



## Directions to make a Stuffed Libby Bird

I have 2 different methods to make a Stuffed Libby Bird. With this method you'll sew right sides together then turn & stuff. You hand stitch or glue the turning area closed. My Raw Edge Stuffed Method is easier since there's no need to turn right sides out. Plus, there's no hand stitching to close the turning area! The Stuffed Method presented here gives a nicer finish. You have 2 'stuffed' methods to choose from.



*The Libby Bird was created in honor of my mother, Libby, who spread kindness, joy, & hope wherever she went. I think these are things that we could all use – especially these days! Visit [www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm](http://www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm) to learn more about this project.*

If you'd like a Libby Bird Template, contact me & I'll send you one for free!

### Materials Needed:

Libby Bird Template

Rotary Cutter, Cutting Mat or Scissors, Pinking Shears

Fabric for Front of Bird

Cording, Ribbon, about 10" long

Fabric for Back of Bird

Stuffing

Basic Supplies: Sewing Machine, Iron, Marking Pen, Clips, Pins, Hand Needle, Fabric Glue

Optional Materials: Cardstock, Safety Pins, Printable Fabric Sheets, Freezer Paper, Plastic Baggies, Mechanical Pencil or Chalk, or Heat Erasable Pen if fabric is light in color), Stiletto, Turning Tool

\*Fabric Label or Paper Label to sew or pin to your bird

\* [Note](http://www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm) to add with your Libby Bird – found at [www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm](http://www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm)

### Making the Libby Bird Label

You don't have to add a label to your Libby Bird, especially if you're placing your bird in a baggie with the Libby Note but a Label is a nice touch. Here are 2 ways.

#### Option 1: Print on Paper or Cardstock

This can be done after Libby Birds are made. Cardstock holds up better but you can use printer paper. Grab some safety pins, too. Download one of the Libby Labels found at [www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm](http://www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm). Add paper or cardstock to printer and print. Use scissors, rotary cutter or paper cutter to cut the labels. Put aside for later.

#### Option 2: Print on Fabric

If you're new to printing on fabrics, I recommend printing on paper or cardstock first then check out online tutorials about printing on fabric. (I'll add one later.) If using Fabric, play around before making your birds to find a good technique.

Before printing, determine the way your printer needs your fabric sheets to be loaded. The easiest way to start is to use Printable Fabric Sheets available at craft stores & online. Add 1 sheet to printer & print. Follow directions to make ink permanent. Set aside.

Instead of purchasing Fabric Sheets, you can create your own. Check out online tuts. Plain Cotton Fabric & Freezer Paper work well together. Download one of the Libby Labels found at [www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm](http://www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm).

Don't cut labels until you've cut your birds so you can decide on size. You'll need to add extra space around the text for sewing.

### Cutting the Libby Bird

You can use a rotary cutter or scissors to cut your birds -whichever you're most comfortable with.

#### Rotary Cutting

Grab 2 fabric scraps larger than bird template. Place template on 1 fabric right sides up & cut around. Leave the other scrap for later.

#### Or Scissor Cutting

Grab 2 scraps larger than bird template. On back side of 1 fabric, trace around template with pencil, chalk or heat erasable pen. If fabric is directional be sure to pay attention to that.



### Adding the Label (optional)

You don't have to add a label to your bird, but I hope you will as it will spread the Libby Bird message!

If using a Cardstock Label or Paper Label, put it aside. Once bird is finished, pin it on your bird with a safety pin.

If sewing on a Fabric Label, place it on right side of bird you just cut. Decide if you need to cut label down & if you want to use pinking shears. If cutting down, leave enough space from text to sew around. Peel off backing.

Position label where you'd like. Pin or spray baste label if you like. (I don't!) Use stitch length around 2.4 & sew close to edge. If you didn't use pinking shears but feel label might fray, pull out threads from edges to give a frayed look.



### Sewing the Front & Back Together



Don't cut down back fabric as leaving it larger will make sewing, stuffing & turning easier.

Place fabric with label face down on other fabric. You can pin or clip if you like.

We'll leave an opening at top for turning, so use green as a guide where to start and the red where to stop. Sew close to edge of cut bird – scant 1/4" seam allowance. Be sure to backstitch at beginning & end.

### Trimming Down



Use scissors – pinking shears preferred – to trim around bird BUT do not trim around opening. Leave a 'flap' to help with turning right sides out & closing.

### Turning Right Sides Out, Stuffing, Adding a Hanger, Closing your Bird



Using your fingers & whatever turning tool you like, carefully turn bird right sides out. Be careful when pushing out tail & beak so you don't poke a hole – ask me how I know!

Take a small amount of stuffing & stuff tail & head first. Continue to add until bird is full. Play with opening to line up edges nicely. If you cut a 'flap', smooth it down inside. The flap makes for a nice finish on 1 side & gives something to line up with other side. Grab a needle & thread; glue is optional but I use it in combination with needle & thread whenever I can! If gluing, grab clips, too. If adding a hanger, cut ribbon or cording about 10". Tie the 2 ends into a knot close to edges. Push stuffing down in bird & place knot inside. Take a few stitches to hold it in place. You can use a Ladder Stitch to close your bird or place Fabric Glue carefully inside along edges. If gluing, use clips to hold it place while drying.

That's it!

Add a [printed note](#) to go with your Libby Bird. Place both inside a baggie & give away or hide in a spot where it will be found. Don't forget to take pics & upload them to [www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm](http://www.winnerdesigns.com/libby-bird.htm).

If giving Libby Birds away, let the recipient know about the Libby Bird message & ask them to upload a pic & their thoughts on receiving it.

I know my mom, Libby is smiling as this project was created in her honor!

*Thanks for being a part of this project! Contact me if you have questions or want a free Libby Bird. Linda Winner 850-449-0259*



**Bagged & ready to be hidden or given away!**



**Raw Edge**



**Stuffed or Raw Edge**

**Be sure to check out my directions for making a [Stuffed Raw Edge Libby Bird](#)**