

Jean Greenhowe's Christmas Treasures

FORTY PAGE SPECIAL!



DOUBLE KNITTING YARN

Notes

Since our Christmas Special was published in 1991, we have received innumerable letters asking for more Christmas designs. So here are lots of delightful dolls, gifts and decorations, including that most requested item 'The Donkey', to complete the Christmas Crib featured in Christmas Special.

Happy knitting!

Jean



Yarn required

Double knitting yarn [**USA**, knitting worsted weight: **Australia**, 8 ply] in colours stated in the instructions, or colours of your choice.

The amounts of yarn quoted for each design have been rounded up to the nearest 10g or 1/4oz. 'Oddments' are less than 10g [1/4oz].

Notes about yarns in the USA

Knitting worsted weight yarns can vary in thickness. The thinner types are about the same as UK double knitting yarn. Sport weight is slightly thinner than UK double knitting, but can also be used as a substitute for double knitting.

Other materials required

Good quality, washable stuffing. For best results use new hygienic washable stuffing which conforms to current safety standards. The amounts required are quoted in the individual instructions.

Large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins should be used at all stages of construction. Ordinary pins should not be used as they can pass into the stuffing between the knitted stitches.

A pair of tweezers [useful for turning small knitted pieces right side out and also for inserting small amounts of stuffing].

A red colouring pencil for shading cheeks.

Compasses for drawing circles.

Cardboard, such as cuttings off washing powder packets and breakfast cereal packets. The *plain* side of the cardboard packaging should always be placed against the knitted sts. If the knitted piece is light in colour, glue a piece of white paper to one side of the cardboard or both sides if necessary.

Glue, suitable for sticking cardboard.

Thick flexible paper such as cartridge paper, normally used for drawing and watercolour painting.

Sewing threads in various colours for the facial stitches.

Plastic drinking straws

You will need ordinary plastic drinking straws which are about 3mm [1/8in] in diameter. You will also need 5mm [1/4in] diameter plastic drinking straws – the kind which usually has a 'bendy' section.

Knitting needles required

A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2]

A pair of 4mm [No 8, USA 5].

Abbreviations

cm = centimetre[s]; dec = decrease [by working 2 sts tog]; g-st = garter stitch [every row K]; g = gram[s]; inc = increase [by working twice into same st]; in = inch[es]; K = knit; mm = millimetre[s]; oz = ounce[s]; P = purl; st[s] = stitch[es]; st-st = stocking stitch [K on the right side and P on the wrong side]; tog = together.

Special abbreviations

B & T tightly – means break off yarn leaving a long end, thread it through sts left on knitting needle, pull to gather tightly, then fasten off.

B & T loosely – means same as above, but thread yarn through sts loosely and leave until later on.

m1 = make 1 stitch. This method of increasing is worked in the horizontal strand of yarn which lies between the stitch you have just knitted [on right-hand needle] and the next st on left-hand needle. First pick up the horizontal strand with point of left-hand needle K wise, that is from front of work to back of work. Next, knit into the back of it, thus forming a new stitch.

yrn = yarn round needle as follows. Take strand of yarn under and over tip of right-hand needle, then continue as given in instructions.

psso = pass slipped st over.

USA glossary

Cast off – bind off

Tension – gauge

Instructions in round brackets

These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

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Stars are used to mark a place in the instructions which will be referred to later on. Meanwhile, follow the instructions in the usual way.

Tension

Using 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles and double knitting yarn: 26 sts = 10cm [4in] in width over st-st, before stuffing.

Casting on

The thumb method is recommended.

Casting off

Always cast off K wise unless otherwise stated.

Working in st-st

Always begin with a K row unless otherwise stated.

Working in stripes

When knitting different coloured stripes, carry yarns loosely up side of the work.

Making up

Join all seams with right sides of work together and back-stitch one knitted stitch within the edges, unless oversewing is stipulated. When attaching any very small pieces you can use ordinary matching sewing threads for a neat finish.

Colouring cheeks

Use the *side* of the red pencil lead and rub it against the knitted sts with a circular motion.

Working embroidered stitches

To work any embroidered stitches on a toy it is sometimes necessary to start and fasten off the yarn ends invisibly. If this is required, proceed as follows.

Thread a blunt-ended needle with yarn required and knot end of yarn. Take needle through the stuffed toy, passing it *between* the knitted sts and bring it out at the position required. Pull the yarn to draw the knotted end right inside the stuffing. Tug the yarn to make sure the knot is caught in the stuffing. Now work the required embroidered stitches. Pass the needle back through the toy to come out at a position *between* the knitted sts. Pass the needle back through the toy again between the same knitted sts to come out at a different position. Repeat until yarn is securely fastened off, then pull end of yarn and snip off close to the knitted sts.

Twisted cords

To make a cord from a single length of yarn [single twisted cord], cut a strand of yarn four times as long as the measurement required. Knot one end round a door knob or hook and knot a loop in the other end to fit round the index finger of your right hand. Now keeping the yarn taut, twist your finger round and round in a clockwise direction, steadying the yarn by holding your left hand cupped around it close to your right hand. Keep twisting until when relaxed, the strand of yarn begins to curl tightly back on itself. Fold cord at centre, bringing

ends together. Allow yarn to twist tightly, knot ends and trim to length. Follow the same method when a thicker twisted cord is required, using the number of strands of yarn specified in the instructions.

Blocking the knitted pieces

The overall appearance of pieces knitted from acrylic yarn can be improved by blocking. This only applies to pieces which are not stuffed, such as skirts and similar items of clothing.

First wet the piece thoroughly with warm water. Place flat on a towel making sure there are no creases. Use another towel to press the piece, gently squeezing out excess water.

Lay the piece right side up on a dry towel and smooth it out so that it is flat. With skirts etc

which have gathered tops and waistbands, only the lower section below the gathered waist requires smoothing. The row ends may be pinned down if desired. Leave the piece to dry, then make up as given in the instructions.

Toy safety guidelines

A certain amount of common sense should always be used regarding the safety factor in children's toys. It is important to ensure that the toy you are making is appropriate for the age group of the child for which it is intended. For example, children under 3 years of age should not be given toys which have separate tiny parts, or any small attached pieces which might be pulled off.

The materials used for the designs which

appear in this booklet are: knitting yarn and polyester stuffing. Plastic drinking straws are used in some designs. Cardboard is also used for stiffening some pieces, but sometimes this is optional.

Do not add any other materials such as wire, pipe cleaners, buttons or beads. Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing which conforms to current safety standards – your craft materials supplier will advise.

When sewing up the items always use large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins. Ordinary pins should not be used as they can pass into a stuffed item between the knitted stitches. Take care to sew all the added pieces *securely* in place – for example arms, hats etc. If a yarn cord is tied in a bow, sew through the bow so that it can not be undone if pulled.

A Christmas Carol

These charming children dressed in Victorian-style costume evoke the spirit of Christmas past. As the centre piece of your Christmas decorations, the little Carol Singers are sure to be much admired.

Measurements: With bare heads, the boy doll is 26cm [10¹/₄in] in height; the girl doll is 25cm [9³/₄in] in height.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2]. **Use these for all the pieces unless otherwise stated.**

A pair of 4mm [No 8, USA 5] for the hair pieces.

Stuffing: 140g [5oz] will make both dolls.

Yarn required for the boy: 30g [1oz] of light green, fawn and dark green; 20g [³/₄oz] of white.

Oddments of tan, light pink, brown, red, black and yellow.

Yarn required for the girl: 70g [2¹/₂oz] of white; 40g [1¹/₂oz] of red; 20g [³/₄oz] of green and golden fawn.

Oddments of light pink and light green.

Yarn required for the facial stitches: Dark brown for the eyes, pink for the mouths.

Other materials: Three 3mm [¹/₈in] diameter plastic drinking straws, for the lantern pole.

THE BOY

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD

Right leg

Begin at lower edge of foot and using tan for the boot cast on 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, inc in next 16 sts, K1 — 34 sts.

Next row: P 22 sts, sew in a pink marker thread between last st on right-hand needle and next st on left-hand needle, P to end.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 8 rows.

Shape top of foot

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 8 times, K14 — 26 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) 6 times, K12 — 20 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Break off tan and join on white for the leg. St-st 24 rows.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Left leg

Begin at lower edge of foot and using tan for the boot cast on 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, inc in next 16 sts, K1 — 34 sts.

Next row: P 12 sts, sew in a pink marker thread between last st on right-hand needle and next st on left-hand needle, P to end.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 8 rows.

Shape top of foot

Next row: K14, (K2tog) 8 times, K4 — 26 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K12, (K2tog) 6 times, K2 — 20 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Break off tan and join on white for the leg. St-st 24 rows.

Body and head

Mark each end of next row with a white thread.

With right side of st-st facing and using white, K across the 20 sts of left leg on the knitting needle, then across the 20 sts of right leg on the spare needle — 40 sts.

St-st 15 rows for lower body.

Break off white and join on light green for upper body.

St-st 10 rows.

Shape sides

Next row: K7, (K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K2tog) 4 times, K7 — 32 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Dec for neck

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Break off light green and join on light pink or colour required for head.

P 1 row.

Inc for head

Next row: K2, inc in next 20 sts, K2 — 44 sts.

St-st 23 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a blue thread.

Shape top of head

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 33 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

5th row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Join row ends of body and head from the white threads to the B & T sts, leaving a 5cm [2in] gap at centre of body seam. Oversew row ends of each leg together, from the white threads to cast on edge of each foot.

The pink thread on each foot marks centre front of the boot. Fold the cast on edge at this centre front marker and oversew cast on sts together on each foot. Turn doll right side out.



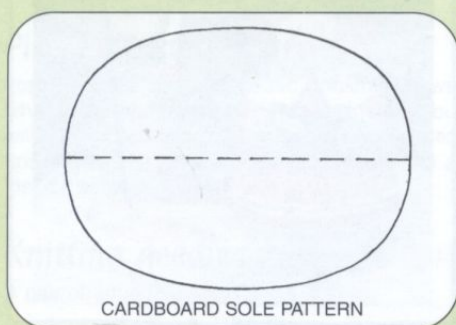


Trace the cardboard sole pattern off the page and use this pattern to cut four sole pieces from cardboard. Glue them together in pairs.

Insert a sole into each foot, through gap in body seam. Stuff the feet, taking care to keep the oversewn cast on seams in line with the centre of sole – the dotted line on the pattern.

Stuff each leg to measure 11cm [4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in] around. Stuff head to measure 21cm [8 $\frac{1}{4}$ in] around. Stuff neck to measure 16cm [6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in] around. Close gap in seam with pins in order to measure body, it should be 20cm [8in] around at the waist. Adjust if necessary, then close gap in body seam.

To shape the neck use a length of matching yarn and gather round the last knitted row of upper body colour. Pull up gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Measure the neck with a length of string, it should be 11cm [4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in] around. Adjust if necessary, then sew yarn ends into neck.



CARDBOARD SOLE PATTERN

FACE

Note: When working the facial stitches start and fasten off the ends of yarn at top of the head where they will be hidden by the cap [or the hair on the girl doll].

The blue thread marks centre of the face.

Eyes

Mark the eye positions centrally on the face with pins, placing them 13 knitted rows above the head inc row, leaving 4 clear knitted sts between the pins.

To work one eye use dark brown yarn and bring sewing needle and yarn out at one marked eye position. Pass needle through face 2 knitted rows directly below first position, then bring it out at first position. Pull yarn through to complete one back-stitch. Work one more back-stitch in same way then pass needle through base of the eye and fasten off. Repeat with the other eye.

Mouth

Place a pin at centre of face, 6 knitted rows above the head inc row.

Now place a pin in the *centre* of the second st to the right of first pin. Repeat to left of the first pin. Remove first pin. Split a length of pink yarn to get a finer strand. Work a horizontal stitch at the marked positions. Work a second stitch directly below first stitch, across half a knitted st on each side of centre of mouth.

Nose

Use the same colour yarn as the face. Work a tiny horizontal stitch at centre of the face, 4 knitted rows above the upper mouth stitch. Colour the nose stitch lightly with red pencil. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

HAIR

Important note: Use 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

Begin at lower edge and using brown cast on 26 sts. Note that first row is *right* side.

Work in g-st throughout and inc 1 st at beginning of first and every following row until there are 32 sts.

G-st 14 rows.

Cast off tightly.

To sew in place

Pin cast off edge of the hair piece to back of doll's head, level with the first decrease row at top of the head shaping. Pin cast on edge to back of head 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] above the neck. Pin the unshaped row ends to sides of face, leaving 4 clear knitted sts between each eye and the row ends. Sew all edges in place as pinned. Top of the head will be covered by the cap.

CAP

The main piece

Begin at lower edge and using dark green cast on 46 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 2 rows.

Next row: K1, inc in every st to last st, K1 — 90 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K8, inc in next 2 sts) to end — 108 sts.

P the next 3 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K8, K2tog, K2tog) to end — 90 sts.

P 1 row.

Shape top

1st row: (K8, K2tog) to end — 81 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 72 sts.

5th row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 63 sts.

7th row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 54 sts.

9th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 45 sts.

11th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

13th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

15th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Stuff very lightly and evenly. Place on top of the head with seam at centre back. Cast on edge at front should be 5 knitted rows above tops of the eyes. Cast on edge at back should be 3cm [1¼in] above lower edge of the hair piece. Pin the g-st band to the head.

Make two small loops of brown yarn and push them inside cap at centre front for the forehead fringe as illustrated. Now sew cast on edge of cap in place.

Secure a length of dark green yarn to one side of cap, below the P row. Pass needle and yarn through underside of cap then through head to come out at the B & T sts. Pull yarn gently, then fasten off.

The cap peak

Begin at inner edge and using dark green cast on 20 sts.

1st row: K2, (inc in next st, K2) to end — 26 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: K, to mark outer edge fold line.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K2) to end — 20 sts.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Gather up each set of row ends tightly and fasten off. With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together, stuffing the piece lightly as you go.

Pin the oversewn seam to the g-st rows on cap at centre front. Sew in place as pinned.

The tassel

Cut six 20cm [8in] lengths of dark green yarn. Tie a length of matching yarn tightly around

centre of the lengths for sewing the tassel in place. Fold the lengths at the tied centre. Tie a length of matching yarn tightly around all the lengths, 1cm [¾in] below the tied centre. Sew ends of this length of yarn into tassel. Steam the tassel lightly to straighten the yarn strands. Sew tied centre loosely to the B & T sts. Trim the tassel ends level with edge of the cap.

TROUSERS

[Make two pieces alike]

Begin at lower edge and using fawn cast on 34 sts.

St-st 28 rows.

Mark each end of last row with a coloured thread.

Shape body

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 30 sts.

St-st 14 rows.

Shape waist

Next row: K2tog, (K2, K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

Cast off loosely.

To make up and sew in place

Place the two pieces together with P sides outside, matching all the edges. Starting at the cast off edges, oversew the row ends together at each side as far as the coloured threads. These seams will be at centre front and back of the doll. Now oversew the row ends of each leg section together from the coloured threads to cast on edges. Turn right side out. Put trousers on the doll, pulling the feet through the leg sections. Sew the cast off waist edge to doll at the first knitted row of light green on the upper body.

JACKET

Body piece

Begin at lower edge and using dark green cast on 80 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Break off dark green and join on light green.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 8 rows.

Next row: K8, (K2tog, K4) 5 times, K4, (K4, K2tog) 5 times, K8 — 70 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Next row: K8, (K2tog, K3) 5 times, K4, (K3, K2tog) 5 times, K8 — 60 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Next row: K8, (K2tog, K2) 5 times, K4, (K2, K2tog) 5 times, K8 — 50 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Next row: K8, (K2tog, K1) 5 times, K4, (K1, K2tog) 5 times, K8 — 40 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

Cast off for neck edge.

To make up and sew in place

Block the jacket piece as given on page 3 and leave to dry. With right side of st-st outside and beginning at cast on edge, oversew the row ends together, ending 5cm [2in] below the neck edge. Put the jacket on the doll, pulling the legs through neck edge and the gap in seam.

Now finish oversewing the row ends seam. Position this seam at centre front of body, then catch cast off edge to neck.

Centre front trim

Using dark green cast on 28 sts. Note that first row is *right* side.

K 1 row, then cast off.

Pin the strip to jacket, to cover the centre front seam. Sew strip in place through the centre.

MITTENS

[Make two alike]

Hand piece

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 15 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: K, to mark position for sewing on the sleeve.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 10 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Join the row ends of each mitten. This seam will be at one side of mitten. Turn right side out and stuff very lightly. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Thumb

Begin at lower edge of thumb and using red cast on 5 sts loosely.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends of each thumb together and push in a little stuffing. Place the seam at centre of the piece, then oversew across cast on sts. This seam will be against the hand piece.

Pin the cast on end of thumb to hand piece, level with the K row and directly opposite the hand seam. Sew in place as pinned.

