

Make an Osprey Key Ring or Bag charm

The ospreys at Manton Bay on Rutland water are famous. This is because everyday people can log into their computers (www.ospreys.org.uk) and watch the birds live via the nest camera. You can tell which bird is which by looking for leg rings. You can choose which bird is your favourite and make a bag charm with its ring number on it. You need to know the ring colour and the number

To make your bag charm you will need;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey pattern cut out of paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown, white & black sewing threads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown felt 8cm x 10cm | <input type="checkbox"/> Toy stuffing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White felt 10cm x 10cm | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown or white ribbon 10cm long |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green felt 1.5cm x 3cm | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal key ring or clip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow felt, very tiny piece | |

Instructions:

1. Cut out the pattern shapes from the paper pattern.
2. Pin the body shape to the white felt and carefully cut out 2 body shapes.
3. Cut out 2 wings, 2 beaks and 2 eye stripes using brown felt.
4. Pin the wing shape to the body shape, in the place shown on the pattern. Stitch it using brown thread and running stitch. Do not stitch across the top edge (where the ribbon will go) just the bottom.
5. Do the same to the other wing and body, making sure you put it on the opposite side.
6. Stitch the eye stripes and beaks in place.
7. Cut 2 circles of yellow felt, 4mm diameter, stitch these to the eye stripes, using black thread and a French knot stitch to make the pupil of the eye.
8. Leg ring; Cut a strip of the correct coloured felt 1.5 cm wide and 3 cm long. Fold the strip in half. Using a permanent felt tip marker pen write the number of your osprey just above the fold with letters 1 cm high. If you want you could stitch over the writing, use coloured thread to sew over the letters, using back stitch.
9. Thread the metal clip or ring onto the ribbon.
10. Pin the two halves of the bird together, trapping the leg loop and ribbon in the correct places. Sew the two halves together using brown or white thread in the correct places. Use running stitch Leave the bum end open.
11. Use a pencil to push some stuffing into your bird, do not over fill it, ospreys are not fat.
12. When you have stuffed him enough pin the opening closed and stitch it.

You now have a finished osprey bag charm. Why not make lots more for you friends? Remember to visit your osprey on the website. www.ospreys.org.uk

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