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SANTA CLAUS

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Bring old-world charm to your holiday home with this enchanting rendition of old Saint Nick. The porcelain face and hands, accented by pearls and gold braid, lend a custom-crafted look to this simple design.

SIZE: 15" tall.

MATERIALS: *Size 10 bedspread cotton — 1500 yds. ecru and 750 yds. burgundy; metallic gold thread; *3½ yds. metallic gold ¼" rope; 1 yd. green ⅛" satin ribbon; *4½" porcelain Santa head and hands; 900 white 4-mm pearl beads; one white 8-mm pearl bead; 2 white ¾" teardrop pearls with jump rings; one pair 1¾" doll eyeglasses; 2 gold 2¾" tassels; one gold 2½" tassel; assorted novelty toys and packages; 3 sprays holly berries; metallic gold dried baby's breath flowers; 12" square piece of green felt; 12" square piece of cream felt; 8" circle of mat board; 8" x 10½" piece poster board; wide clear tape; polyester fiberfill; craft glue or hot glue gun; green and cream sewing thread; straight pins; tapestry needle; No. 0 steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.

*This project was made using "Grandma's Best" crochet thread, Wright's® gold rope and porcelain head/hands #162-23 from Mangelsen's®.

GAUGE: With 2 strands thread held tog, 6 dc = 1"; 8 dc rows = 3".

NOTE: Work entire pattern with 2 strands thread held together unless otherwise stated.

SKILL LEVEL: ★★ Average

BODY

Row 1: Starting at **neck**, with ecru, ch 33, sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc in next ch, (sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch) across, turn (48 sc).

Row 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) across, turn (72 dc).

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, dc in next 12 sts, (2 dc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts), dc in next 25 sts; repeat between (), dc in last 12 sts, turn (84).

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in next 9 sts; for **armhole**, skip next 21 sts; dc in next 21 sts; for **armhole**, skip next 21 sts; dc in last 11 sts, turn (42 dc).



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Row 6: Ch 3, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st) across, turn (49).

Row 7: Repeat row 3.

Row 8: Ch 3, dc in each of next 3 sts, (2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) across to last 3 sts, dc in each of last 3 sts, turn (56).

Rows 9-10: Repeat row 3.

Row 11: Ch 3, (2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) across to last st, dc in last st, turn (65).

Row 12: Repeat row 3.

Row 13: Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, (2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) across to last 2 sts, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn (75).

Rnd 14: Working in rnds, ch 3, dc in each st around, join with sl st in top of ch-3, **do not** turn.

Rnd 15: Ch 3, dc in each st around, join.

Rnd 16: Ch 3, dc in same st, dc in each of next 2 sts, (2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) around, join (88).

Rnds 17-18: Repeat rnd 15.

Rnd 19: Ch 3, dc in same st, dc in each of next 3 sts, (2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) around, join (103).

Rnds 20-21: Repeat rnd 15.

Rnd 22: Ch 3, (2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) around, join (120).

Rnds 23-27: Repeat rnd 15.

Rnd 28: Working this rnd in

back lps only, repeat rnd 15, fasten off.

For **drawstring**, weave separate strand ecru through sts across rnd 1 at neck opening.

ARMS

Rnd 1: Working in sts around armhole, join ecru with sl st in st at underarm, ch 3, dc in each st around, join with sl st in top of ch-3 (21 dc).

Rnds 2-4: Ch 3, dc in each st around, join.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc next 2 sts tog, (dc in next st, dc next 2 sts tog) around, join (14).

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join with sl st in first sc, fasten off.

For **drawstring**, weave separate strand ecru through sts on last rnd.

Repeat in other armhole.

FINISHING

1: Roll poster board into 10½" long tube tight enough to fit firmly inside neck of porcelain head. Secure tube with tape. Glue one end of tube inside porcelain head, let dry.

2: For **Body base**, mark center of mat board. Glue other end of tube centered over mark.

3: Stuff Arms. Insert porcelain hands inside arm opening. Tie crocheted Arm around porcelain arm using drawstring. Glue to secure.

4: Slip Body over top of base; sew ends of rows together at center back. Glue last rnd of Body to bottom of mat board. Stuff Body and shape. Tie drawstring around neck.

COAT

Row 1: Starting at **neckline**, with burgundy, ch 36, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, hdc in each of next 2 chs, 2 dc in next 21 chs, hdc in each of next 2 chs, sc in last 5 chs, turn (56 sts).

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first 5 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 42 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, sc in last 5 sts, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first 5 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next 42 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, sc in last 5 sts, turn (98).

Rows 4-5: Ch 1, sc in each sc, hdc in each hdc and dc in each dc across, turn.

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in first 5 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts; for **armhole**, ch 3, skip next 21 sts; dc in next 34 sts; for **armhole**, ch 3, skip next 21 sts; 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, sc in last 5 sts, turn (60 sts, 6 chs).

Row 7: Working in sts and in chs, ch 1, sc in first 5 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 5 sts, (2 dc in

next st, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times, (2 dc in next st, dc in next st) 4 times, hdc in each of next 2 sts, sc in last 5 sts, turn (81 sts).