Lay mittens aside for now.

LEFT SLEEVE

★ Begin at lower edge and using dark green cast on 18 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Break off dark green and join on light green.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 10 rows.

Next row: K7, P4, K7.

The P4 section marks position of the bend in the sleeve.

St-st 15 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew on the mitten

Join the row ends. Turn right side out. Stuff top of sleeve very lightly, then stuff lower section to measure 8cm [3in] around.

Push gathered cast on edge of the mitten inside cast on edge of sleeve, matching the seams. Pin sleeve to mitten, level with the K row. Sew in place as pinned.

Position the sleeve seam at centre back of the piece. Now slide a darning needle through the 4 P sts. Press needle down against the sleeve, then fold up the upper and lower sections around the needle to form a right angle fold. Pin, to secure the fold. Using matching yarn, secure a length to one side of the P sts. Using a sewing needle with a rounded point, take small stitches alternately along each edge of the fold, pulling them tightly. Fasten off at other side of the P sts ★★.

To sew sleeve in place

With the sleeve seam at the underarm position, pin top of sleeve to left side of body 1.5cm [$\frac{5}{8}$ in] below neck. Sew curved top of sleeve in place, taking stitches through jacket and into body to secure. Catch sleeve to body further down, just above the 'elbow'.

RIGHT SLEEVE

Make as given for the left sleeve and sew sleeve fold in the same way, but with a slight bend not a right angle.

To sew in place

Position the sleeve seam facing toward the back, then sew sleeve in place as for left sleeve. Catch thumb to mitten near to the top end.

JACKET COLLAR

Begin at lower edge and using dark green cast on 60 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 2 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K2) 7 times, (K2, K2tog) 7 times, K2 — 46 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 31 sts. St-st 3 rows, then cast off loosely.

To sew in place

Block the collar as given on page 3 and leave to dry. Using matching yarn and a needle with a rounded point, oversew around each st in each set of row end sts. Place collar around neck and catch each end of cast off edge to each side of the centre front trim.

Sew ends of cast on edge to body at front. Catch collar to jacket at back.

SCARF

Using white cast on 70 sts.



Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Cast off.

Gather round each set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Allow the scarf to curl up with cast on and cast off edges meeting.

The bobbles

[Make two]

Using red cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends of each bobble together. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew a bobble to each gathered end of scarf. Place scarf around neck crossing one end over the other on the shoulder as illustrated. Catch together at the crossover position.

THE LANTERN

The lantern

Begin at base and using black cast on 10 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.

P the next two rows.

K 1 row.

Break off black and join on yellow.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Break off yellow and join on black.

K the next 3 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (P2, P2tog) to end — 15 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: (P1, P2tog) to end — 10 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 5 sts.

B & T loosely.

To make up

Join the row ends from the base inc row to the B & T sts. Turn right side out. Cut a 2.5cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ in] diameter circle of cardboard and push it inside cast on edge. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Close the small gap in seam beyond the gathered cast on sts. Stuff lantern through the B & T sts, keeping the 'lamp' section same size as the base. Pull up the B & T sts tightly and fasten off, then make a small loop of yarn for hanging the lantern on the pole.

Beginning at the seam, work a long black vertical stitch over the yellow rows. Repeat these stitches at $4\frac{1}{2}$ st intervals — 4 vertical black stitches altogether. Now work a line of black back-stitches around the lantern at the centre row of yellow, one back-stitch to each knitted st.

The lantern pole

Trim two of the drinking straws to measure 15cm [$\frac{6}{8}$ in] in length. Cut the third straw open down one side, all along the length. Push the cut straw half way into one of the other straws.

Push other half of the cut straw into the remaining straw. Secure at join with a bit of sticky tape.

Using brown yarn, sew the yarn end into the assembled straw about 1.5cm [$\frac{5}{8}$ in] away from one end. Wind the yarn round and round the straw for 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] of the 1.5cm [$\frac{5}{8}$ in] length. Fold this end over at centre of the 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] section. Continue winding the yarn round and round the straw working toward the other end, winding more heavily at intervals to give a rustic effect. Stop winding 7cm [$2\frac{3}{4}$ in] away from the end. Sew end of brown yarn into the straw. Now roll the yarn-covered section of the straw lightly back and forth under a warm iron, taking care not to touch the bare section of straw.

Use black yarn for the 'hook' and sew yarn end into the straw at top end of the covered section. Wind yarn tightly and evenly around the straw to within 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] of the end. Fold down 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] at end of straw and wind yarn back again to cover the end. Sew yarn end into the straw. Iron this section as before.

Bend down the double section of straw at the end for the hook. Secure the bend by sewing through the wound-round strands of yarn at each side, just above the bend. Make a downward bend in the opposite direction in the same way, 3cm [$1\frac{1}{4}$ in] away from first bend. Now secure and wind black yarn at the top of the brown section to form a fat 'knob' as shown in the illustration. Sew end into the knob. Hang the lantern on the pole.

To sew lantern to left mitten

Pin lantern pole to palm of the mitten, making sure lower end touches the 'ground'. Using matching brown yarn, oversew pole to mitten all along the palm. Catch thumb to the pole. Curl top end of mitten around the pole and catch to the wound-round strands.

THE GIRL

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD

Right leg

Begin at lower edge of foot and using green for the boot cast on 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, inc in next 16 sts, K1 — 34 sts.

Next row: P 22 sts, sew in a pink marker thread between last st on right-hand needle and next st on left-hand needle, P to end.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 8 rows.

Shape top of foot

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 8 times, K14 — 26 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) 6 times, K12 — 20 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Break off green and join on white for the leg.

St-st 26 rows.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Left leg

Begin at lower edge of foot and using green for the boot cast on 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, inc in next 16 sts, K1 — 34 sts.

Next row: P 12 sts, sew in a pink marker thread between last st on right-hand needle and next st on left-hand needle, P to end.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 8 rows.

Shape top of foot

Next row: K14, (K2tog) 8 times, K4 — 26 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K12, (K2tog) 6 times, K2 — 20 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Break off green and join on white for the leg.

St-st 26 rows.

Body and head

Mark each end of next row with a white thread.

With right side of work facing and using white, K across the 20 sts of left leg on the knitting needle, then across the 20 sts of right leg on the spare needle — 40 sts.

St-st 15 rows for lower body.

Break off white and join on red for upper body.

St-st 8 rows.

Shape sides

Next row: K7, (K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K2tog) 4 times, K7 — 32 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Dec for neck

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Break off red and join on light pink or colour required for head.

P 1 row.

Inc for head

Next row: K2, inc in next 20 sts, K2 — 44 sts.

St-st 23 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a blue thread.

Shape top of head

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 33 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

5th row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Make up as given for Boy doll on page 3.

FACE

Work face as given for Boy doll on page 4.

PANTALET

[Make two pieces alike]

Begin at lower edge inner lining section and using white cast on 34 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Work picot hem edge

Next row: K2, (yrn, K2tog) to end.

Beginning with a K row st-st 3 rows.

K 1 row.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 22 rows.

Mark each end of last row with a coloured thread.

Shape body

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 30 sts.

St-st 14 rows.

Shape waist

Next row: K2tog, (K2, K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

Cast off loosely.

To make up and sew in place

Place the two pieces together with P side outside, matching all the edges. Starting at the cast off edges, oversew the row ends together at each side as far as the coloured threads. These seams will be at centre front and back of the doll.

Now oversew the row ends of each leg section together from the coloured threads to cast on edges. Turn up lower leg edges at the picot hem edges, then catch each cast on edge in place loosely. Turn right side out. Put pantalets on the doll, pulling the feet through the leg sections. Sew cast off edge to doll, at the third knitted row of white, below the first knitted row of red on the upper body.

PETTICOAT

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 90 sts.

G-st 8 rows.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 18 rows.

Shape waist

Next row: (K13, K2tog) to end — 84 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 42 sts.

Cast off loosely.

To make up and sew in place

Block the petticoat as given on page 3 and leave to dry. Join the row ends, then turn right side out. Put petticoat on the doll, pulling head through cast off edge. Place seam at centre back. Sew cast off edge to doll, just above cast off edge of pantalets.

SKIRT

Begin at inner hem section at lower edge and using white cast on 112 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Work picot hem edge

Next row: K2, (yrn, K2tog) to end.

Join on red.

Beginning with a K row and using red, st-st 4 rows.

Using white g-st 2 rows.

Join on light green and using light green, g-st 2 rows.

Using white, g-st 2 rows.

Break off white and light green and continue in red.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 26 rows.



Shape waist

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 84 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 42 sts.

Cast off loosely.

To make up and sew in place

Block the skirt as given on page 3 and leave to dry. Join the row ends and leave wrong side out. Turn up the lower edge at the picot hem edge and catch cast on edge in place. Turn right side out. Put skirt on the doll, pulling head through cast off edge. Place seam at centre back. Sew cast off edge to doll at the first knitted row of red on the upper body.

HAIR

Note: Use 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles for all the hair pieces.

Main piece

Begin at face edge and using golden fawn cast on 40 sts. Mark centre of cast on edge with a coloured thread.

1st row: (K1, P1) to end.

G-st 19 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

G-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Put the hair piece on the doll's head with oversewn seam at centre back. Pin cast on end of this seam to head just above the neck. Pin coloured thread at centre of cast on edge to centre of face, 7 knitted rows above top of the eyes, for the centre parting.



Pin remainder of cast on edge to sides of face, forming an inverted V-shape as shown in the illustration. Sew cast on edge of hair to head as pinned. Using matching yarn, work three small loops at centre parting for the forehead fringe.

Ringlets

[Make four]

Begin at lower edge and using yarn to match hair cast on 5 sts. Note that first row is *right* side.

G-st 11 rows, then B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

With right side outside, oversew the row ends of each ringlet together. Sew the B & T end of two of the ringlets to cast on edge of the hair piece at each side of face, level with the nose. Sew the other two in place just above the first ringlets.

MITTENS

Using light green, make in the same way as given for THE BOY on page 5.

SLEEVES

[Both alike]

Refer to page 5, THE BOY'S LEFT SLEEVE.

Work as given from ★ to ★★, using white for the g-st edging and red for the sleeve, also leave tops of sleeves unstuffed.

To sew in place

Position both sleeve seams facing toward back. Pin tops of sleeves to sides of body 1.5cm [$\frac{5}{16}$ in] below neck. Sew curved tops of sleeves in place.

CAPE

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 64 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 4 rows.

Next row: K4, (K2tog, K2) 7 times, (K2, K2tog) 7 times, K4 — 50 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K5, (K2tog) 8 times, K8, (K2tog) 8 times, K5 — 34 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Cast off, for neck edge.

To make up and sew in place

Block the cape as given on page 3 and leave to dry. Using matching yarn and a needle with a rounded point, oversew around each st in each set of row ends sts. Place cape on the doll and sew ends of cast off edge together at centre front. Catch to doll's neck at this position also.

BONNET

The main piece

Note: In the following instructions all slip sts should be slipped K wise.

Begin at face edge and using red cast on 50 sts. G-st 2 rows, slipping first st on each row.

Begin stocking stitch

1st row: Slip first st, K to end.

2nd row: Slip first st, K2, P to last 3 sts, K3.

Repeat these 2 rows 6 more times.

Shape back

Next row: Slip first st, K14, (K2tog) 10 times, K15 — 40 sts.

G-st 3 rows, slipping first st on every row.

Next row: Slip first st, K9, (K2tog) 10 times, K10 — 30 sts.

G-st 3 rows, slipping first st on every row.

Next row: Slip first st, K4, (K2tog) 10 times, K5 — 20 sts.

Cast off.

Fold the cast off edge in half, then oversew across cast off sts. Leave wrong side out. Lay this piece aside for now.

The brim

Begin at face edge of back of brim and using red cast on 50 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K4, inc in next st) 5 times, (inc in next st, K4) 5 times — 60 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Work picot edge

Next row: K2tog, (yarn, K2tog) to end — 59 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

P the next 2 rows.

Next row: (K4, K2tog) 5 times, (K2tog, K4) 4 times, K2tog, K3 — 49 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew row ends together at each side.

To assemble the bonnet pieces and sew in place

Push the brim inside the main piece, with back section of brim against the main piece and matching oversewn seam of brim to cast on edge of main piece. Pin, then oversew these edges together.

Using light green yarn make two 20cm [$\frac{8}{16}$ in] single twisted cords. Sew folded end of each cord securely to inside of bonnet at lower edge of the brim/main piece seam. Place bonnet on the doll's head. Lower edge at back should be about 1cm [$\frac{3}{16}$ in] above cast off edge of cape.

Tie the twisted cords tightly in a bow under the chin, then knot ends of cord and trim to equal lengths as shown in the illustration. Sew through bow to secure.

The feathers

Refer to page 31, THE WINTER HAT, DECORATION. Make three feathers, one white, one green and one light green. Sew base of feathers to g-st border of bonnet main piece, at right-hand side of head as illustrated.

THE CAROL BOOK

You will need a piece of thin white card, about postcard thickness. Cut a 4cm by 8cm [$1\frac{1}{2}$ in by 3in] piece of the card and fold it in half bringing the short ends together. Round off the sharp corners.

For the knitted piece use green and cast on 22 sts.

St-st 15 rows, then cast off.

Glue the card piece to P side of the knitted

piece, keeping it just within the edges of the knitted piece.

For the pages cut four pieces of thin paper slightly smaller than the card piece. Fold the pieces as for the card piece and glue centre fold of each piece to folded centre of card.

For the title cut a piece of the card about 1cm by 3cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in by $1\frac{1}{4}$ in]. Round off the sharp corners. Print 'CAROLS' on the piece and glue to the front cover.

To sew in place

Place lower end of book between doll's mitten palms and thumbs, with thumbs inside the book. Secure a length of light green yarn to inner edge of one mitten near to end. Pass needle and yarn through the book 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] away from lower and side edge. Pass needle and yarn through tip of thumb, then back through book to the mitten. Pull yarn tight and fasten off in the mitten. Repeat with the other mitten.

Eliza, the Peg Doll

In the Victorian era, many a poor child's Christmas present would have been a plain peg wooden doll like the old example in the illustration. Yet one very rich girl chose to dress a large number of these simple dolls and the collection is so valuable that it is housed in the Museum of London. That little Princess was later to become Queen Victoria.

My knitted version of a peg doll has fully jointed arms and legs. She is dressed in a fanciful costume such as a Victorian child might have put together from rag-bag trimmings and fabric scraps.

I have enjoyed creating this unique 'collector's' doll enormously and I hope she is destined to become a treasured heirloom in lots of families.

Measurement: The doll is 34cm [$13\frac{1}{2}$ in] in height.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Stuffing: Only a small amount is required.

Yarn requirements: 40g [$1\frac{1}{2}$ oz] of white; 30g [1oz] of light pink; 20g [$\frac{3}{4}$ oz] of light yellow and red.

Oddments of black, blue, yellow and orange.

Other materials: Red and black sewing thread for the facial stitches. One 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] diameter plastic drinking straw. Fourteen 3mm [$\frac{1}{8}$ in] diameter plastic drinking straws.

Note: For the 'm1' abbreviations which occur in these instructions, refer to page 2 'Special abbreviations'.

HEAD

Begin at neck edge and using light pink cast on 13 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (m1, K1) to end — 25 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (m1, K2) to end — 37 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st. Work 25 rows, marking the centre st on one of these rows with a coloured thread.

Shape top of head

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 25 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 13 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

First cut two 4.5cm [$1\frac{3}{4}$ in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together.

With right side of st-st outside oversew the row ends together from the B & T sts to within 3cm [$1\frac{1}{4}$ in] of the cast on edge. Push the cardboard circles piece inside the head, then finish oversewing the remainder of the seam to the cast on edge. This seam will be at centre back of head. Ease the cardboard circle flat against the top of head, with the B & T sts at centre of the circle.

Stuff head through the neck edge to measure 17cm [$6\frac{3}{4}$ in] around at centre. Lay head aside for now.

NECK

Cut a 3.5cm by 18cm [$1\frac{3}{8}$ in by 7in] strip of strong flexible paper, such as drawing paper. Starting at one short end, roll it up tightly around a pencil. Secure the end with sticky tape and remove the pencil.

Now cut a 150cm [60in] length of yarn to match the head. Glue one end of the yarn around centre of the paper neck tube. Wind yarn closely around tube to within 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] of one end. Wind yarn round again to centre of the tube. Repeat, until the yarn is used up, then glue end of yarn in place. The yarn-covered section is the lower end of neck, which fits into the body.

The knitted covering piece

Begin at lower end of neck and using yarn to match head cast on 12 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K, to mark position for sewing neck into the body.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: K, to mark position for sewing neck into the head.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows.

B & T tightly, for top end of neck.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, place the knitted strip around the neck tube, with the B & T sts at top end of tube. Oversew the row ends together, enclosing the tube. Gather round cast on sts, pull up slightly to hold tube inside the knitted piece, then fasten off.

