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Mr and Mrs Christmas



MEASUREMENTS

33cm/13in tall.

MATERIALS

Of standard D.K. yarn: 50g each in Red, 40g in Flesh Tone, 30g in White and Coffee, 20g in Black, Bottle Green and Grass Green, 10g each in Yellow, and Primrose, and oddment of Deep Pink; of towelling effect D.K. yarn: 30g in White; pair of 3mm (U.K. no.11) knitting needles; 150g of washable toy stuffing; scrap of stout card; two plastic drinking straws; pink and red pencils; long tweezers; clear adhesive.

TENSION

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, measured over stocking stitch worked D.K. yarn on 3mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = beginning; cont = continue; dec =

decrease (by working 2 stitches together); gs = garter stitch; inc = increase (by working into front and back of stitch); K = knit; P = purl; PSSO = pass slipped stitch over; RS = right side; sl = slip; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; tog = together; YB = yarn back; YF = yarn forward.

NOTE

Begin all pieces worked in stocking stitch with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

MR CHRISTMAS

BODY make 1 piece

With Red cast on 16 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

***1st inc row:** Inc into every st to end [32 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [48 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [64 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

4th inc row: (K1, inc 1, K2) to end [80 sts].

Ss 17 rows.

Shape top of body, 1st dec row:

(K3, K 2 tog, K3) to end [70 sts].**

Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: (K3, K 2 tog, K2) to end [60 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [50 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Shape sides, 4th dec row: (K11, SKPO, K 2 tog, K9) twice, K2 [46 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

5th dec row: (K10, SKPO, K 2 tog, K8) twice, K2 [42 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

******6th dec row:** (K9, SKPO, K 2 tog, K7) twice, K2 [38 sts].

P 1 row.

7th dec row: (K8, SKPO, K 2 tog, K6) twice, K2 [34 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

HEAD make 1 piece

With Flesh Tone cast on 18 sts for base edge of neck and ss 6 rows.

Shape base of head, 1st inc row: Inc into every st to end [36 sts].

P 1 row.

Shape chin, 2nd inc row: K6, (inc 1, K1) twelve times, K6 [48 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

Shape top of cheeks, 1st dec row: K12, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K8, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K12 [40 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

Shape top of head, 2nd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [30 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [20 sts].

P 1 row.

4th dec row: (K 2 tog) to end [10 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

BOOTS AND LEGS make 2 pieces

With Black cast on 20 sts for base edge and cont in ss.

***1st inc row:** (Inc 1) twice, K6, (inc 1) four times, K6, (inc 1) twice [28 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) twice, K6, (inc 1, K1) four times, K6, (inc 1, K1) twice [36 sts].

P 1 row.

3rd inc row: (K2, inc 1) twice, K7, (inc 1, K2) four times, K5, (inc 1, K2) twice [44 sts].

P 3 rows for sole edge.

Shape front, 1st row: K36, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

2nd row: Sl 1, P28, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

3rd row: Sl 1, K25, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

4th row: Sl 1, P22, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

5th row: Sl 1, K19, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

6th row: Sl 1, P16, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

7th row: Sl 1, K13, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

8th row: Sl 1, P10, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

9th row: Sl 1, K to end.

10th row: P across all sts [44 sts].

1st dec row: K12, (SKPO, K6, K 2 tog) twice, K12 [40 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K12, (SKPO, K4, K 2 tog) twice, K12 [36 sts].

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K12, (SKPO, K2, K 2 tog) twice, K12 [32 sts].

P 1 row.

4th dec row: K1, (SKPO, K 2 tog, K7, SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K1 [24 sts].**

Ss 9 rows.

Change to Red for trousers and ss 8 rows. Cast off for top edge.

ARMS make 2 pieces

With Red cast on 6 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

*Inc 1 st at beg of next 8 rows [14 sts].

Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm [20 sts].

Ss 14 rows.

Change to Flesh Tone for hand and ss 2 rows.

