:**
 - a. Chain 2 (this counts as your first stitch), work between 10 – 15 single crochets into the ring (depending on what thickness yarn you are using).
 - b. Slip stitch the last single crochet to the top stitch in the chain 2 that started this round.
3. **Round 2:**
 - a. Chain 2. Single crochet into each of the next two stitches, then do 2 single crochets into the next stitch, single crochet into the next two stitches, then 2 single crochets in the next stitch. Repeat around the circle.
 - b. Slip stitch your last single crochet into the top of the chain 2 that started this round.
4. **Round 3, 4, 5, 6, and on:**
 - a. Repeat Round 2 until your circle is at least 3" big.
 - b. You can make your nest with a bottom between 3" and 6".
5. Once you have made the bottom of the nest between 3" to 6", from all rounds thereafter, crochet ONE single crochet into each stitch.
 - a. You will see your "sides" begin to form.
6. Crochet until the sides are about 3" high. Bind off and weave in loose ends.

Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center is dedicated to providing responsible rehabilitation services for the ill, injured and orphaned wildlife of south central Wisconsin, and to promoting education and awareness of the crucial role of wildlife in our community.

To learn more about our organization, please visit our website at giveshelter.org/flwc.