Push the top end of neck inside cast on edge of the head, matching the oversewn seams. Pin neck edge of head to neck, just below the marked row. Catch cast on edge of head to neck.

FACE

Notes: The facial features on these wooden dolls are roughly painted and this gives them much charm because no two are alike. To get the same effect, make the facial stitches slightly irregular. Start and fasten off the ends of yarn at back of the head where they will be hidden by the hair piece. Note that the coloured thread marks the centre st of the face.

The nose

Using yarn to match the face, work a slightly loose vertical stitch at centre st of face, about half way down and three knitted rows in length. Work another stitch in same way. Oversew around these two stitches along the length four times, then fasten off.

The eyes

Mark the eye positions with pins, level with top of the nose, placing the pins $1\frac{1}{2}$ clear knitted sts to left and right of the centre face st. Use blue yarn to work a small chain stitch at each marked position. Use two strands of black sewing thread to work three tiny stitches on each eye for the pupil.

Using two strands of black sewing thread work a horizontal stitch over the top of and touching each eye as shown in the illustration. Work the eyebrows in same way above the eyes.

The mouth

Work the mouth four knitted rows below lower end of the nose. Use two strands of red sewing thread and work two small horizontal stitches for upper lip, with two smaller stitches directly underneath.

Colour cheeks with red pencil, making distinct circular areas.





HAIR PIECE

Begin at lower back edge and using black cast on 12 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st, K1) to end — 16 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc in first st, (K1, inc in next st) to last st, K1 — 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, inc in next 3 sts, K15, inc in next 3 sts, K2 — 30 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 11 rows.

Begin face edge shaping

1st row: Inc in first st, K to last 2 sts, inc in next st, K1 — 32 sts.

2nd row: P.

Repeat these 2 rows four more times — 40 sts.

Next row: K1, inc in next st, (K2, K2tog) 4 times, K3tog, (K2tog, K2) 4 times, inc in next st, K2 — 32 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, inc in next st, (K1, K2tog) 4 times, K3tog, (K2tog, K1) 4 times, inc in next st, K2 — 24 sts.

Next row: P2, P2tog, P to last 4 sts, P2tog, P2 — 22 sts.

Next row: K2, K2tog, K4, (K3tog) twice, K4, K2tog, K2 — 16 sts.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Fold cast off edge in half and oversew across cast off sts. Turn right side out. Place hair piece on the doll's head. Pin row ends of cast off edge seam to centre st of face, just below edge of the cardboard circle. Pin cast on edge

to back of head about 1 cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] above neck. Now pin row ends in place at each side of the face and on the forehead. The hair piece should fit the head closely for the 'painted' effect.

Now using black sewing thread, sew the hair piece in place.

BODY

Lower body

Begin at lower edge and using light pink cast on 30 sts. Mark centre of cast on edge with a coloured thread.

1st row: K7, inc in next 2 sts, K12, inc in next 2 sts, K7 — 34 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 13 rows.

Shape waist

Next row: K7, (K2tog) twice, K12, (K2tog) twice, K7 — 30 sts.

P 1 row.

Cast off loosely K wise.

Upper body

With right side of lower body piece facing and using light yellow, pick up and K the cast off sts of lower body — 30 sts. This pick up and knit ensures that the 'waist' will not stretch when the body is stuffed.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Shape sides

Next row: K8, m1, K14, m1, K8 — 32 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K8, m1, K1, m1, K14, m1, K1, m1, K8 — 36 sts.

St-st 3 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a coloured thread to indicate centre front of doll.

Next row: K11, m1, K14, m1, K11 — 38 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: K6, (K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K2tog) 4 times, K6 — 30 sts.

Next row: P3, (P2tog) to last 3 sts, P3 — 18 sts.

Cast off P wise.

To make up

Join the row ends. This seam will be at centre back of the doll. Turn right side out and stuff firmly through cast on edge of lower body. The 'shoulders' should measure 17cm [6³/₄in] around. The waist should measure 15cm [6in] around. The lower body should measure 16cm [6¹/₄in] around.

Bring the coloured thread at cast on edge to the centre back seam. Oversew the cast on sts together adding more stuffing as you go to round off lower end of body.

To assemble body and head

Pull out a little stuffing at cast off neck edge of body. Insert a finger and ease a hole in the stuffing, pushing it sideways into each shoulder.

Push lower end of neck piece into the body, matching the centre back seams. Pin cast off edge of body to neck piece just above the marked row. Sew in place as pinned.

LEGS

The knitted pieces

[Make two alike]

Begin at sole of shoe and using red cast on 14 sts. Beginning with a P row st-st 2 rows.

Next row: P3, (P2tog) 4 times, P3 — 10 sts.

Break off red and join on light pink.

Beginning with a K row st-st 11 rows.

Next row: K, to mark position for sewing lower leg edge of pantalets in place later on.

Beginning with a K row st-st 48 rows.

Cast off.

The straw pieces

Cut seven 7cm [2³/₄in] lengths of 3mm [1/₈in] diameter plastic drinking straw for each lower

leg. Gather each group into a bundle — one straw at centre, surrounded by the other six. Bind them together with bits of sticky tape.

Cut seven 6cm [2³/₈in] lengths of 3mm [1/₈in] diameter straw for each upper leg. Bind them together in the same way as for lower leg straws.

To assemble the leg pieces

With right side of st-st outside fold cast on edge of one knitted piece in half. Oversew across cast on sts, then oversew row ends of the shoe together.

Push a little stuffing into toe of shoe. Push a 7cm [2³/₄in] bundle of straws into the shoe. Oversew row ends of leg together, enclosing the straw bundle as you go. When the straws are completely enclosed, continue oversewing row ends together for a further 3cm [1¹/₄in].

Making sure the straws are pushed into the shoe, place oversewn seam at back of leg then sew through the knitted leg piece above the straws to hold them in place. Sew through leg piece again 1cm [³/₈in] further up. This section forms the 'knee' joint.

Continue oversewing row ends together, enclosing a 6cm [2³/₈in] bundle of straws. Bring centre of cast off edge to the oversewn seam then oversew across cast off sts. Repeat with other leg.

Pin cast off edges of legs to lower body 1cm [³/₈in] above the lower edge seam, leaving a 1cm [³/₈in] space between them. Sew in place as pinned.

PANTALET

[Make two pieces alike]

Begin at lower edge of leg and using white cast on 14 sts tightly.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 28 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 45 rows.

Shape body section

Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next two rows — 24 sts.

St-st 20 rows.

Shape waist

Next row: K6, (K2tog) 6 times, K6 — 18 sts.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Place the two pieces together with wrong sides outside matching all the edges. Oversew row ends together from the waist edge down to the body shaping. These seams will be at centre front and back of doll.

Bring the two oversewn seams together, then oversew row ends of each leg together. Turn right side out. Put pantalets on the doll, pulling legs through cast on edges and easing the cast off edge over lower body. Pin then sew cast off edge to last knitted row of the lower body.

Pin cast on edges of pantalets pieces to doll's legs, just below the marked rows.

Sew in place as pinned.

The frills

[Make two alike]

Note that first row is *right* side.

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 28 sts.

1st row: (K2, P2) to end.

Repeat this row three more times.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

With right side outside oversew row ends of each frill together. Place one on each leg with frill seam at centre back. Pin cast off edges of frills to legs level with cast on edges of pantalets. Catch cast off edges of frills to cast on edges of pantalets.

SKIRT

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 115 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: K.

Repeat the last four rows once more.

Beginning with a K row st-st 36 rows, working in two-row stripes of orange, yellow and red alternately. Break off yellow and red and continue in orange.

Shape waist

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 77 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 39 sts.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Block the skirt piece as given on page 3 and leave to dry. Join the row ends, then turn right side out. Place skirt on the doll, easing cast off edge over pantalets and lower body. Pin cast off edge to doll, at the first knitted row of upper body colour, placing skirt seam at centre back. Sew in place as pinned.

BELT

Using white cast on 36 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Cast off loosely P wise.

Place belt around doll's waist level with cast off edge of skirt. Oversew row ends together at centre back. Catch cast on and cast off edges in place.

LOWER ARMS AND HANDS

[Make two alike]

Begin at elbow and using light pink cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 12 rows.

Next row: K, to mark position for sewing wrist edge of sleeve in place.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 9 rows for hand.

B & T tightly.

To make up

For each arm piece cut a 6cm [2³/₈in] length off a 5mm [1/₄in] diameter plastic drinking straw. Starting at the B & T sts and with right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends of each arm piece together, enclosing the straw as you go.

Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Lay these pieces aside for now.

SLEEVES

[Make two alike]

Begin at wrist edge and using light yellow cast on 10 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 31 rows.

Shape top

Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows — 8 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Join row ends of each sleeve as far as the top

shaping. Turn right side out. Push 'elbow' end of each lower arm piece inside cast on edge of each sleeve. Pin cast on edges of sleeves to arms pieces just below the marked rows. Sew sleeves to arms as pinned.

Stuff upper halves of sleeves lightly, above the lower arms pieces.

The sleeve cuffs

[Make two alike]

Using white cast on 10 sts.

K 1 row, then cast off.

Place a cuff around each hand, with cast off edge of cuff against cast on edge of sleeve. Oversew row ends together, then catch cuffs to sleeves.

To sew sleeves in place

Pin the B & T sts on each sleeve to each shoulder, just below the first neck shaping row.

Pin edges of the top shaped section to the upper body. Sew in place as pinned.

COLLAR

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 42 sts. Note that first row is *right* side.

1st row: K2, (P2, K2) to end.

2nd row: P2, (K2, P2) to end.

Repeat these 2 rows three more times.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 21 sts.

Cast off.

Place collar around doll's neck and catch ends of cast off edge together at centre front. Sew to top of upper body at this position also. Catch lower corners of collar to upper body.

Make a 20cm [8in] single twisted red cord. Tie it in a small bow, then knot and trim ends to equal lengths as illustrated. Use red sewing thread to sew through the bow, then sew it to centre front of the doll at neck edge of collar.

Meet the Poppets

These cute little novelty dolls are mostly constructed from knitted pieces sewn up into bobbles and threaded on to lengths of yarn. Make them as stocking-fillers, mascots or eye-catching decorations for the Christmas tree. Suspend them from the tree branches with dark green sewing thread, which is almost invisible against the greenery.

Toy safety note: These dolls are not suitable for babies or very young children.

Measurements: Each basic doll without hat measures 12cm [4³/₄in] in height.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Stuffing: Only a small amount is required for each doll.

Yarn requirements: Oddments, in the colours mentioned in the instructions.

Other materials: Red sewing thread for the mouth stitches.

Note: Instructions for the BASIC DOLL are given first. The instructions for each individual doll are given after the basic instructions.

THE BASIC DOLL

HEAD

Begin at lower edge and using colour required cast on 12 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 13 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a coloured thread.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

B & T loosely, for top of head.

To make up

Join the row ends. Gather round cast on sts,

pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff to measure 11cm [4¹/₄in] around. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

FACE

Notes: The coloured thread marks centre of the face. Before working the facial features, refer to page 2 'Working embroidered stitches'.

Eyes

Mark centre of face with a pin. Mark the eye positions with pins 8 knitted rows above the inc row, leaving 1 clear knitted st to the left and right of the centre pin.

To work one eye, use black yarn and bring sewing needle and yarn out at one marked position. Pass needle through face 1 knitted row directly below first position, then bring it out at first position. Pull yarn through to complete one back-stitch. Now pass needle through base of the eye and fasten off. Repeat with the other eye.

Mouth

[For all the dolls except Santa]

Mark lower end of mouth at centre of face with a pin, 3 knitted rows above the inc row. Use two strands of red sewing thread to work a V-shape for mouth, each stitch 1 knitted st wide and 1 knitted row deep.

Nose

Note: All the noses are worked between and on a level with lower ends of eyes.

For the SCARECROW and SNOWMAN use orange and work a tiny vertical loop.

For the CLOWN and SANTA use red and work three small horizontal stitches.

Colour cheeks with red pencil.

To attach the lengths of yarn for threading on the bobbles

Cut two 40cm [16in] lengths of yarn to match the head colour. Sew them both across and through the gathered cast on sts on the head and pull them through for half the length. You now have four 20cm [8in] lengths of yarn hanging down from base of the head. Tie them tightly against base of the head in a single knot to secure.

To avoid confusion, these four lengths of yarn will be referred to as 'stringers' in the instructions which follow.

THE COLLAR PIECE

Using colour required cast on 13 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 26 sts.

Beginning with a P row st-st 5 rows for SNOWMAN, SCARECROW and SANTA.

For CLOWN, work 7 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 13 sts.

B & T loosely.

To make up and add to head

For SNOWMAN, SCARECROW and SANTA, join the row ends.

For CLOWN, oversew the row ends together.

Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out, but do not stuff. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off. Flatten the piece so that the gathered cast on sts and the B & T sts are at centre.

When threading on all the pieces which follow, use a sewing needle with a rounded point and a large eye.

Thread the four stringers through centre of the collar piece, two at a time. Push the collar piece up against the head.

THE BODY PIECE

Using colour required cast on 15 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 30 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 6 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 15 sts.

B & T loosely.

To make up and add to collar

Join the row ends. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff to measure 10cm [4in] around. Pull up the B & T sts tightly and fasten off.

Thread two of the four stringers through the body piece, 5mm [¹/₄in] to the right of the

centre B & T sts and the gathered cast on sts. Pass the other two through in the same way to left of centre. Push the body piece up against the collar.

LEG PIECES

[Make four]

Using colour required cast on 9 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 18 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T loosely.

To make up and add to body

Make up as given for the body piece, stuffing to measure 7cm [2³/₄in] around.

Take two of the four stringers. Thread one of them through two of the leg pieces, passing needle through the B & T sts and the gathered cast on sts. Now pass the second stringer through the two leg pieces in same way, but bring it out of the second leg piece slightly to one side of the first stringer. Push leg pieces up against the body. Repeat with the other two leg pieces.

Now knot the stringers on each leg tightly against the lower leg pieces, so that all the threaded pieces are held firmly together. Sew the stringer ends into leg pieces.

FEET

[Make two]

Begin at sole of foot and using colour required cast on 12 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Shape top of foot

Next row: K2, (K2tog) 4 times, K2 — 8 sts. B & T loosely.

To make up and attach to legs

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends of each foot together, then oversew across cast on sts.

Stuff firmly, pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

Now sew the last knitted row of each foot to centre of each lower leg piece.

ARMS

[Make two alike]

Using colour to match head for the hand, cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Break off yarn and join on colour required for sleeve.

St-st 9 rows, then B & T loosely.

To make up and attach to the doll

Join the row ends of each arm. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff lower half to measure 5cm [2in] around. Stuff top half more lightly. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off, then leave this length of yarn on one of the arms in the sewing needle.



Spread apart the collar and body pieces so that you can see the four stringers. Pass the needle through the stringers, then pass it through gathered top of the other arm. Pass needle through centre of top of the body piece, then through top of the first arm. Pull the yarn, so that tops of arms are drawn in, between the collar and body pieces. Fasten off.

SNOWMAN

Use gold for the collar. This represents the 'scarf' on the Snowman.

Use white for the head, body, leg and arm pieces.

Use green for the feet.

THE CAP

Begin at lower edge and using light turquoise cast on 27 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Break off light turquoise and join on red.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 8 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

Break off red and join on yellow for the bobble. St-st 7 rows, then B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Stuff bobble, then gather round the

first knitted row of the bobble colour using matching yarn. Pull up tightly and knot, then wind yarn once around gathers and knot again. Sew yarn ends into bobble.

Place cap on the head with seam at centre back. Lower edge at back should be just above collar. Centre front should be two knitted rows above tops of eyes. Sew cast on edge of cap in place.

SCARF ENDS PIECE

Using gold cast on 20 sts.

K 1 row, then cast off.

Fold the strip in half, then sew through folded end. Sew folded end to top of the collar at one side.

SCARECROW

Use cream for the head. Use red for the collar. This represents the 'scarf' on the Scarecrow. Use turquoise for the body piece, green for the leg pieces. Use cream for the hands, turquoise for the sleeves.

Use tan for the feet.

Using red add the scarf ends piece as given for the SNOWMAN.

THE STRAW STUFFING

Use short lengths of yellow yarn. Sew each length between the various pieces as illustrated, then knot tightly. Trim to short lengths, then tease out the yarn ends.



THE DARNS

Use colours as illustrated and split each length of yarn to get a finer strand. Work untidy darns on the various pieces as illustrated.

THE HAT

Use blue tweedy yarn or plain blue in a darker shade than body piece.

Begin at lower edge and using two strands of yarn together cast on 28 sts.

Using two strands of yarn st-st 2 rows.

Break off one strand and continue with one strand of yarn.