Cast on 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb [30 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows [20 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Divide for fingers, next row: K3, inc 1, K2, inc 1, K5, inc 1, turn and work on these 16 sts only.

Little finger: **Next row: P8, turn and work on these sts only.

Ss 4 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Join side edges of finger.***

Middle finger: With held 8 sts on right hand needle, rejoin yarn to work and K2, inc 1 from left hand needle, turn and work on these 12 sts only.

Work as given for previous finger from ** to ***.

Index finger: With held 4 sts on right hand needle, rejoin yarn to work and K the remaining 4 sts for left hand needle [8 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

JACKET SKIRT AND BELT make 1 piece

With White towelling yarn cast on 96 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows, beg with a P row.

Change to Red and ss 14 rows, beg with a K row.

Shape waist, dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [80 sts].

Change to Black for belt and P 1 row.

Next row: Cast on 6 sts, K to end [86 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: SKPO, K to end [85 sts].

Cast off K wise.

BELT BUCKLE make 1 piece

With Yellow cast on 20 sts.

Cast off.

JACKET SKIRT FRONT EDGING make 1 piece

With White towelling yarn cast on 12 sts and ss 2 rows.

Cast off.

JACKET BODY FRONT EDGING make 1 piece

With White towelling yarn cast on 22 sts and ss 2 rows.

Cast off.

COLLAR make 1 piece

With White towelling yarn cast on 36 sts and K 1 row.

Next dec row: (P 2 tog) to end [18 sts].

Cast off for neck edge.

SLEEVE CUFFS make 2 pieces

With White towelling yarn cast on 24 sts and ss 2 rows.

Cast off.

TROUSER CUFFS make 2 pieces

With White towelling yarn cast on 30 sts and ss 2 rows.

Cast off.

HAT make 1 piece

With White towelling yarn cast on 60 sts for cuff edge and ss 7 rows.

1st dec row: (P4, P 2 tog, P4) to end [54 sts].

Change to Red and ss 8 rows.

2nd dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [45 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

3rd dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [36 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

4th dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [27 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

5th dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [18 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

6th dec row: (K 2 tog) to end [9 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Work bobble: Change to White towelling yarn and K 1 row.

Next inc row: K wise, inc 1, (K1, inc 1) to end [14 sts].

Ss 8 rows, beg with a P row.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.



BEARD make 2 pieces

With White towelling yarn cast on 28 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc row: (K3, inc 1) six times, K4 [34 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [32 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [30 sts].

P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 4 rows [22 sts].

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 4 rows [10 sts].

Cast off for base edge.

MOUSTACHE make 2 pieces

With White towelling yarn cast on 6 sts and ss 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg of next 4 rows [2 sts].

Cast off.

EYEBROWS make 2 pieces

With White towelling yarn cast on 5 sts.

Cast off.

HAIR make 1 piece

With White towelling yarn cast on 30 sts for top edge and ss 8 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg of next 8 rows [22 sts].

Cast off for base edge.

EARS make 2 pieces

With Flesh Tone cast on 10 sts and K 1 row.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

NOSE make 1 piece

With Flesh Tone cast on 12 sts and ss 5 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

SACK make 1 piece

With Coffee cast on 48 sts for base edge and ss 30 rows.

1st dec row: (K3, K 2 tog, K3) to end [42 sts].

Ss 9 rows.

2nd dec row: (K3, K 2 tog, K2) to end [36 sts].

Ss 9 rows.

3rd dec row: (K 3 tog) to end [12 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next inc row: Inc into every st to end [24 sts].
Ss 5 rows.
Cast off.

MRS CHRISTMAS

Make head, ears, and nose as given for Mr Christmas.

BODY make 1 piece

With White cast on 16 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

Work as given for Mr Christmas from * to **.

P 1 row.

Change to Bottle Green for bodice and ss 4 rows.

2nd dec row: (K3, K 2 tog, K2) to end [60 sts].

P 1 row.

Inc for bust, next row: K23, (inc 1) four times, K6, (inc 1) four times, K23 [68 sts].

P 1 row.

