

Birthday Birdies Materials List

- **1. Wool felt** in a variety of colours. to make your birdie body and wings.
- **2. 100% wool stuffing** a small amount to stuff your birdie.
- **3. Embroidery cotton/floss** in a colour to match your felt you'll use this to sew up your birdie.
- **4. Feathers** collect some feathers from your chickens or you could buy some from <u>craft stores here</u> or <u>Etsy here</u>.
- **6. Gold Thread** to add a little magic while stitching on the wings. I love DMC Diamant in Light Gold.
- 7. Cotton quilting thread or Gutermann polyester thread
- in a dark brown if you'd like to make little eyes. You can also use one strand of DMC embroidery thread.
- **8. Sewing needles** <u>Chenille needles (size 24)</u> work well for this project, however any needle will be fine.
- 9. Scissors, pins, chopstick for stuffing.

About ...

These sweet & simple little birdies were inspired by the birthday birdie our playgroup leader Ebba gave to my girls to celebrate their birthdays. If you have a playgroup or kindergarten these would make a lovely little gift for birthdays. They would also make a gorgeous addition to the Spring nature table (hung on some branches) and can be used in storytelling.

A great first craft project for children 5+



a beautiful birthday song

"In heaven shines a golden star
An angel brought you from afar
From heaven down onto the Earth
Has brought you to your place of birth.
Birthday bells are ringing
Birthday angels are singing
Millie's turning three today
Happy happy birthday
And from the golden sky
A birthday bird is flying by
Brings wishes and kisses and many a cheer
For our Millie birthday girl dear."

extract from <u>Early Childhood Wisdom: A Journey Through the Playgroup Year by Ebba Bodame & Meg Quinlisk</u>

With a few few minor word changes by me!