Next row: K, treating the two loops on each st as one st — 28 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 21 sts.
St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 14 sts.
St-st 2 rows, then cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together. With this seam at one side of the piece, work a back-stitch seam across the cast off sts. Turn right side out. Place hat on the head, with oversewn seam at centre back. Flatten the curled-up brim at back of hat and pin to head, just above collar. Leave brim curled up at front and sides and pin to head just above the brim.

Now cut five 10cm [4in] lengths of yellow yarn. Fold each one in half and knot at folded ends. Tuck one knot inside the hat at centre front and two at each side of the head. Sew the hat to head as pinned, where the brim touches the head. Trim the strands of yarn to short lengths and tease out as for the straw pieces on the body.

Sew in a couple of lengths of yellow yarn at top of hat, trim and tease out as for the other straw pieces.

CLOWN

Use light pink for the head, red for the collar, yellow for the body piece and orange for the

leg pieces. Use light pink for the hands, yellow for the sleeves.

Use light green for the feet.

THE HAT

Begin at lower edge and using green cast on 27 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: P.

Break off green and join on yellow.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

Break off yellow and join on red for the bobble.

St-st 7 rows, then B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Make up as given for the SNOWMAN'S cap. Put a little stuffing in top of the hat, then place it on head with seam at centre back. Lower edge of this seam should be 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] above the collar. Centre front should be two knitted rows above tops of eyes. Pin hat in place.

Make two small loops of orange yarn. Tuck them inside hat brim at centre front for the forehead fringe. Sew cast on edge of hat in place.

THE HAIR PIECE

Begin at lower edge and using orange cast on 26 sts.

G-st 3 rows then cast off, noting that cast off edge is *wrong* side.

Pin the piece around sides and back of head with cast off edge level with lower edge of the hat. Sew all the edges in place.

SANTA CLAUS

Use light pink for the head, red for the collar, body and leg pieces. Use light pink for the hands, red for the sleeves.
Use black for the feet.

HAT

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 27 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Break off white and join on red.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 6 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

St-st 11 rows.

Break off red and join on white for bobble.

St-st 7 rows, then B & T tightly.

To make up

Make up and place on head as given for the SNOWMAN'S cap, but do not sew in place.

BEARD

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 2 sts.

Work in g-st throughout and inc 1 st at each end of next and every following row until there are 16 sts.

G-st 6 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) twice, K4, (K2tog) twice, K2 — 12 sts.

Cast off, noting that cast off row is *right* side.

To sew in place

Pin centre of cast off edge to face below nose. Pin the last 4 rows of the 6 g-st rows to sides of face, level with cast on edge of hat. Adjust sides of hat if necessary to meet these row ends. Sew cast on edge of hat in place. Sew cast off edge and row ends of beard in place as pinned.

Fold down the straight section at top of hat and catch bobble to hat.

MOUSTACHE

Using white cast on 8 sts.

Cast off, noting that this edge is top edge and also *wrong* side.

Pin centre of moustache below nose. Sew centre in place with a tight oversewing stitch. Catch each end of moustache to beard.

Mr Twizzle

Introducing Mr Twizzle, the adorable mismatched and patched snowman! Make this colourful character as a lovable soft toy or an irresistible Christmas decoration. Give him a roomy sack and a stocking filled with sweets, candy sticks and lollipops and Mr Twizzle turns into a splendid centre piece for any party.

Measurement: Mr Twizzle measures 31cm [12 1/4in] in height, without the hat.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Stuffing: 170g [6oz].

Yarn requirements: 60g [2oz] of white; 30g [1oz] of light grey; 20g [3/4oz] of yellow, green, light green and orange.

Oddments of tan, grey, black, dark grey, red and gold.

Note: For the 'm1' abbreviations which occur in these instructions, refer to page 2 'Special abbreviations'.

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD

Knit and make up as given for JACK FROST, page 21, using white throughout.

Shape the neck by gathering round the neck decrease row, using two strands of white yarn.

SHOES

Knit and make up as given for JACK FROST'S BOOTS, page 22, using tan for the right shoe and dark grey for the left shoe.

SHOE PATCHES

Use grey for the right shoe patch, tan for the left shoe patch.

Cast on 6 sts and st-st 7 rows.

Cast off.

Using black for both patches, work small running stitches around and close to the edges. Press the patches with a warm iron and a damp cloth. Using matching sewing thread, sew them to shoes as shown in the illustration.

LEFT SOCK

Begin at lower edge and using light green cast on 40 sts.

Continue in st-st breaking and joining yarns as necessary.

Work 2 rows light green, 2 green, 2 gold, 2 orange and 2 red.

Continue in red and work 4 rows in K2, P2 rib.

Cast off loosely in rib.

To make up and sew in place

Join the row ends, then turn right side out. Place the sock on left leg, with seam in line with shoe seam at back. Sew cast on edge of sock in place, level with cast off edge of shoe.

RIGHT SOCK

Begin at top edge and using gold cast on 40 sts. Note that first row is *right* side.

Work 5 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Cast off K wise for lower edge.

Split a length of red yarn to get a finer strand. Work an untidy darn on the sock, to the right of centre.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Place on right leg as for left leg. Sew cast off edge of sock in place, level with cast off edge of shoe.

SHOE LACES

Make two 14cm [5 1/2in] single twisted cords, one black and one dark brown. Tie each one in an irregular bow. Sew the black bow to brown shoe next to the sock. Sew dark brown bow to dark grey shoe in the same way.

FACE

Work as given for JACK FROST, page 22, using grey for the mouth and orange for the nose.

EARS

[Make two alike]

Begin at inner edge and using white cast on 7 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 8 rows.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

On each ear, gather up each set of row ends tightly and fasten off. With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together, pulling stitches tightly to curve the ears slightly. Colour folded edges of ears with red pencil.

Pin ears to sides of head with upper edges 20 knitted rows above the head inc row and 8 knitted sts away from side of each eye. Sew in place as pinned.

TOP HAT

The crown piece

Begin at inner hem lining section and using light grey cast on 80 sts.

St-st 5 rows. This completes the lining section.

Next row: K, through back of loops for the lower edge fold line.

Break off light grey and join on grey for the hat band.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Break off grey and join on light grey.

St-st 20 rows.

Next row: K, for outer edge of the flat top section.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows.



Shape top

1st row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 70 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 60 sts.

5th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 50 sts.

7th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

9th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

11th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

13th row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Oversew the row ends together and leave wrong side out. Turn up the lining section at the lower edge fold line. Catch cast on edge in place loosely. Turn right side out.

The brim piece

Begin at inner edge of the upper surface and using light grey cast on 80 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K2, (inc in next st, K2) to end — 106 sts.

P 1 row.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows for outer edge of brim.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K2) to end — 80 sts.

P 1 row.

Cast off P wise.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. This seam will be at centre back of hat when sewing to the head. With right side of st-st outside bring cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew these edges together a little at a time, then lightly stuff the section you have just sewn. Continue until the brim is completely stuffed.

To assemble the hat pieces and sew hat in place

Oversew the lower folded edge of the crown piece to the oversewn seam of brim, matching the row ends seams on both pieces. Cut a 10cm [4in] diameter circle of cardboard and push it inside the hat, flat against the shaped top section. Stuff the hat crown lightly and evenly.

Sew a few loops of white yarn to the forehead to just hang down between the eyes. Place hat on the head, so that brim touches tops of the ears. Pin hat to head through lower edge of the crown piece, then sew in place as pinned. Bend the cardboard circle downwards at right-hand side of the hat.

Secure a length of light grey yarn in the hat side, about 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] below the folded-down section of cardboard circle. Pass needle through hat to come out through cardboard circle and top of hat about 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] away from the outer edge. Pull tightly to hold the folded-down section in position, then fasten off yarn.

SNOW ON THE HAT

Using white cast on 12 sts and P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into first 11 sts, K1 — 23 sts.

P 1 row.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and inc 1 st K wise at beginning of next 6 rows — 29 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Now dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows — 17 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) twice, K to last 2 sts, K2tog — 14 sts.

Next row: P2tog, P to last 4 sts, (P2tog) twice — 11 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) twice, K to end — 9 sts.

Next row: P to last 2 sts, P2tog — 8 sts.

Next row: K2tog, K to end — 7 sts.

St-st 4 rows.

B & T tightly.

To sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends of the last 4 rows together. Pin snow piece to top of hat at the bent-down section as illustrated. Catch the B & T end to the hat where it touches. Sew other edges to hat where they touch also.

HOLLY

The leaves

[Make two]

Begin at centre of upper surface of leaf and using green cast on 15 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Work picot edge of leaf

Next row: K1, (yrn twice; K2tog then transfer this last st back onto left-hand needle and K it again, then repeat once more) to end.

Next row: (P 1, P next loop dropping the extra wound-round loop) to last st, P 1.

K 1 row. Pull down the cast on edge firmly to tighten the picot edge sts. Cast off for centre of underside of leaf.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges of each leaf together. Fold the piece in half bringing row ends together, with cast off edge on the outside. Oversew across the folded edge. Oversew row ends together, for base of leaf.

The berries

[Make three]

Using red cast on 10 sts tightly.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Cast off tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, roll up the strip tightly from one set of row ends to the other. Sew row ends in place. Gather round outer edge of the rolled-up strip at cast off edge. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Repeat at cast on edge.

To sew holly in place

Position the leaves at right-hand side of hat next to the brim. Sew leaves to hat, then sew on the berries between the two leaves.

THE HAT PATCH

Using yellow cast on 8 sts and st-st 9 rows.

Cast off.

Pin, then sew patch to left-hand side of hat as illustrated. Using red, work large irregular oversewing stitches around edges of the patch as shown in the illustration.

MITTENS

Refer to JACK FROST'S MITTENS, page 24. Work both the mittens in the same way as far as ★.

Break off white. Join on red for the right-hand mitten, green for the left-hand mitten. Continue as given for JACK'S MITTENS from ★ to the end of the making-up instructions.

ARMS

Using white, knit and make up both arms as given for JACK FROST'S LEFT SLEEVE, page 24.

To sew on the mittens

Pin tops of both arms to sides of body, 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below neck. Push both mittens inside the arms so that P rows on the mittens are just inside cast on edges of the arms. Now adjust both mittens so that thumbs are pointing forward and slightly in toward the body. Pin mittens in place as described, then unpin arms from body. Sew mittens to arms as pinned. Lay aside until mitten cuffs are added.

MITTEN CUFFS

Using colour to match each mitten cast on 28 sts.

Work 3 rows in K2, P2 rib.

Cast off K wise for wrist edge.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends of each cuff together. Turn right side out and place cuffs on lower edges of arms. Sew cast off edges of cuffs to mittens.

Work an untidy darn on each mitten as illustrated, using light grey on the red mitten and light green on the green mitten.

TO SEW ARMS IN PLACE

Pin arms to sides of body as before. Sew curved top edges of arms in place.

SCARF

Notes: There are two pieces in the scarf, one goes around the neck, the other is the tail-ends piece. Both scarf pieces are worked in g-st using lengths of red, orange, gold, yellow, green and light green. The lengths are knotted together as you go. Every two or three rows work one 'yrn, K2tog', to produce holes in the scarf pieces.

The neck piece

Cast on 8 sts and work a 21cm [$8\frac{1}{4}$ in] length.

Cast off.

Place the piece around the neck and catch cast on and cast off edges together at right-hand side of the neck. Turn in the neck edge of the piece.



The tail-ends piece

Cast on 8 sts and work a 24cm [9½in] length.
Cast off.

Cut short lengths of various yarn colours and knot them onto ends of this piece to form the fringes. Trim to different lengths and tease out some of the strands.

Loop this piece over the neck piece at right-hand side of neck. Catch this piece to neck piece. Catch folded-in edge of the neck piece to the neck as far as the tail-ends piece.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Begin at lower edge and using light green cast on 31 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (inc in next st, K1) to last st, K1 — 45 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 9 rows.

Shape top of foot

1st row: K18, (K2tog) twice, K1, (K2tog) twice, K18 — 41 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K16, (K2tog) twice, K1, (K2tog) twice, K16 — 37 sts.

5th row: K14, (K2tog) twice, K1, (K2tog) twice, K14 — 33 sts.

7th row: K12, (K2tog) twice, K1, (K2tog) twice, K12 — 29 sts.

Next row: P.

Join on green. St-st 16 rows, working in two-row stripes of green and light green alternately. Break off light green.

Using green g-st 5 rows, then cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Join the row ends, then turn right side out. Using yellow and orange, work two untidy darns on the foot section as illustrated. Turn inside out, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out.

Pin the thumb inside top of stocking against the seam. Sew through thumb and stocking and into 'first finger' edge of the mitten. Fasten off securely.

To support the lollipop sticks

Cut a 7cm by 20cm [$2\frac{3}{4}$ in by 8in] strip of stiff paper such as drawing paper. Roll it up from one short end to the other to form a 3cm [$1\frac{1}{4}$ in] diameter tube. Secure end with a bit of sticky tape. Push a little stuffing inside toe of the stocking, then push the tube right inside the stocking.

SACK

The sack

Begin at top edge and using orange cast on 30 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Join on yellow.

Beginning with a K row st-st 32 rows, working in 4 row stripes of yellow and orange alternately.

Now using yellow st-st 8 rows, for base of sack.

St-st 32 more rows, working in 4 row stripes of orange and yellow alternately.

Break off yellow, then using orange g-st 5 rows.

Cast off.

The patches

[Make two in different colours as follows]

Using light green cast on 7 sts and st-st 7 rows. Cast off.

Using gold cast on 9 sts and st-st 9 rows.

Cast off.

Pin, then sew patches to sack as illustrated. Using green for the light green patch and red for the gold patch, work large irregular oversewing stitches around the edges of the patches as illustrated.

To make up the sack

Fold the sack, bringing cast on and cast off

edges together. Join the row ends at each side, then turn right side out.

The draw-string

Using red, make a 40cm [16in] single twisted cord.

Thread the folded end into a blunt-ended sewing needle with a large eye. Starting next to one side seam just below g-st section, weave the cord in and out at 4 st intervals. Continue until you arrive back at the beginning, next to other end of cord. Knot the folded end of the cord and trim. To close the sack, pull up the draw-string cords tightly and tie in a bow.

To sew sack in place

Pin the left thumb inside top of the sack against the side seam. Sew through thumb and sack and into 'first finger' edge of the mitten. Fasten off securely.

BUTTONS

Make these as given for the HOLLY BERRIES, page 16, one red, one green and one gold.

Sew them to centre front of upper body as illustrated.

Hush-a- Bye Baby

I'm sure lots of little girls would love to wake up on Christmas morning and find this darling dolly in their stockings. And what a lovely surprise to discover that this Baby can fall asleep or be wide-awake in an instant, just by removing the bonnet and placing it on the reversed face. I have designed many novelty dolls over the years and one of the first was a reversible sleeping/waking rag doll. Hush-a-Bye Baby is a perfect gift for Christmas – or any other time of the year.

Measurement: The doll measures 26cm [$10\frac{1}{4}$ in] in height.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Use these for all the pieces unless otherwise stated.

A pair of 4mm [No 8, USA 5] for the hair pieces.

Stuffing: 50g [$1\frac{3}{4}$ oz].

Yarn requirements: 40g [$1\frac{1}{2}$ oz] of light yellow; 30g [1oz] of light pink, turquoise and yellow.

Oddments of white and brown.

Yarn required for the facial stitches: Dark brown yarn and sewing thread for the eyes. Pink yarn for the mouths.

Note: For the 'm1' abbreviations which occur in these instructions, refer to page 2 'Special abbreviations'.

BODY AND HEAD

[Make two pieces as follows]

Begin at lower end of body and using white cast on 14 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, m1) 3 times, K8, (m1, K1) 3 times — 20 sts.

St-st 11 rows.

Break off white and join on light yellow for upper body.

St-st 8 rows.

Shape sides

Next row: K2, (K2tog) twice, K8, (K2tog) twice, K2 — 16 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K2, K2tog, K8, K2tog, K2 — 14 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Break off light yellow and join on light pink or colour required for head.

St-st 2 rows.

Inc for head

Next row: K2, (m1, K1) 5 times, (K1, m1) 5 times, K2 — 24 sts.

St-st 23 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a coloured thread.

Shape top of head

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

5th row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Pin the two pieces together matching all the edges. Join them around the edges, leaving cast on edges open. Turn right side out. Stuff head to measure 23cm [9in] around at centre. Stuff 'neck' to measure 17cm [$6\frac{3}{4}$ in] around.

Stuff body to measure 19cm [$7\frac{1}{2}$ in] around at 'waist'.

Starting at one side seam, oversew the cast on sts together, adding more stuffing if necessary as you go. To shape the neck, use matching yarn and gather round the first knitted row of the head colour. Pull up gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Measure the neck with a length of string, it should be 12cm [$4\frac{3}{4}$ in] around at the gathers. Adjust if necessary, then sew yarn ends into neck.