Shape bust, 1st row: K32, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

*****2nd row:** Sl 1, P10, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

3rd row: Sl 1, K8, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

4th row: Sl 1, P6, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

5th row: Sl 1, K7, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

6th row: Sl 1, P8, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.****

7th row: Sl 1, K23, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Work from *** to **** once more.

Next row: Sl 1, K to end.

Last row: P across all sts [68 sts].

Shape top of bust, next row: K23, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K6, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K23 [60 sts].

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [50 sts].

P 1 row.

Shape sides, 4th dec row: (K11, SKPO, K 2 tog, K9) twice, K2 [46 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

5th dec row: (K10, SKPO, K 2 tog, K8) twice, K2 [42 sts].

P 1 row.

Work as given for Mr Christmas from ***** to end.

SLIPPERS AND LEGS make 2 pieces

With Coffee cast on 20 sts for base edge and cont in ss.

Work as given for Mr Christmas from * to **.

P 1 row.

Work stockings: Change to Red and cont in 2 row alternating stripes of Red and White.

Ss 16 rows.

Cast off for top edge.

ARMS make 2 pieces

With Primrose cast on 6 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

Work as given for Mr Christmas from * to end.

SKIRT make 1 piece

With Grass Green cast on 98 sts for base edge and gs 4 rows.

Change to Red and ss 2 rows.

Change to Bottle Green and K 1 row.

Change to Yellow and P 1 row.

Work heart pattern, 1st row:

Using 2 balls of yarn, stranding the shade not in use across wrong side of work, K1 Yellow, (2 Red, 1 Yellow, 2 Red, 3 Yellow, 1 Red, 3 Yellow) to last st, K1 Yellow.

2nd row: P1 Yellow, (2 Yellow, 3 Red, 2 Yellow, 5 Red) to last st, P1 Yellow.

3rd row: K2 Yellow, (3 Red, 2 Yellow, 5 Red, 2 Yellow) to end.

4th row: P2 Yellow, (2 Red, 1 Yellow, 2 Red, 3 Yellow, 1 Red, 3 Yellow) to end.

K 1 row Yellow.

Change to Bottle Green and P 1 row.

Change to Red and ss 2 rows.

Change to Grass Green and ss 16 rows.

Gather waist, dec row: (K3, K 3 tog) seven times, K14, (K1, K 3 tog, K2) seven times [70 sts].

Change to White for apron waistband and ss 2 rows.

Cast off K wise.

APRON make 1 piece

Edging: With White cast on 31 sts.

1st row: K1, inc into next 2 sts, turn.

2nd row: *P4, turn.

3rd row: K5, inc into next 2 sts, turn.**

Work from * to ** until 1 st remains on left hand needle.

Next row: P4, turn.

Last row: K5.

Cast off all sts K wise.

Apron skirt: With RS of work facing and White, K up 30 sts from cast on edge of edging.

Next row: K1, P28, K1.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows twelve more times.

Gather top, dec row: (P1, P 3 tog, P2) to end [20 sts].

Cast off for top edge.

BODICE FRONT EDGING make 1 piece

With Red cast on 19 sts and K 1 row.

Cast off K wise.

BODICE ARMHOLE EDGING make 2 pieces

With Red cast on 26 sts and K 1 row.

Cast off K wise.

SLEEVE CUFFS make 2 pieces

With Primrose cast on 18 sts and P 1 row.

Inc row: Inc K wise into every st to end [36 sts].

Cast off K wise.

SLIPPER CUFFS make 2 pieces

With White towelling yarn cast on 40 sts and K 1 row.

Dec row: P10, (P 2 tog) ten times, P10 [30 sts].

Cast off for top edge.

NECKERCHIEF make 1 piece

With Yellow cast on 18 sts for neck edge and cont in ss.

First row: Inc into every st to end [36 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 11 rows [3 sts].

Cast off.

NECKERCHIEF ENDS make 1 piece

First half: With Yellow cast on 5 sts and ss 16 rows.