Row 8: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 9: Ch 3, dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st, (dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) across to last 9 sts, dc in last 9 sts, turn (103).

Row 10: Repeat row 8.

Row 11: Ch 3, dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st) across to last 12 sts, dc in last 12 sts, turn (117).

Row 12: Ch 3, dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in each st across to last 8 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in last 7 sts, turn (119).

Row 13: Ch 3, dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st) around to last 6 sts, dc in last 6 sts, turn (141).

Rows 14-15: Repeat row 8.

Row 16: Ch 3, dc next 2 sts tog, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st) around to last 7 sts, dc in next 4 sts, dc next 2 sts tog, dc in last st, turn (161).

Rows 17-26: Ch 3, dc next 2 sts tog, dc in each st across to last 3 sts, dc next 2 sts tog, dc in last st, turn, ending with 141 sts in last row.

Rows 27-29: Ch 1, sc in first st, hdc in next st, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in last st, turn. At end of

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last row, fasten off.

SLEEVES

Rnd 1: Working around armhole, join burgundy with sc in first ch at underarm, sc in each of next 2 chs, sc in end of next row, dc in next 21 sts, sc in end of next row, join with sl st in first sc (26 sts).

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each of first 3 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc in each of next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 5 times, hdc in last st, join (32).

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in each of first 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in each st across to last st, hdc in last st, join.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in each of first 3 sts, hdc in next st, (2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) 9 times, hdc in last st, join (41).

Rnds 5-6: Ch 3, dc in each st around, join with sl st in top of ch-3. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

Rnd 7: Join ecru with sc in first st, sc in each st around, join with sl st in first sc.

Rnds 8-12: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

Repeat in other armhole.

TRIM

Rnd 1: With ecru, ch 360, making sure ch is not twisted, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, sc

in each ch around, join with sl st in first sc (360 sc).

Rnds 2-6: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

HAT

Rnd 1: With burgundy, ch 4, 11 dc in 4th ch from hook, join with sl st in top of ch-3 (12 dc).

Rnds 2-3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) around, join with sl st in top of ch-3 (18, 27).

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in each st around, join.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in same st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) around, join (41).

Rnd 6: Repeat rnd 4.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc in same st, (dc in each of next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) around, join (52).

Rnd 8: Repeat rnd 4, fasten off.

Rnd 9: Working this rnd in **back lps** only, join ecru with sc in first st, sc in each st around, join with sl st in first sc.

Rnds 10-14: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

FINISHING

1: For **underpiece**, cut cream felt according to Underpiece Diagram. Glue gold rope across bottom edge. With cream sewing thread, leaving ends long, baste across top edge, pull to gather

slightly; tie around neck.

2: Thread one teardrop pearl onto 13" piece gold thread; thread remaining teardrop pearl onto 15" piece gold thread. Secure ends of both pieces to center of gathered edge.

3: For **waist tie** (make 2), knot one end of 18" strand ecru. With tapestry needle, insert one piece through underpiece 5" from top on each side according to diagram. Tie ends together around waist in back.

4: Sew Trim to outside edge of Coat gathering to fit across back neck edge and corners. Make tuck in Trim on each side of front to form collar points as shown in photo. Tack corners. Sew one 4-mm pearl to every other st of rnds 1, 3 and 5 on Trim.

5: Starting at center back of neck, sew or glue gold rope to Coat around edge of Trim as shown in photo.

6: Sew 2 large tassels to each side of collar points as shown.

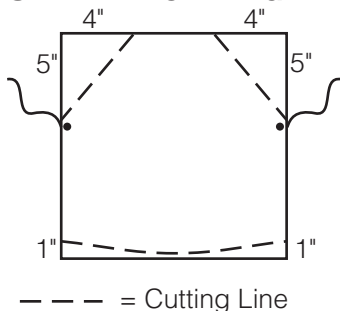
7: Sew 4-mm pearl to every other st on rnds 1, 3 and 5 of each Sleeve. Sew or glue 8" piece of gold rope to rnd 6 on each Sleeve.

8: For **ties**, cut green satin ribbon in half. Holding both pieces together, tie into a bow leaving long ends for streamers; tack to underpiece below Santa's

beard.

9: Sew 4-mm pearl to every

UNDERPIECE DIAGRAM



other st of rnds 9, 11 and 13 on Hat. Sew or glue 11" piece gold rope to rnd 8 of Hat. Glue small tassel and 8-mm pearl to center of rnd 1. Place Hat on head. Place eyeglasses on doll.

10: For **Santa's bag**, cut green felt into 10" x 12" piece. Fold in half crosswise so that it measures 5" x 6". Sew sides together leaving top open. Turn right side out. Fold 1" around top opening down to inside. Baste around top opening $\frac{3}{4}$ " from fold. Pull ends to gather slightly, secure.

11: Knot center of 14" piece gold rope. Glue around bag $\frac{3}{4}$ " from top opening. For **handle**, cut 10" piece gold rope, glue one end to each side of bag on inside.

12: Stuff bag. Fill in top with packages, toys, holly berries and gold baby's breath.❖