LEGS

[Make two alike]

Begin at sole of foot and using turquoise for the bootie cast on 18 sts. Mark centre of the cast on edge with a coloured thread.

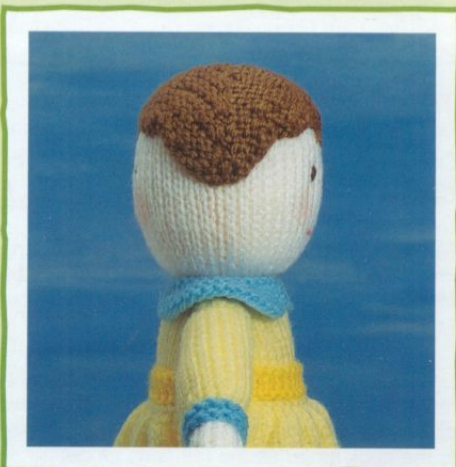
St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K4, m1, (K1, m1) twice, K6, (m1, K1) twice, m1, K4 — 24 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 7 rows.

Next row: K3, (K2tog) 3 times, K6, (K2tog) 3 times, K3 — 18 sts.

Break off turquoise and join on colour to match the head, for leg.



St-st 25 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog), K4, (K2tog) twice, K4, K2tog, K1 — 14 sts.

Cast off loosely.

To make up and sew in place

Join the row ends of each leg. This will be the inside leg seam when sewing the legs in place. Pin the marked centre of cast on edge to the inside leg seam, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out. Stuff bootee firmly.

Stuff leg to measure 8.5cm [3¼in] around at centre, then stuff more lightly at the top. With leg seam at one side of the piece oversew across cast off sts, pulling stitches tightly to gather slightly. Sew tops of legs to lower cast on edge of body, side-by-side, leaving a small space between them for panty leg edgings.

PANTY LEG EDGINGS

[Make two]

Begin at top edge and using white cast on 20 sts.

K 1 row, then cast off.

Place one around doll's leg at top and catch row ends together. Place this seam at inside leg position. Pin cast on edge to body above legs, then sew in place. Repeat with other piece.

BOOTEE TOP PIECES

Using turquoise make as for PANTY EDGING, casting on 22 sts instead of 20 sts.

Place one around doll's leg at top of bootee. Catch row ends together. With this seam at inside leg position, sew cast off edge to last knitted row of the bootee colour. Repeat with the other piece.

WIDE-AWAKE FACE

Note: When working all the facial stitches, start and fasten off ends at top of the head where they will be hidden by the hair.

Eyes

The coloured thread marks centre of the face. Mark positions of the eyes with pins, placing them 14 knitted rows above the head inc row and leaving 4 clear knitted sts between the pins.

Use dark brown yarn for the eyes and bring sewing needle and yarn out at one marked position. Work a chain stitch below first position 2 knitted rows deep. Repeat with the other eye.

Mouth

Mark position of centre of mouth with a pin, 6 knitted rows above the head inc row. Split a length of pink yarn to get a finer strand. Bring needle and yarn out at the marked position. Insert sewing needle into the face 1½sts to the right of first position. Bring needle out 1½sts to the left of first position and pull yarn through. Insert needle into centre of mouth at first position and bring it out at top of head. Pull yarn through and fasten off.

Colour cheeks with red pencil and colour a small dot for nose between and just below the eyes.



SLEEPING FACE

Eyes

Mark positions of lower ends of eyelids with pins 12 knitted rows above the head inc row, leaving 4 clear knitted sts between the pins.

Use double dark brown sewing thread for the eyelids and bring sewing needle and yarn out at one marked position. Work a V-shape 1 knitted st wide and 2 knitted rows deep, to left and right of first position. Repeat with the other eye.

Mouth

Work mouth as for wide-awake face 1 knitted st to left and right of first position.

Colour cheeks and nose as for the wide-awake face.

HAIR PIECES

[Make two pieces alike]

Note: Use 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

Begin at face edge and using brown cast on 36 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) twice, K2, (K2tog, inc in next 2 sts, K2tog) 4 times, K2, (K2tog) twice — 32 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 4 rows — 24 sts.

Shape top

1st row: (P2tog, P4) twice, (P4, P2tog) twice — 20 sts.

2nd row: K.

3rd row: (P2tog, P3) twice, (P3, P2tog) twice — 16 sts.

4th row: (K2tog, K2) twice, (K2, K2tog) twice — 12 sts.

5th row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts.

Cast off, marking centre of cast off edge with a coloured thread.

To make up and sew in place

Note that P side of st-st is *right* side. Oversew the row ends and cast off edges of the pieces together, matching the coloured threads. Turn right side out. Pin the marked centre of cast off edges to the B & T sts at top of the head. Pin the oversewn seam to head seam on each side of the B & T sts. Pull down the ends of cast on edges and pin to side seams of head, just below level of lower edges of eyes. Now pin the wavy edges of each hair piece in place, pulling down each wave slightly. Sew hair pieces in place as pinned. Work the forehead fringe on each face as follows. Using colour to match hair pieces, work three short stitches radiating from centre of cast on edge of hair pieces as illustrated.

SKIRT

[Make two pieces as follows]

Begin at lower edge and using yellow cast on 63 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Work picot hem edge

Next row: K1, (yarn, K2tog) to end.

Beginning with a K row st-st 6 rows.

Break off yellow and join on turquoise.

G-st 4 rows



Join on light yellow and beginning with a K row st-st 4 rows in light yellow.

Using turquoise g-st 4 rows.

Break off turquoise and continue in light yellow.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 26 rows.

Shape waist edge

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 42 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 21 sts.

Cast off loosely.

To make up and sew in place

Block the skirt pieces as given on page 3 and

leave to dry. Join the two pieces at the row ends and leave wrong side out. The skirt seams will be at sides of the doll.

Turn up the lower edge at picot hem row, then catch cast on edge in place. Turn skirt right side out. Place skirt on the doll and sew cast off edges to the first knitted row of light yellow on the upper body.

WAIST SASH

[Make two pieces as follows]

Begin at lower edge and using yellow cast on 20 sts.

St-st 2 rows, then cast off loosely P wise.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the pieces together at one set of row ends. Place around doll's waist and catch remaining sets of row ends together. With oversewn seams at sides of doll, sew cast on edge in place level with cast off edge of skirt. Sew cast off edge in place.

SLEEVES

[Make two alike]

Begin at top of sleeve and using light yellow cast on 9 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 18 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 20 rows.

Next row: P2, (P2tog, P2) to end — 14 sts. Break off light yellow and join on turquoise. G-st 3 rows. Cast off loosely.

To make up

Join the row ends of each sleeve. This seam is the underarm seam. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. Stuff each sleeve lightly at top, then stuff remainder to measure 8cm [3in] around. Lay sleeves aside for now.

HANDS

[Make two alike]

Begin at wrist edge and using colour to match head cast on 13 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: K, to mark position for sewing on the sleeve.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 9 rows.

Next row: P1, (P2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew to sleeves

Join the row ends of each hand, then turn right side out. Stuff hands firmly, then gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Push gathered cast on edge of hand inside sleeve, matching the seams. Pin cast off edge of sleeve to hand, below the K row. Sew in place as pinned.

To sew sleeves in place

Pin tops of sleeves to sides of body 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below neck. Sew curved tops of sleeves to body 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] on either side of gathered cast on sts. Catch arm seams to body a little further down.

COLLAR

[Make two pieces as follows]

Using turquoise cast on 20 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 6 times, K4 — 14 sts.

Cast off.

Gather each set of row ends as follows. Start gathering at cast on edge, pull up tightly at cast off edge and fasten off there. Place collar pieces on doll's neck, one at each side. Catch ends of cast off edges together, at centre of neck below each chin. Catch collar pieces to body at row ends near to cast on edges.

BONNET

Begin at inner section of face edge of bonnet brim and using yellow cast on 52 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Work picot edge

Next row: K2, (yrn, K2tog) to end.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: P, to mark position for sewing cast on edge in place.

Break off yellow and join on turquoise for bonnet.

P 1 row.

Begin stocking stitch

1st row: Slip first st K wise, K to end.

2nd row: Slip first st K wise, K2, P to last 3 sts, K3.

Repeat the last two rows 6 more times.

Shape back

Next row: Slip first st K wise, K15, (K2tog) 10 times, K16 — 42 sts.

G-st 5 rows, slipping first st K wise on every row.

Next row: Slip first st K wise, K10, (K2tog) 10 times, K11 — 32 sts.

G-st 5 rows, slipping first st K wise on every row.

Next row: Slip first st K wise, K5, (K2tog) 10 times, K6 — 22 sts.

Cast off.

To make up

Fold the cast off edge in half and oversew across the cast off sts. Fold down the cast on edge on wrong side of the bonnet. Catch cast on edge to the marked row. Turn right side out.

Make two 24cm [9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in] single twisted yellow cords. Push knotted end of one cord inside one set of bonnet brim row ends, so that it is next to the cast on edge. Oversew the row ends of brim together, securing the cord at the same time. Repeat with the other cord. Put the bonnet on doll and tie cords in a small bow under the chin. Knot ends of cords to suitable length and trim off excess.

Jack Frost

References to Jack Frost date back to the early 19th century, so this character is well-established in folklore. He is the fellow said to produce the enormous variety of beautiful water crystal patterns which appear on window panes when the weather conditions are just right.

Make Jack as a lovely cuddly toy or a superb Christmas decoration.

Measurement: Jack measures 31cm [12 $\frac{1}{4}$ in] in height, without the cap.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Stuffing: 140g [5oz].

Yarn requirements: 60g [2oz] of white and light blue; 20g [$\frac{3}{4}$ oz] of light pink and blue.

Oddments of royal blue, light yellow, black, pink and light grey.

Other materials: One 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] diameter plastic drinking straw.

Note: For the 'm1' abbreviations which occur in these instructions, refer to page 2 'Special abbreviations'.

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD

Right leg

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 20 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 30 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: P, to mark position for sewing on the boot.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 21 rows ★.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Left leg

Work as given for right leg as far as ★.

Body and head

Mark each end of next row with a coloured thread.

With right side of st-st facing, K across the 30 sts of left leg on the knitting needle, then across the 30 sts of right leg on the spare needle — 60 sts.

St-st 17 rows.

Break off white and join on light blue for upper body.

St-st 8 rows.

Shape sides

Next row: K12, (K2tog) 4 times, K20, (K2tog) 4 times, K12 — 52 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K12, (K2tog) twice, K20, (K2tog) twice, K12 — 48 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Dec for neck

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 32 sts.

Break off light blue and join on light pink.

St-st 3 rows for the neck.



Inc for head

Next row: (K1, m1) 15 times, K2, (m1, K1) 15 times — 62 sts.

St-st 33 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a white thread.

Shape top of head

1st row: K2, (K2tog, K3) to end — 50 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K2, (K2tog, K2) to end — 38 sts.

5th row: K2, (K2tog, K1) to end — 26 sts.

7th row: K2, (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Join row ends from the coloured threads to top of head, leaving a 5cm [2in] gap at centre of body seam.

Join row ends of each leg from the coloured threads to cast on edge. Gather round cast on sts of each leg, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out.

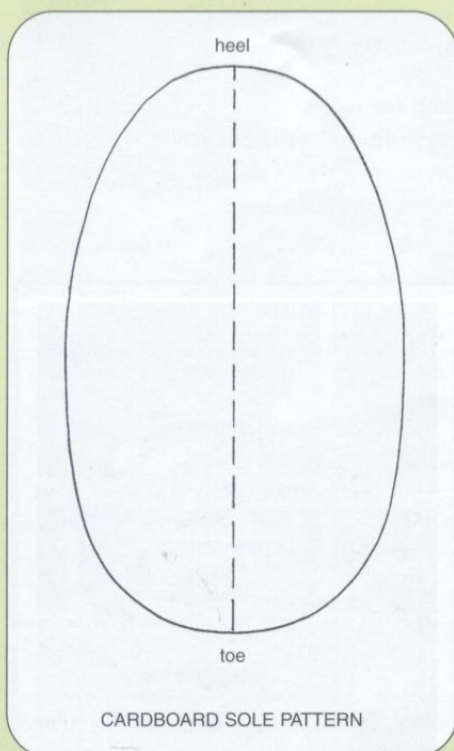
Stuff each leg to measure 16cm [6¼in] around. Stuff head to measure 32cm [12½in] around. Stuff neck and body, then close gap in seam with pins. Neck should measure 24cm [9½in] around. Body should measure 30cm [12in] around at waist. Remove pins and adjust stuffing if necessary. Close gap in seam.

To shape the neck, use two strands of light blue yarn and gather round the neck at the last knitted row of light blue. Pull up gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Measure the neck with a length of string, it should be 16cm [6¼in] around at the gathers. Adjust if necessary. Sew yarn ends into neck.

BOOTS

[Make two alike]

Begin at sole of boot and using light blue cast on 28 sts.



Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: Inc in every st to last st, K1 — 55 sts.

St-st 11 rows.

Shape top of boot

Next row: K11, (K2tog) 8 times, K1, (K2tog) 8 times, K11 — 39 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K9, (K2tog) 5 times, K1, (K2tog) 5 times, K9 — 29 sts.

P 1 row, then cast off loosely P wise.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew row ends of each boot together, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out.

If cardboard soles are required to make the doll stand up unsupported, proceed as follows. Trace the sole pattern off the page and use this pattern to cut four sole pieces from cardboard. Glue them together in pairs. Place a sole inside each boot piece. Stuff boots, taking care to keep the oversewn cast on seam in line with centre of the sole — the dotted line on the pattern. If you are making Jack as a soft toy and cardboard soles are not required, stuff the boots in the normal way.

Now push lower end of each leg inside cast off edge of each boot. Pin cast off edge of each boot to leg, just below and level with the P row, with boots angled slightly away from each other. Sew cast off edge in place as pinned.

BOOT TOP PIECES

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using light blue cast on 36 sts.

St-st 6 rows.

Break off light blue and join on white.

K 1 row.

Work picot edge

Next row: K2tog, (yrn, K2tog) to end — 35 sts.

K 1 row.

Break off white and join on blue.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Break off blue and join on light blue for inner section.

St-st 3 rows, then cast off loosely.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends of each piece together and leave wrong side out. With cast off edge uppermost, fold down the cast off edge and pin it in place just below the first knitted row of white. Sew in place as pinned. Turn right side out. Place boot top pieces on the legs, with oversewn seams in line with oversewn seams of boots. Pin cast on edges of boot top pieces in position, just below cast off edges of boots. Sew in place as pinned.

BELT

Using blue cast on 64 sts.

St-st 5 rows, then cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew row ends of belt together, then turn right side out. With cast on edge uppermost, place belt on lower body, with seam at centre back. Sew cast on edge to upper body at the first knitted row of light blue. Sew cast off edge in place.

BUCKLE

Using royal blue cast on 26 sts.

K 1 row, then cast off, for inner edge of buckle.

Noting that cast off row is *right* side of buckle, catch the row ends together. Pin buckle to centre front of belt, forming a square shape as illustrated. Sew cast on and cast off edges in place.

FACE

Notes: The coloured thread marks centre of the face. Before working the facial stitches refer to page 2 'Working embroidered stitches'.

Eyes

Mark the eye positions centrally on the face with pins 19 knitted rows above the head inc row, leaving 6 clear knitted sts between the pins.

To work one eye use black yarn and bring sewing needle and yarn out at one marked position. Pass needle through face 3 knitted rows directly below first position, then bring it out at first position. Pull yarn through to complete one back-stitch. Work 4 more back-stitches in the same way, then pass needle through base of eye and fasten off yarn. Work other eye in same way.

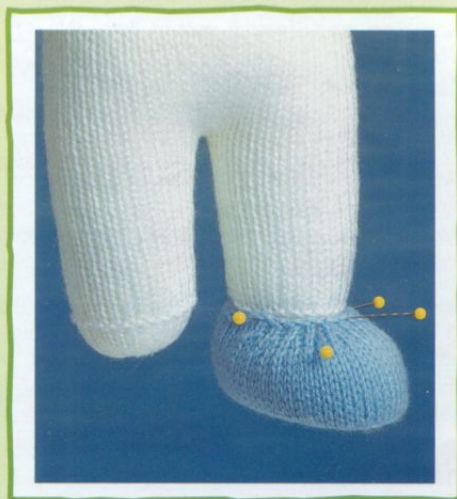
Mouth

Mark centre of mouth with a pin at centre of face, 6 knitted rows above the head inc row. Mark corners of mouth centrally on the face with pins 9 knitted rows above head inc row, leaving 6 clear knitted sts between the pins. Use pink yarn to work two stitches to form a V-shape at the marked positions. Work a small sloping stitch at one corner of the mouth as shown in the illustration.