***Shape end, 1st dec row:** SKPO, K1, K 2 tog [3 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: Sl 1, K 2 tog, PSSO [1 st]. Break yarn and draw through st.**

Second half: With RS of work facing and Yellow, K up 5 sts from cast on edge of first half.

Ss 15 rows, beg with a P row.

Shape end as given from * to **.

APRON BOW make 1 piece

With White cast on 90 sts and K 1 row.

Cast off K wise.

HAIR make 1 piece

With White towelling yarn cast on 56 sts for outside edge and ss 10 rows.

1st dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [42 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [28 sts].

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: (K 2 tog) to end [14 sts]. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

ROBIN BODY make 1 piece

With Coffee cast on 16 sts for back edge and cont in ss.

Shape head, first row: K6, (inc 1) four times, K6 [20 sts].

Ss 4 rows.

Change to Red for breast and ss 3 rows.

Dec row: (K 2 tog) to end [10 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

ROBIN TAIL make 1 piece

With Coffee cast on 4 sts.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

For best results, sew seams and join pieces using mattress stitch, working with right side of knitting uppermost. A one stitch knitted seam turning has been allowed on all pieces to accommodate this method. Treat purl side of all pieces knitted in towelling yarn as right side.

MR CHRISTMAS

Work a gathering thread through every stitch on base edge of body, draw up tightly and fasten off, then join body seam and stuff body firmly. With seam running down centre back, fold shoulder edge flat and join.

Fold base edge of each boot piece in half and join, then join boot seam, stopping just past sole edge. To stiffen soles, draw two 5cm x 3cm rectangles on to card and curve off each corner by drawing round a 2p piece (2.5cm diameter), then cut out. Glue one piece inside each boot sole, making

sure that adhesive does not seep through to right side, then join remainder of leg seam. Stuff firmly, then position and sew to body, placing so that top inside edges of legs meet at gathered base edge of body. Join head seam down from gathered top edge, stopping in line with chin increase row. Stuff head firmly, then use a large knitting needle to make a hole in stuffing at neck point. Cut an 8cm length of drinking straw, spread a little glue over one end and push this into hole so that 3cm extends past base edge of neck. Wind straw with a little stuffing to pad neck, then join remainder of head and neck seam round straw. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on first increase row at base of head, draw up to shape top of neck and fasten off securely.

Use large knitting needle to make a hole through knitting and stuffing in centre of shoulder seam at top of body, then spread a little glue over end of straw protruding from neck and insert into hole. Matching head seam with body back seam, sew base edge of neck to body.

Fold each arm piece in half and join down side of index finger, round thumb, and up sleeve seam, stopping at underarm. Use tweezers to stuff fingers, then stuff hand and arm. Position and sew sleeve heads to sides of body.

Join jacket skirt seam then, with this seam at centre front, fit on body and pin in position so that top edge of belt is 3 knit rows below first decrease row on body. Using Black yarn, sew in place by working backstitch over every knit stitch on first row of belt, then remove pins.

Now sew jacket body and skirt edging pieces down centre front, then wrap collar piece round neck, join ends and sew in place. Wrap sleeve cuffs round wrists, join ends and sew in place, then sew trouser cuffs to top of boots in same manner.

Overlap straight end of belt with pointed end and catch together with a few stitches so that cast on section of pointed end hangs free. Join ends of buckle piece to make a loop, then sew on top of belt to form a rectangle, pulling out each corner point and holding down with a couple of stitches. Also embroider a single, horizontal, straight stitch of Yellow yarn to make buckle prong.

Wrap hair piece round back of head, placing top edge 6 knit rows below first decrease row at top of head, and with side edges of hair piece 14 knit stitches apart at front of head. Sew in place, then position and sew ears to sides of head, placing each 2 knit stitches in from edge of hair piece. Mark eye positions with pins, spacing 4 knit stitches apart and 3 knit rows above cheek shaping row. When embroidering features, tie off ends of yarn at top of head. Carefully draw out a single strand from a length of Black yarn and use the remaining 2 strands to embroider a single, horizontal, lazy daisy stitch at each eye position, then embroider a single, vertical, straight stitch in the centre of each eye to form a circular dot shape.

