

# MARIPOSA BUTTERFLY DECORATION

A Butterfly Knitting Pattern by Holly Beemer

Mariposa is a knitted butterfly that works up beautifully with a variegated yarn and brightens any room.

## Finished Size

about 10" x 9"

## Materials

**Yarn** 40 yd DK weight yarn, for wings  
([Urth Uneek](#) or another variegated yarn)

10 yd [Red Heart Soft in Pink](#)

**Gauge** 18 sts x 24 rows = 4" x 4"  
in Stockinette stitch (DK)

**Needles** [US #8/5.00 mm DPN](#)

**Notions** [finishing needle](#)  
[stitch markers](#)

**Other** [thin craft wire](#)  
[invisible nylon thread](#) (optional)



## Abbreviations

BO - bind off

CO - cast on

k - knit

m - marker

p - purl

pm - place marker

sm - slip marker

st(s) - stitch(es)

yo - yarn over

## Pattern Notes

This butterfly is knitted in three pieces: left wing, right wing, and body.

Each wing is worked back and forth from the body side to the outside edge.

The body is made of 5 stitches of i-cord, worked in the round.

The wings are sewn to the body.

Craft wire helps the wings keep their shape when the butterfly is aloft.

## LEFT WING

This wing is worked back and forth from the body side to the outside edge. It is the wing on your left side when you are facing the butterfly.

### Setup

With variegated DK yarn, CO 14 sts.

Knit 1 row, pm as follows: k2, (pm, k1) three times, pm, k4, (pm, k1) three times, pm, k2

Purl 1 row.

### Small Wing

Begin increasing the left wing as follows:

Row 1 - (k to m, sm, yo, k1, yo) 4 times, k to end  
[22 sts]

Row 2 - p all

Row 3 - k all

Row 4 - p all

Repeat rows 1 to 4. [30 sts]

Repeat Rows 1-3. [38 sts]

On the next row, BO 11 sts purlwise and p to end.  
[27 sts]

Small left wing complete.



### Large Wing

Work the remaining stitches as follows:

Row 1 - \*k to m, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo\* 3 times, k to end [33 sts]

Row 2 - p all

Row 3 - k all

Row 4 - p all

Repeat these 4 rows. [39 sts]

BO all sts. Weave in ends.

Large left wing complete.

## RIGHT WING

This wing is worked back and forth from the body side to the outside edge. It is the wing on your right side when facing the butterfly.

### Setup

With variegated DK yarn, CO 14 sts.

Knit 1 row, pm as follows: k2, (pm, k1) three times, pm, k4, (pm, k1) three times, pm, k2

Purl 1 row.

### Small Wing

Begin increasing the left wing as follows:

Row 1 - (k to m, sm, yo, k1, yo) 4 times, k to end [22 sts]

Row 2 - p all

Row 3 - k all

Row 4 - p all

Repeat rows 1 to 4. [30 sts]

Repeat Rows 1-2. [38 sts]

BO 11 sts and k to end. [27 sts]

P one row.

Small right wing complete.

### Large Wing

Work the remaining stitches as follows:

Row 1 - \*k to m, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo\* 3 times, k to end [33 sts]

Row 2 - p all

Row 3 - k all

Row 4 - p all

Repeat these 4 rows. [39 sts]

BO all sts. Weave in ends.

Large left wing complete.

## BUTTERFLY BODY

This body is worked as i-cord in the round.

### Setup

With Red Heart Soft, CO 5 sts.

### Body

Work in i-cord until butterfly body measures 6" (or 1" longer than the body side of your wings).

### Finishing

BO all sts. Weave in ends.

## ASSEMBLY

Block the wings.

Gently weave craft wire in and out of the outside Stockinette curl of both wings. Shape as desired.

Optional: Using nylon thread, hang in desired location.

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