Nose

Using light pink yarn to match the face, cast on 6 sts loosely.

St-st 3 rows, then B & T tightly.





With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. Stuff, then sew cast on edge to face between and level with lower edges of eyes, with oversewn seam uppermost.

Colour cheeks with red pencil.

CAP

Begin at top edge and using light blue cast on 112 sts. Mark centre of cast on edge with a coloured thread.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 96 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 80 sts.

St-st 23 rows.

K side of work is now facing.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Begin cap brim

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows, these two rows form the lower folded edge of the brim.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 2 rows.

Break off light blue and join on royal blue.

St-st 3 rows.

Break off royal blue, join on blue and st-st 2 rows.

Break off blue, join on white and st-st 2 rows.

Work picot edge

Next row: K2tog, (yrn, K2tog) to end — 79 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows.

Cast off loosely.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together from cast on edge to where the cap brim begins. Pin the marked centre of cast on edge to the oversewn seam. Work a back-stitch seam across the cast on sts.

Turn right side out and oversew the row ends of cap brim together. Fold up the lower white section at the picot edge. Catch cast off edge in place. Now fold up the brim at the two lower edge rows. Stuff the top points lightly at each side of the cap.

Place cap on the head with seam at centre back. The lower edge of brim should be 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] above tops of the eyes at front and 5cm [2in] above the neck at back. Pin in place, then catch lower edge to head.

Cap bobbles

[Make two alike]

Using white cast on 11 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 22 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Join the row ends of each bobble. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Gather round the cast on sts. Pull up tightly and fasten off then use this length of yarn to sew each bobble to point at top of cap.

HAIR PIECE

Begin at top edge of the outer section and using white cast on 64 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Work picot edge

Next row: K2tog, (yrn, K2tog) to end — 63 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 13 rows.

Cast off, for top edge of inner section.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, bring cast on and cast off edges together. Now pin the cast off edge in place just below the cast on edge. Sew in place as pinned. Oversew the row ends together at each end of the strip.

Pin the cast on edge to head, level with lower edge of the cap. The row ends should be pinned 6 knitted sts away from the sides of the eyes. Sew cast on edge in place. Catch row ends in place also.

FOREHEAD FRINGE

Begin at outer section and using white cast on 5 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Work picot edge

Next row: K2tog, (yrn, K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows for the inner lining section.

Next row: P1, (P2tog) to end — 5 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Gather up the cast on sts tightly and fasten off. With right side of st-st outside bring the B & T sts to the gathered cast on sts. Oversew the row ends together. Sew this edge to centre of forehead, level with lower edge of cap. Catch lower point in place.

MITTENS

[Make two alike]

Begin at wrist edge and using white cast on 20 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows ★.

Next row: P, to mark position for sewing on the sleeve.

P 1 row.

Begin thumb shaping

1st row: K4, m1, K to last 4 sts, m1, K4 — 22 sts.

2nd row: P.

Repeat these two rows 3 more times — 28 sts.

Finish thumb shaping

Next row: K4, turn.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows on these 4 sts, then B & T these sts tightly.

With K side of st-st facing, rejoin yarn to first st on the knitting needle, then K to end.

Next row: P4, turn.

Next row: K4, then B & T these sts tightly. With P side of st-st facing, rejoin yarn to first of the remaining 20 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Fold each mitten, bringing the row ends together. Oversew row ends of thumb and hand together. Turn right side out. Stuff fairly lightly, so that the palm and thumb are flexible enough to be sewn to the accessories later on. Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Lay mittens aside for now.

THE SLEEVES

Left sleeve

Begin at wrist edge and using light blue cast on 26 sts.

St-st 28 rows.

Shape top

★ **Next row:** K1, (K1, K2tog) 4 times, (K2tog, K1) 4 times, K1 — 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly ★★.

To make up left sleeve

Join the row ends. This seam will be at the underarm position. Turn right side out and stuff top of sleeve very lightly. Stuff remainder of sleeve to measure 11cm [$4\frac{1}{4}$ in] around.

To sew on the mitten

Pin top of sleeve to left side of body 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below neck. Push mitten inside sleeve, so that P row on mitten is just inside cast on edge of sleeve. Now adjust position of the mitten so that thumb is pointing forward and slightly in toward the body. Pin mitten in place as described, then unpin and remove sleeve from body. Sew mitten to sleeve as pinned. Lay aside until sleeve cuff is added.

Right sleeve

Begin at wrist edge and using light blue cast on 26 sts.

St-st 10 rows.

Next row: K10, P6, K10.

Work cast off section for bend in the sleeve

Next row: P10, cast off 5 sts P wise, then break off yarn leaving a 30cm [12in] long end. Pass this yarn end through the single st which remains after the 5 cast off sts, then pull tightly to fasten off [6 sts have now been cast off altogether]. Now using the long tail-end of yarn, P to the end of the row.

With right side of st-st facing, rejoin the yarn to the first st on the knitting needle.

Next row: K the first group of 10 sts; in the row directly below the 6 P sts, pick up and K each of the 6 sts; K the second group of 10 sts — 26 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 15 rows.

Shape top

Work as given for left sleeve from ★ to ★★.

To make up right sleeve and sew on mitten

Make up as for left sleeve, adjusting position of the mitten as follows. Position the thumb directly opposite the underarm sleeve seam, so that it points directly away from the body.

Sleeve cuffs

[Make two alike]

Using blue begin at wrist edge and cast on 28 sts.

St-st 3 rows, for outer section.

Work picot edge

Next row: K2tog, (yrn, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for inner lining section.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside fold each piece at the picot edge and sew cast off edge in place, just below cast on edge. Catch row ends together. Place a cuff on each mitten, with cast on edge of cuff level with cast on edge of sleeve. Sew cuffs in place.

To sew sleeves in place

Pin sleeves to sides of body as before. Sew curved top edges of sleeves in place.

COLLAR

Begin at neck edge of the outer section and using white cast on 54 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K6, (inc in next st, K5) to end — 62 sts.

Beginning with a P row st-st 2 rows.

Work picot row

Next row: K2, (yrn, K2tog) to last 2 sts, K2 — 62 sts.

Beginning with a K row st-st 3 rows.

Work lower picot edge

Next row: K2tog, (yrn, K2tog) to end — 61 sts.

Beginning with a K row st-st 6 rows for inner lining section.

Next row: K5, (K2tog, K5) to end — 53 sts.
P 1 row, then cast off.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, fold the piece at the lower picot edge and pin cast off edge in position just below cast on edge. Sew in place as pinned. Place collar around the neck and catch row ends together. With this seam at centre back, catch collar to neck.

NECK BOW

Using royal blue, make a 22cm [8³/₄in] single twisted cord and knot both ends. Tie it in a bow.

Bobbles

[Make two]

Using white cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends of each bobble together. Stuff firmly then gather round cast on sts. Push one knotted end of the cord inside the bobble, pull up gathering yarn tightly and fasten off. Repeat with other bobble.

Sew bow to collar at centre front.

TIN OF FROST

The tin

Begin at inside top edge and using light yellow cast on 30 sts.

K 1 row.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for top edge rim of the tin.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 12 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for lower edge rim of tin.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Shape base

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. Turn wrong side out. Fold the first knitted row down and catch cast on edge in place. Turn right side out. Cut a 4.5cm [1³/₄in] diameter circle of cardboard and push it inside the tin, flat against the base. Stuff tin, taking care to keep it the same size as the base.

The frost

Begin at outer edge and using white cast on 30 sts.

Beginning with a P row st-st 4 rows.



Next row: (P1, P2tog) to end — 20 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Oversew the row ends together. Gather round the cast on edge. Cut a 4cm [1¹/₂in] diameter circle of cardboard and place it on P side of the knitted piece. Pull up gathers tightly, enclosing the circle. Fasten off. With the B & T side uppermost, push this piece inside the tin so that it is just underneath cast on edge of the tin. Catch frost piece to tin where they touch.

The handle

Using light yellow cast on 26 sts and st-st 3 rows.

Cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather up each set of row ends tightly and fasten off. Sew these ends to sides of tin near to top.

To sew tin in place

Pin handle to left-hand mitten between hand and thumb as illustrated. Sew in place as pinned.

PAINT BRUSH

The handle

Begin at top end and using light yellow cast on 6 sts loosely.

St-st 4 rows.

Next row: K1, m1, (K2, m1) twice, K1 — 9 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

St-st 13 rows, then B & T tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. Cut a 6cm [2¹/₂in] length off the 5mm [1/4in] diameter plastic drinking straw and push it inside the knitted piece.

The bristles

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 6 sts loosely.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K1, (m1, K1) to end — 11 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) 3 times, K3 — 8 sts.

Next row: P2, (P2tog) twice, P2 — 6 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: P1, (P2tog) twice, P1 — 4 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) twice — 2 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew to handle

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together, then stuff. Pin the cast on edge to cast on edge of handle, then sew in place.

Secure a length of light grey yarn at base of the bristles piece. Wind it tightly round and round the handle to cover a 1cm [3/8in] section, then wind back again to starting point. Fasten off, then sew yarn end into handle.

To sew paint brush in place

Pin brush handle to right-hand mitten between 'first finger' and thumb as illustrated. Sew in place as pinned.



The Pixie Patch

Pixies at the bottom of a snowy garden – what fun! Knit these delightful characters as soft toys, or create a seasonal display just like mine in the illustration. You only need a roll of cotton wool and some twigs and leaves from your garden or the countryside. Placing the pixies amongst this life-size greenery makes them look very small and very sweet – just as we would like them to be.

Measurements: Each pixie measures 15cm [6in] in height, including the hat. The plant pot is 7cm [2¾in] high.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Stuffing: 70g [2½oz] will make all the items illustrated.

Yarn requirements for all the items illustrated: 40g [1½oz] of red, 30g [1oz] of white, 20g [¾oz] of tan and light pink.

Oddments of orange, black, light green, green, brown, yellow, gold, light turquoise and turquoise.

Other materials: Red and grey sewing thread for the mouth stitches. One 3mm [⅛in] diameter plastic drinking straw. Thick flexible paper, such as cartridge paper.

Note: the BASIC PIXIE instructions are given first. The colours used for the individual pixies are given after the basic instructions.

BASIC PIXIE

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD

Right leg

Begin at lower edge and using white for all the pixies cast on 7 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc in first 6 sts, K1 — 13 sts.

Break off white and join on red for all the pixies.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 11 rows ★.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Left leg

Work as given for right leg as far as ★.

Body and head

Mark each end of next row with a coloured thread.

With right side of st-st facing, K across the 13 sts of left leg on the knitting needle, then across the 13 sts of right leg on the spare needle — 26 sts.

St-st 9 rows.

Shape sides

Next row: K5, (K2tog) twice, K8, (K2tog) twice, K5 — 22 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K4, (K2tog) twice, K6, (K2tog) twice, K4 — 18 sts.

Break off red and join on light pink or colour required for head.

P 1 row.

Inc for head

Next row: K4, inc in next 10 sts, K4 — 28 sts.

St-st 15 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a coloured thread.

Shape top of head

1st row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 19 sts.

2nd row: P.

3rd row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Join row ends from the coloured threads to the B & T sts, leaving a 3cm [1¼in] gap in seam near top of the head. Join the row ends of each leg from the coloured threads to the cast on edge. Gather round cast on sts of each leg, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Turn right side out. Stuff each leg to measure 6cm [2½in] around. Stuff body to measure 12cm [4¾in] around at the 'waist'. Stuff neck and head. Head should measure 14cm [5½in] around at centre, neck should be slightly narrower than body and head. Close gap in seam.

To shape the neck, use matching yarn to gather round the last knitted row of red on the body. Pull up gathers tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew yarn ends into neck.

FACE

Note: When working the facial stitches start and fasten off the ends of yarn at top of the head where they will be hidden by the hat.

The coloured thread marks centre of the face.

Eyes

Mark the centre of the face with a pin. Mark the eye positions with pins, 10 knitted rows above the head inc row, leaving 1½ clear knitted sts to the left and right of the centre pin.

To work one eye use black yarn and bring sewing needle and yarn out at one marked position. Pass needle through face 1 knitted row directly below first position, then bring it out at first position. Pull yarn through to complete one back-stitch.

Work one more back-stitch in same way, then pass needle through base of the eye and fasten off. Repeat with the other eye.

Mouth

Mark lower end of mouth at centre of face with a pin, 5 knitted rows above the head inc row. Use two strands of pink sewing thread to work a V-shape for mouth, each stitch 1 knitted st wide and 1 knitted row deep.

Nose

Use red pencil to mark a small dot for nose at centre of face, just below lower end of the eyes. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

EARS

Using yarn to match face, make and sew in place as given for the SNOW PIXIE, page 29.

BOOTS

[Make two alike]

Note: For the 'm1' abbreviations which follow, refer to page 2 'Special abbreviations'.

Begin at top edge and using colour required cast on 14 sts loosely.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K5, m1, K4, m1, K5 — 16 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K5, (m1, K1) twice, K2, (K1, m1) twice, K5 — 20 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 — 18 sts.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew row ends of each boot together, then oversew across cast off sts. Turn right side out. Stuff toes of boots, then put a little stuffing in remaining section. Push lower white ends of legs inside the boots, turning boots slightly away from each other. Pin cast on edges of boots to the first knitted row of red on each leg. Sew in place as pinned.

BOOT TOP PIECES

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using colour required cast on 16 sts loosely.

K 1 row, then cast off, for top edge.

To sew in place

Place cast off edge of each boot top piece around legs just above top edges of boots. Catch row ends together at backs of legs. Sew cast off edges of boot top pieces to legs.

HAT

Begin at lower edge and using colour required for brim cast on 32 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K.

Break off yarn and join on colour required for hat.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 6 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Break off yarn and join on same colour as used for the hat brim, for the hat bobble.

St-st 6 rows, then B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Stuff bobble, then gather round the first knitted row of the bobble colour using matching yarn. Pull up tightly and knot, then wind yarn once around gathers and knot again. Sew yarn ends into bobble. Stuff hat lightly, but do not stuff the top straight section.

Place hat on the pixie's head with seam at centre back. Lower edge at back should be 1.5cm [5/8in] above neck. Centre front edge should be two knitted rows above tops of the eyes. Pin hat brim to head as described. Make two small loops of brown yarn and push them inside hat brim at centre front for the forehead fringe as illustrated. Now sew cast on edge of hat in place. Fold down the straight section at one side of the head and catch bobble to hat.

ARMS

[Make two alike]

Begin at end of hand and using colour to match head cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Break off yarn and join on red for the sleeve.

St-st 10 rows.

Cast off loosely P wise.

To make up and sew in place

Join row ends of each arm. Note that this will be the underarm seam when sewing in place. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff to measure 5cm [2in] around.

Pin the open cast off edges to sides of the pixie, 5mm [1/4in] below neck. Sew in place as pinned.

COLLAR

Begin at the inner lining section and using colour required cast on 24 sts.

K 1 row.

Work picot edge

Next row: K2tog, (yrn, K2tog) — 23 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows.

Cast off, for neck edge.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, fold up the cast on edge at the picot edge. Catch cast on edge in place. Put the collar around the neck and sew row ends together at centre back. Sew cast off edge to first knitted row of the head.

TUNIC SKIRT PIECE

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 34 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows.

Break off yarn and join on colour required for belt.

K 1 row, then cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Put the skirt piece on the pixie, with seam at centre back. The cast off edge should be level with the underarms. Sew cast off edge in place.

Use black for the belt buckle and work four small stitches at centre front of belt as illustrated.

PIXIE WITH THE GREEN HAT

Boots — use light green.

Boot top pieces — use green.

Hat — use light green for the brim, green for the hat, light green for the bobble.

Collar — use light green.

Tunic skirt belt — use green.

PIXIE WITH THE GOLD HAT

Boots — use yellow.

Boot top pieces — use gold.

Hat — use yellow for the brim, gold for the hat, yellow for the bobble.

Collar — use yellow.

Tunic skirt belt — use gold.

PIXIE WITH THE TURQUOISE HAT

Boots — use light turquoise.

Boot top pieces — use turquoise.

Hat — use light turquoise for the brim, turquoise for the hat, light turquoise for the bobble.

Collar — use light turquoise.

Tunic skirt belt — use turquoise.



THE PLANT POT

The basic paper shape

Note: Use paper which is thick but flexible, such as cartridge paper [drawing and watercolour paper].