Join side edges of nose, stuff firmly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Position and sew nose to face, placing top in line with cheek decrease row.

Now work mouth with a single, horizontal, straight stitch of Deep Pink yarn, placing 2 knit rows below base of nose and with ends in line with eyes. Do not draw up stitch completely, but leave slightly slack to form a curved smile. Using a cocktail stick or toothpick, spread a little glue under mouth stitch to retain curved shape. Bend eyebrows into curved shapes and glue above eyes. Blush cheeks and nose with red pencil,

working in a circular motion to gradually build up colour.

Join beard pieces together, leaving top edges open, then stuff lightly and oversew top edges together. Position and sew to face in a curved line.

Fold each moustache piece in half and join side edges, stuff lightly, then work a gathering thread through cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Position and sew below nose, and catch ends to cheeks with a couple of stitches.

Join bobble section of hat, then stuff bobble firmly, work a gathering thread through first row, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Join remainder of hat and cuff seam. Turn up cuff and, with seam at centre back, fit hat on head and pin in place. Turn down cuff and sew hat to head by working a line of backstitch along last row of cuff. Turn up cuff again, fold down point of hat behind right ear and catch to cuff with a couple of stitches.

Fold sack piece in half and join side edges, leaving base edge open. Stuff sack lightly, then fold base edge in half and join. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on last decrease row at top of sack, and another through next increase row, draw up both threads tightly and fasten off.

Curve fingers and thumb of right hand round top of sack and hold in place with a few stitches.

MRS CHRISTMAS

Make up body, legs, and head as given for Mr Christmas. Wrap slipper cuffs round top of slippers, join ends at centre back and sew in place.

Make up arms as given for Mr Christmas and sew in place, this time positioning right arm so it points forward. Wrap cuffs round wrists, join ends and sew in place.

Following instructions on ball band, press

skirt, apron, and neckerchief pieces lightly on wrong side. Join skirt seam then, with this seam at centre back, fit on body and pin in position so that first row of apron waistband is in line with first row of bodice. Using White yarn, sew in place by working backstitch over every knit stitch on first row of waistband, then remove pins.

Sew top edge of apron to waistband at front of body. Now tie apron bow piece into a bow and sew this knot to centre back of waistband.

Sew bodice front edging down centre front, then join ends of each armhole edging piece, fit over arms and sew to bodice. Wrap neckerchief round neck and join ends together at centre front, then tie a knot in centre of neckerchief ends piece and sew this to front of neck.

Embroider eyes and mouth, make up and attach nose, then blush cheeks with pink pencil, as given for Mr Christmas.

Embroider eyebrows with a doubled length of White towelling yarn in same manner as given for mouth, again holding curved shape with a little glue.

Join side edge of hair piece then, with this seam running over top of head, fit on head and hold in position with pins. Sew in place with backstitch worked over outside edge, then remove pins. Take twelve 1m lengths of White towelling yarn and tie together in centre with matching yarn. Attach this tied point to a work surface with a drawing pin, then separate yarn into three equal bunches of 8 strands each. Plait yarn until you have a 27cm length, then bind and tie end with matching yarn and trim away excess. Wrap plait round head, overlapping ends at centre back, and sew in place. Position and sew ears to sides of head, placing each ear 6 knit stitches away from eye.

Join side edges of robin body, stuff firmly,

then fold back edge in half and join. Sew tail in place. Tying off ends of yarn at base of robin, embroider a single, vertical, straight stitch of Coffee yarn for beak, leaving stitch slack to form a tiny loop. Spread with a little glue, pinch into a beak shape and leave to set hard. Now embroider eyes with two tiny horizontal straight stitches of Black yarn, positioned one knit stitch either side of beak.

Leaving index finger extended, bend down remaining two fingers and thumb of right hand and sew to palm of hand, then sew robin to index finger.

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