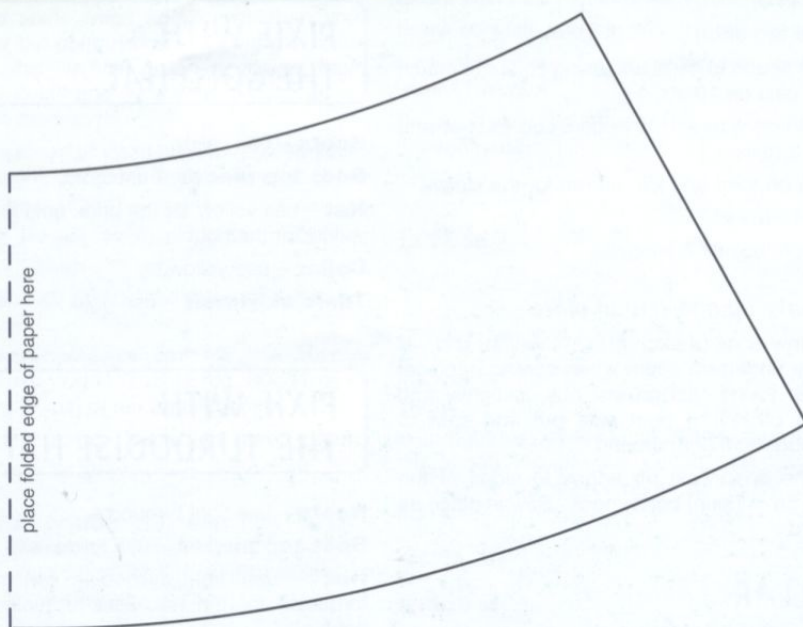
Trace the pattern off the page onto a piece of thin folded paper, placing fold to dotted edge indicated on the pattern. Cut out the pattern, then open it up and glue it to a piece of thin cardboard. Cut out the cardboard level with the edges of the paper pattern.

Using this pattern, draw around the edges onto the thick paper, then cut out the shape. Bring

the short straight edges together and overlap them 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in]. Secure straight edge with sticky tape.

Now cut another paper piece and overlap the short edges about 2.5cm [1in]. Place it inside the first piece and allow it to spring open to fit the inside of the first piece. Make sure that the top and bottom edges are level and the overlapped short edges are in a different position from the first piece. Secure the short end of the second piece with sticky tape. Repeat this twice more.

For the base cut two 4.5cm [$1\frac{3}{4}$ in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Glue this circle to base of the paper plant pot.



PLANT POT PATTERN

The knitted covering piece

Begin at top edge and using tan cast on 48 sts.

St-st 8 rows.

Next row: K5, (K2tog, K10) 3 times, K2tog, K5 — 44 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K4, (K2tog, K9) 3 times, K2tog, K4 — 40 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K4, (K2tog, K8) 3 times, K2tog, K4 — 36 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K3, (K2tog, K7) 3 times, K2tog, K4 — 32 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Shape base

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts.

5th row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Put a dab of glue on the B & T sts inside the knitted piece. Push the paper plant pot inside the knitted pot and make sure that the glued B & T sts are at centre of the cardboard base.

Spread a little glue on the outside of the paper pot at the top edge. Now pull up and press top edge of the knitted pot in place, with both edges level.

The plant pot rim

Begin at lower edge of the outer section and using tan cast on 54 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for top edge of the piece.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 6 rows for the inner section.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, oversee the row ends together. Place the piece on the plant pot, with the outer and inner sections in position and the two rows of reversed st-st at top edge of the pot. Pin the outer section to plant pot. Pull out the inner section and spread glue on the P side at the cast off edge. Turn inner section inside the pot again and press the glued edge in place. Sew cast on edge to the pot.

THE LARGE SNOWBALL

Using white cast on 13 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 26 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 39 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 23 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 26 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 13 sts.

B & T loosely.

To make up

Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Join row ends, then turn right side out. Stuff firmly to measure 21cm [8¼in] around. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

THE SNOW PIXIE

Refer to page 32, LITTLE SNOW FOLK for the following pieces.

Make the BASE PIECE and BODY AND HEAD in the same way as the BASIC FIGURE.

Work the FACE in same way, but use grey sewing thread for the mouth stitches, instead of red.

The hat

Begin at lower edge and using light green cast on 48 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K.

Break off light green and join on red. Now work as given for the SANTA HAT, page 34, from ★ to ★★, using light green for the bobble instead of white.

To make up

Oversew the row ends of hat together, then turn right side out. Stuff bobble, then gather round the last knitted row of red, pull up tightly and fasten off. Lay hat aside for now.

The ears

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 6 sts.

Beginning with a P row st-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends of each ear together. Oversew across cast on sts. Note that the folded edge is the front edge of each ear.

Pin the ears to sides of the head, with cast on edges just below level of lower edge of nose. Catch back of the ears to head, just below centre.

To sew on the hat

Place hat on the head with seam at centre back about 1cm [¾in] above the neck. The centre front lower edge should be 1cm [¾in] above the eyes. Sew cast on edge of hat to head. Fold down the top shaped section as illustrated and catch in place.

Arms

[Make two alike]

Begin at hand end of arm and using white cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 15 rows.

B & T loosely for top of arm.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew row ends of each arm together. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff very lightly. Pull up the B & T sts tightly and fasten off.

Pin the B & T ends of arms to sides of body, in line with centre of the neck shapings and 1cm [¾in] below the neck. Sew tops of arms in place as pinned. Catch lower ends of arms to the body.

Collar

Begin at the inner lining section and using yellow cast on 34 sts.

K 1 row.

Work picot edge

Next row: K2tog (yarn, K2tog) to end — 33 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows.

Cast off, for neck edge.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, fold up the cast on edge at the picot edge. Catch cast on edge in place. Place collar around the neck and catch row ends together. With this seam at centre back, catch collar to neck.

The Twig

Cut an 11cm [4¼in] length off a 3mm [⅛in] diameter plastic drinking straw for the main piece.

Cut the straw open down one side all along the length. Screw it up tightly several times to make it crooked and irregular in shape.

Using brown yarn, sew the yarn end into the straw about 1.5cm [⅝in] away from one end. Wind the yarn very tightly round and round the straw for 1cm [¾in] of the 1.5cm [⅝in] length. Fold this end over at centre of the 1cm [¾in] section, then continue winding the yarn round the straw to within 5mm [¼in] of the other end. Fold the straw end over as before, then wind yarn round to cover the last bit. Sew end of yarn into the straw.

For the forked piece cut a 7cm [2¾in] length off a 3mm [⅛in] diameter drinking straw.

Cover this piece in exactly the same way as given for the main piece. Fold the forked piece slightly off centre to form a V-shape. Sew through the straw at base of the V to hold in position. Sew this piece to top of the main piece.

To sew in place

Place the twig against the Snow Pixie's arm. Using brown yarn, catch the twig to the arm and body, taking the stitches around the twig and into arm and body.





Four Seasons Hats

These miniature creations are elegant enough to be displayed as ornaments on knitted hat stands, yet they can also be made as practical and pretty pin-cushions. Only oddments of yarn and stuffing are required, plus plastic drinking straws and a coin or metal washer for weighting the hat stand base. These hats are inexpensive and quick to make as gifts for friends and relatives – or just for yourself!

Measurement: Each hat brim is 10cm [4in] in diameter.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Stuffing: Only a small amount is required.

Yarn requirements: Oddments of white, yellow, light yellow, gold, light green, light pink, pink, red and green.

Other materials required for the hat stands: Three 5mm [1/4in] diameter plastic drinking straws for each stand. A coin or metal washer, about 2.5cm [1in] in diameter, for weighting the base of each stand. In the UK, a 2p piece is exactly the right size.

Note: The pin-cushion hats are ideal for large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins – the kind which I recommend for use in knitted toy-making.

THE BASIC HAT

The cardboard brim

For the hat brim cut a 9cm [3 1/2in] diameter circle of cardboard. If you are making a hat on a hat stand, cut a 1.5cm [5/8in] diameter circle out of the centre of the hat brim circle.

Now cut a 9cm [3 1/2in] diameter circle of white paper and cut a 4.5cm [1 3/4in] diameter circle out of the centre. Glue this piece onto the cardboard hat brim, with outer edges of both circles level. The inner edge of the paper circle is a guideline for gluing on the knitted brim piece.

The knitted brim piece

Using the colour required cast on 7 sts loosely. Note that first row is *right* side of the piece.

1st row: K6, turn.

2nd row: K to end.

3rd and 4th row: K.

Repeat these 4 rows 31 more times, then rows 1 to 3 once.

Cast off loosely.

To make up and glue in place

On wrong side of the piece, oversew the cast on and cast off edges together, to form a circle.

Spread a little glue on the inner circle edge of the white paper. Place the inner edge of the knitted brim on the glued section. The outer edge of the knitted brim should be slightly larger than the cardboard circle. Lift up the outer edge of the knitted brim and spread a little glue around outer edge of the cardboard circle. Press the knitted brim in place.

The hat crown

Using colour to match the hat brim, begin at underside of lower edge and cast on 22 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 33 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: P, to mark position for edge of cardboard circle.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts.

B & T loosely.

To make up and glue in place

Join the row ends then turn right side out. Cut a 5cm [2in] diameter circle of cardboard. If you are making a hat on a hat stand, cut a 1cm [3/8in] diameter circle out of the centre.

Ease the cardboard circle inside cast on edge of the crown piece. Begin stuffing the piece through the B & T sts until the P row is level with edge of the cardboard circle. Now run a gathering thread round the cast on sts. Draw up gathers just tight enough to prevent the cast on edge stretching then fasten off. Finish stuffing the crown piece to a firm domed shape. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

Carefully spread glue around outer edge of the hat crown base, within the P row. Place the crown centrally on the brim piece matching the

seams, then press in position. Push pins horizontally through both pieces and leave until the glue is dry.

The hat band

Using colour required begin at top edge and cast on 38 sts.

St-st 3 rows, then cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, oversee the row ends together. Place on the hat, with lower cast off edge level with the brim and with the seam in same position as the hat seams. Sew the cast on edge in place.

The hat band bow

Using colour to match band cast on 20 sts.

St-st 3 rows, then cast off.

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Bring the seam to centre of the piece. Using matching yarn wind it tightly three or four times around the centre. Fasten off. Glue centre of bow to hat band seam at centre back of hat. Push pins through bow and into hat and leave until dry.

To neaten the cardboard brim

If desired, glue a circle of paper to underside of the cardboard brim, in a colour to match the knitted brim. Cut a circle out of the centre if the hat is to be displayed on a hat stand.

THE BASIC HAT STAND

The pole

Cut a 10cm [4in] length off each of the plastic straws, taking care not to use the 'bendy' sections. Cut two of the straws open along the length. Push one of these inside the whole straw, then repeat with the remaining straw.

To cover the straw piece use colour required and sew yarn end into one end of the straw. Wind the yarn closely round and round the straw to cover it, working toward the other end. Secure end of yarn as before.

The base

This is made from two knitted pieces.

For the first knitted piece use colour to match the pole, begin at lower edge and cast on 60 sts. St-st 4 rows, then cast off P wise.

Glue one short end of the knitted strip to the pole at one end, with cast on edge level with end of the pole. Now wind the knitted strip round and round the pole, keeping the cast on edge sts level. Pin the other short end in place. This base piece should now measure about 3cm [1¼in] in diameter at cast on edge. Sew short end in place as pinned.

Cut a cardboard circle to fit the knitted base and glue it in place, then leave to dry. Glue the coin or metal washer centrally on the cardboard circle and leave to dry. Cut another same size cardboard circle and glue it to the coin or metal washer, keeping edges of first and second cardboard circles level.

For the second knitted piece use same colour as for the first piece and cast on 26 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Cast off, noting that cast off row is *right* side and also lower edge of the piece.

Place this piece around lower edge of the first base piece so that it covers the cardboard circles. Catch row ends together. Sew cast on edge to the first piece.

To fix the hat to the hat stand

Tease out and remove a little stuffing through the hole in the cardboard base of the crown. Now use the pointed end of a pencil to open up a channel in the stuffing for top end of the hat stand pole. Squeeze some glue into this channel. Spread glue on a 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] section at top of the hat stand pole.

Push the pole inside the hat channel. Angle the hat downward to display the decoration, as shown in the illustration, then leave to dry.

THE SPRING HAT

Use white for the brim and crown pieces, yellow for the hat band and the bow. For the hat stand use light yellow.

THE DECORATION

Make three flowers as follows.

Using gold cast on 12 sts.

K 1 row, then B & T tightly.

Catch the row ends of each flower together. Using white work three small stitches at the centre of each flower.

Make two ribbon loops as follows.

Using light green cast on 16 sts.

St-st 2 rows, then cast off P wise.

Catch the row ends of each ribbon together to form a loop.

To glue in place

Arrange the flowers and ribbon loops on the hat, referring to the illustration as a guide to positions. Pin ribbons in place. Remove flowers and glue oversewn ends of ribbons in position. Glue on the flowers. Push pins through all the pieces and into the hat and leave until glue dries.

THE SUMMER HAT

Use light green for the brim and crown pieces, light pink for the hat band and the bow. For the hat stand use light pink.

THE DECORATION

Make three roses as follows.

Using pink cast on 12 sts loosely.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts. Cast off, noting that cast off edge is *wrong* side.

Using tweezers, hold one short end of the piece, then roll it up with wrong side inside. Secure the rolled-up shape with a pin. Catch row ends in place, then sew across the rose through all thicknesses to secure the rolled-up shape. Gather round the outer cast on sts at base of the rose, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Make six leaves as follows.

Using green cast on 5 sts.

Cast off.

To glue in place

Arrange the roses and leaves on the hat referring to the illustration as a guide to positions. Glue the roses in place. Glue the leaves in place, tucking them in behind the roses. Push pins through all the pieces and into the hat and leave until glue dries.

THE AUTUMN HAT

Use yellow for the brim and crown pieces, red for the hat band and the bow. For the hat stand use light yellow.

THE DECORATION

Make three apples as follows.

Begin at lower edge and using light green cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversee the row ends together. Stuff the apple, gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off, but do not break yarn. Pass needle and yarn up through centre of apple to the B & T sts, then back again. Pull tightly to depress top of apple, then fasten off.

For the stalk, thread a length of brown yarn into a needle. Spread glue on a 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] length at other end of yarn. Roll this section between your finger and thumb until glue dries and yarn is tightly compressed. Pass needle through top of apple to come out at base. Pull yarn through until beginning of the glued section is just inside the apple. Fasten off yarn. Trim the glued stalk to about 3mm [$\frac{1}{8}$ in] in length.

Colour the apples here and there with a red pencil.

Make two ribbons as follows.

Using green cast on 12 sts.

Note that first row is *right* side.

K 1 row, then cast off.

To glue in place

Glue the apples to hat, side-by-side as illustrated. Glue one end of each ribbon to each side of the row of apples, leaving a 3mm [$\frac{1}{8}$ in] space between the ribbons and the apples. Glue the other ends of ribbons into these spaces.

Push pins through all the pieces and into the hat and leave until glue dries.

THE WINTER HAT

Use red for the brim and crown pieces, light green for the hat band and the bow. For the hat stand use white.

THE DECORATION

Make two feathers as follows.

Using white cast on 24 sts.

1st row: K3, (K1, winding yarn round needle three times) to last 3 sts, K3.



Next row: K3, (K1, dropping the two extra wound-round loops) to last 3 sts, K3 — 24 sts.

Next row: P7, (P2tog) 5 times, P7 — 19 sts.

Cast off, noting that cast off row is *right* side.

Fold the piece in half, bringing row ends together and with right side inside. Oversew across the cast off sts. Gather up the row ends tightly, then fasten off.

Make two holly leaves as follows.

Begin at pointed end of leaf and using green cast on 3 sts. Note that first row is *wrong* side.

1st row: Cast off 1 st; K into front, back and front of last st — 4 sts.

Next row: Cast off 1 st; P1; K into front, back and front of last st — 5 sts.

Shape edges of leaf

1st row: Cast off 2 sts; K1; K into front, back and front of last st — 5 sts.

2nd row: Cast off 2 sts; P1; K into front, back and front of last st — 5 sts.

Repeat these two rows once more, then first row once.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, K2tog — 2 sts.

B & T tightly.

Catch the two leaves together at the B & T ends.

Work the berries as follows.

Use red yarn to work two small stitches for each berry. Work seven berries at base of the leaves, where they are sewn together.

To glue in place

Arrange the feathers and holly on the hat, referring to the illustration as a guide to positions. Glue base of feathers in place, then holly at centre of the two feathers. Push pins through all the pieces and into the hat and leave until glue dries.

Little Snow Folk

These jolly little characters can be made as soft toys, stocking fillers or decorations which can be displayed every year for the festive season. Their accessories – stocking, cracker and holly wreath, can also be knitted up to decorate the Christmas tree.

Measurement: Each character measures 13cm [5in] in height, without the hat.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Stuffing: 100g [3³/₄oz] of stuffing will make all three characters and their accessories.

Yarn requirements to make all three characters: 80g [3oz] of white; 40g [1¹/₂oz] of red.

Oddments of orange, black, light green, yellow, green and turquoise.

Other materials: Red sewing thread for the mouth stitches.

BASIC FIGURE

BASE PIECE

Note: This is a flat circular knitted piece which fits inside the base of the body instead of a cardboard circle. With the addition of this piece the characters will stand up unsupported and they are also washable.

Begin at centre of the circle and using white cast on 12 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 36 sts.

Beginning with a P row st-st 3 rows.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows. This reversed st-st section is the outer rim of the piece.

Beginning with a K row st-st 3 rows.

Next row: (P1, P2tog) to end — 24 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 12 sts.

K 1 row, then B & T loosely.

To make up

Oversew row ends together. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff, keeping the shape fairly flat. Pull up the B & T sts tightly and fasten off.

Using a length of white yarn, sew through centre of the piece at both sets of gathered sts. Pull tightly to flatten the shape. Fasten off, then begin sewing back and forth through the piece, working in a spiral away from the centre and pulling yarn tightly each time. End this stitching just within the outer reversed st-st section. You should now have a firm flat circular piece tightly compressed within the outer rim.

Lay this piece aside for now.

BODY AND HEAD

Begin at underside of body and using white cast on 12 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 36 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 27 rows.

Dec for neck

Next row: K7, (K2tog) 3 times, K10, (K2tog) 3 times, K7 — 30 sts.

St-st 3 rows for the neck.

Inc for head

Next row: K7, inc in next 3 sts, K10, inc in next 3 sts, K7 — 36 sts.

St-st 19 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a coloured thread.

Shape top of head

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

5th row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Starting at this end, join the row ends to within 6cm [2½in] of the B & T sts. This seam will be at centre back of the snowman. Leave wrong side out.

Secure a double length of white yarn at centre of the gathered cast on sts. Pass needle and yarn through centre of the base piece. Pull yarn tightly so that base is secured to body piece, then fasten off. Turn body right side out, also pushing base piece through the gap in seam.

Stuff body to measure 20cm [8in] around at centre. Stuff neck, then head. Neck will be slightly narrower than the body. Begin to close the gap in seam, then add more stuffing if necessary, to make head the same size around as body. Finish closing gap in seam.

To shape the neck, wind a length of white yarn twice around at centre row of the neck. Pull ends very tightly and knot. Sew yarn ends into neck.

Thread a length of white yarn into a darning needle. Secure yarn at centre of the gathered cast on sts. Pass needle and yarn up through centre of body and bring it out at neck at centre back seam. Pull yarn tightly and fasten off. This depresses the base and stabilises the snowman.

FEET

[Make two alike]

Begin at toe end and using white cast on 11 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (inc in next st, K1) to end — 16 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Cast off tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends of each foot together. This seam runs underneath the foot. Bring this seam to centre of cast on edge, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out. Stuff lightly, then oversew across cast off sts, with oversewn row ends seam at centre.

Pin the cast off edges of feet to front of body, level with lower edge, leaving a 2cm [¾in] space between them. Sew in place as pinned. Catch upper surfaces of feet to body where they touch.

FACE

Note: When working the facial stitches, start

and fasten off ends of yarn at back or top of the head, where they will be hidden by the hat.

The coloured thread marks centre of the face.

Eyes

Mark the centre of face with a pin, 10 knitted rows below the first top of head shaping row. Remove the coloured thread.

Now mark eye positions with pins leaving 1½ clear knitted sts to the left and right of the centre pin. Use a length of black yarn to work small back-stitches for the eyes as follows.

Bring sewing needle and yarn out at one marked eye position. Pass needle through face 1 knitted row directly below first position, then bring it out at first position. Pull yarn through to complete one back-stitch. Repeat once more at same position.

Pass needle through lower end of eye and bring it out at back of head. Fasten off yarn. Work other eye in same way.

Mouth

Mark lower end of mouth with a pin at centre of face, 5 knitted rows above neck. Use two strands of red sewing thread to work a V-shape for the mouth, each stitch 1½ sts wide and 2 knitted rows deep. Work a small sloping stitch at one corner of the mouth.

Nose

Using orange cast on 4 sts, then B & T tightly.

Catch ends of cast on edge together. Sew cast on edge of nose to centre of face between lower edges of eyes.

Colour cheeks with red pencil.





SANTA HAT

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 48 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Break off white and join on red.

★ Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 12 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Shape top

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until 12 sts remain.

P 1 row.

Break off red and join on white for the bobble.

St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly ★★.

To make up and sew in place

First sew two loops of white yarn to the forehead to hang down just above the eyes. Oversew the row ends of hat together, then turn right side out. Stuff bobble, then gather round the last knitted row of red, pull up tightly and fasten off. Place hat on the head, with seam at centre back. Lower edge of the seam should be about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] above the neck. Centre front lower edge should be 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] above the eyes. Sew cast on edge of hat to head. Fold down the top shaped section as illustrated and catch in place.

ARMS

[Make two alike]

Begin at top of arm and using white cast on 12 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 20 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Join the row ends of each arm. These seams will be at the underarm position. Turn right side out and stuff to measure 5.5cm [$2\frac{1}{4}$ in] around at centre. Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Pin gathered cast on tops of arms to sides of body, in line with centre of the neck shapings and 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below neck. Sew tops of arms in place as pinned.

SCARF

Note: Use a different colour for each scarf — turquoise, yellow and light green. Use white for all the bobbles.

The scarf

Using colour required cast on 65 sts and st-st 4 rows.

Cast off, noting that P side of st-st is *right* side.

The bobbles

[Make two for each scarf]

Using white cast on 7 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

B & T tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends of each bobble together. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Gather row ends at each end of scarf tightly and fasten off, then sew on the bobbles.

Allow the scarf to curl up with cast on and cast off edges meeting, then tie it around the neck as illustrated.

THE ACCESSORIES

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

The stocking

Note: For the 'm1' abbreviation refer to 'Special abbreviations' on page 2.

Begin at lower edge and using light green cast on 13 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (m1, K1) to end — 25 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Shape foot

Next row: K8, (K2tog) twice, K1, (K2tog) twice, K8 — 21 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K6, (K2tog) twice, K1, (K2tog) twice, K6 — 17 sts.

St-st 9 rows.

Break off light green and join on green.

G-st 3 rows, then cast off.

To make up

Oversew row ends together. Oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out. Stuff stocking lightly.

The parcel

Using red cast on 10 sts.
St-st 15 rows, then cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. With this seam at centre of the piece, oversew across one set of row ends. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Oversew across the second set of row ends. This end of parcel fits inside the stocking.

Use a length of yellow yarn for the parcel 'string' and tie it around the knitted piece sewing yarn ends into parcel.

The gift bow

Use yellow yarn and cast on 10 sts. Break off yarn and thread end into a sewing needle. Now pass point of needle through the base of each st just above cast on edge, piercing through the yarn itself. Pull needle and yarn through, then carefully slip sts off the needle. Pull yarn tight and fasten off, catching cast on row ends together. Use the tail-ends of yarn to sew bow to the parcel as illustrated.

Push parcel just inside top of stocking and catch it in place, just inside the g-st edge of stocking.

To sew stocking in place

Pin ends of arms to the stocking as illustrated, then sew in place.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Begin at inner lining section at one end and using yellow cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: P, for outer edge fold line.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 21 rows.

Next row: P, for outer edge fold line.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

B & T tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside and beginning at the B & T end, oversew the row ends together for 3cm [1¼in] only. Now push the B & T end inside the knitted piece, folding it at the fold line.

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew the row ends together and push this end inside the knitted piece as given for the other end. Stuff centre of cracker lightly, taking care not to push out the folded-in end sections. Oversew remainder of row ends together.

Tie a length of yellow yarn tightly around cracker on each side of the stuffed section, just within the double end sections. Sew yarn ends into cracker.

For the centre band, secure a length of red yarn just to one side of centre. Wind yarn around cracker four times, then fasten off. Tie a strand of green yarn around centre of this band, then sew ends into cracker.

To sew cracker in place

Pin ends of arms to the cracker as illustrated, then sew in place.

HOLLY WREATH

Using green cast on 10 sts loosely. Note that first row is *right* side.

G-st 57 rows, slipping the first st on every row.

Cast off loosely.

To make up

With right side outside, oversew the row ends together. Stuff, pushing in stuffing at each end. Bring cast on and cast off edges together, matching ends of the oversewn seam. Oversew these edges together adding a little more stuffing if necessary.

Work one small stitch in red yarn for each berry. Work clusters of berries on the wreath as illustrated.

For the bow make a 20cm [8in] yellow twisted cord using two strands of yarn. Tie in a small bow at centre and sew through bow to secure. Knot the ends to same size as bow, then trim off excess length. Sew bow to the wreath at the cast on/cast off edge join.

To sew wreath in place

Pin ends of arms to the wreath as illustrated, then sew in place.

Christmas Napkin Rings

Why not create a pretty set of holly-trimmed napkin rings to delight your party guests at Christmas? They can be hand-washed, because the basic ring is a strip cut from a clear plastic mineral water or lemonade bottle. Only small amounts of yarn are required, so they can be knitted up for next-to-nothing.

Measurement: The finished ring measures 4cm [1½in] in diameter at the inner edge.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Yarn requirements: 30g [1oz] of white yarn should make five to six napkin rings.

Small oddments of green and red.

THE BASIC RING

You will need a large plastic bottle, the flexible type which contains mineral water or soft drinks. The measurement around the bottle should be about 30cm [12in] or larger. The bottle should also be plain, without any ridges or indentations.

Rinse out the bottle and remove the paper label. Cut away the shaped areas at the top

and bottom of the bottle with scissors. This leaves a tube-shaped piece. Cut through one side of the bottle, wipe the plastic dry then lay this piece flat on a table, with the outer surface of the bottle uppermost. Place a weight on it meantime to keep it flat.

Now use a ruler and the point of a darning needle to score a line across the full width of the piece, following the *curve* of the bottle.

Score another line in the same way, 2cm [¾in] away from the first line. Cut out the strip along the score lines.

Roll up the strip to form a circle measuring 4.5cm [1¾in] across the diameter. Secure end of the strip with sticky tape on the outside, then on the inside.

THE KNITTED COVERING PIECE

Using white cast on 12 sts loosely. Note that first row is *right* side.

Work in g-st until the strip measures 14cm [5½in], ending with wrong side facing.

Cast off loosely.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together and leave wrong side out. Push the knitted piece inside the plastic ring, to cover the inside, then turn the remaining section over onto the outside of the ring. Bring the row ends together at one edge of the ring. Oversew them together.

Now ease the oversewn seam away from the edge, turning it to the inside of the ring until it is at the centre.

THE HOLLY

Make the leaves and berries as given for MR TWIZZLE, THE SNOWMAN page 16.

Pin the leaves and berries to the napkin ring as illustrated, at position of the cast on/cast off edge seam. Sew in place as pinned.





Party Place Markers

Here is a novel idea for Christmas dinner, or a party at any time of the year. These miniature Santa sacks double as party favours and place markers and they couldn't be simpler to make.

For a children's party make them as lucky bags

stuffed with sweet treats and party blowers, then add a lollipop or candy stick with each child's name on it. For your grown-up guests fill them with after dinner mints or liqueur chocolates and add a paper 'parcel' with each guest's name.

Unwrapped sweets can be tied up in a square of cellophane before popping them inside the bag.

You could also include small hand-printed slips of paper – jokes and riddles for the children and puzzles and fortunes for the adults.

Measurement: The sack is 8cm [3in] square.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Yarn requirements: 30g [1oz] of yarn should make three to four sacks.

Small oddment for the draw-string.

THE SACK

Using the colour required cast on 22 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, work in st-st until the piece measures 15cm [6in], ending with a K row.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

To make up

Fold the sack, bringing cast on and cast off

edges together. Oversew the row ends together at each side, then turn right side out.

THE DRAW-STRING

Using colour required, make a 28cm [11in] single twisted cord.

Thread the folded end into a blunt-ended sewing needle with a large eye. Starting next to one side seam just below the g-st section, weave the cord in and out at about 3 st intervals. Continue until you arrive back at the beginning, next to the other end of cord. Knot the folded end of the cord and trim.

Now cut two 2.5cm by 6cm [1in by 2½in] strips of cardboard and glue them together. Round off the short ends. Place this piece inside base of the sack, to stabilise it when it is full.

THE PARCEL PLACE MARKER

Cut a 2.5cm by 6cm [1in by 2½in] piece of white card, about postcard thickness. Round off the corners.

Use a coloured pen or pencil to mark on the parcel 'string' as illustrated. Write the guest's name in one corner with a coloured pen or pencil.

Fill the sack with contents, then pull up the ends of the draw-string cord, leaving enough space for the paper parcel. Tie cord ends in a bow. Push 'parcel' inside top of the sack.



Little Donkey

The most often requested item in our post bag is for a donkey, to complete the Christmas Crib in our Christmas Special booklet. Well here he is! And the pattern couldn't be simpler, there are no complicated gussets or awkward pieces to fit together. The body, neck and head are worked in one piece and the legs are stiffened with plastic drinking straws so that Little Donkey stands up unsupported. If you haven't already seen Christmas Special it is still available, so you will be able to make all the other figures and complete the scene.

Measurements: With head lowered as shown in the illustration, the donkey is 12cm [4³/₄in] in height to top of his head. From nose to tail he measures 15cm [6in] in length.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Stuffing: Only a small amount of stuffing is required.

Yarn requirements: 30g [1oz] of grey, plus oddments of cream, dark grey and black.

Other materials: You will need six 5mm [1/4in] diameter plastic drinking straws.

BODY, NECK AND HEAD

Begin at back of body and using grey cast on 13 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 26 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (inc in next st, K1) to last st, K1 — 38 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 7 rows.

Begin back body shaping

1st row: K5, K2tog, K to last 7 sts, K2tog, K5 — 36 sts.

2nd row: P.

Repeat these two rows twice more — 32 sts.

Next row: K5, inc in next st, K to last 7 sts, inc in next st, K6 — 34 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: P10, (P1, P2tog) twice, P2, (P2tog, P1) twice, P10 — 30 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K5, inc in next st, K5, (K1, inc in next st) twice, (inc in next st, K1) twice, K4, inc in next st, K6 — 36 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K5, inc in next st, K to last 7 sts, inc in next st, K6 — 38 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Begin front body, neck and head shaping

Next row: (K2tog) 5 times, K6, inc in next 6 sts, K6, (K2tog) 5 times — 34 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) 5 times, K4, inc in next 6 sts, K4, (K2tog) 5 times — 30 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) 5 times, K2, inc in next 6 sts, K2, (K2tog) 5 times — 26 sts.

St-st 5 rows.





Shape under-head section

Next row: Inc in first 3 sts, (K2tog) 4 times, K4, (K2tog) 4 times, inc in last 3 sts — 24 sts.

St-st 3 rows, marking centre of the second row with a coloured thread.

Shape nose

1st row: K2tog, K2, (K2tog) 8 times, K2, K2tog — 14 sts.

2nd row: P.

3rd row: K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog — 12 sts.

4th row: P2tog, P to last 2 sts, P2tog — 10 sts.

K 1 row.

Break off grey and join on cream.

St-st 4 rows, then B & T tightly.

To make up

Fold the cast on edge in half, bringing the row ends together. Oversew across the cast on sts. Oversew the row ends together, leaving a 3cm [1¼in] gap in seam at centre of the body section. Turn right side out. The oversewn seam will run underneath the body, neck and head.

Stuff head firmly, to measure 12cm [4¾in] around at the forehead/cheek section. Stuff neck, then stuff body firmly. The body should measure 17cm [6¾in] around at back and front sections and slightly narrower at the centre section, as shown in the illustration. Oversew the gap in seam.

The eyes

Before working the facial stitches, refer to page 2, 'Working embroidered stitches'. The coloured thread marks centre of the face. With head upside down, mark positions of the eyes with pins, leaving 2 clear knitted sts to the left and right of marked centre. Turn head right side up.

Use black yarn for the eyes. Bring needle and yarn out at one marked position. Pass needle through face 1 knitted row directly below first position, then bring it out at first position. Pull yarn through to complete one back-stitch. Pass needle through base of the eye and fasten off yarn. Work other eye in same way.

The nostrils

Use grey yarn for the nostrils. Turn head upside down as before. Mark nostril positions with pins in the second knitted row of cream, leaving 1½ clear sts to left and right of marked centre of face. Turn head right side up. Starting at each marked position work a small stitch sloping in and downward toward end of nose, half a knitted st wide. Fasten off yarn.

EARS

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using grey cast on 6 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 4 rows.

Next row: P2, P2tog, P2 — 5 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K1; slip 1, K2tog, psso; K1 — 3 sts.

P 1 row, then B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Using matching yarn and a sewing needle with a rounded point, oversew around the row end sts of each ear, taking half a st in each oversewn stitch. With P side of ear piece inside, fold cast on edge in half and oversew across the cast on sts.

Pin these edges to centre top of head as follows. Place folded edges of ears level with the last set of inc sts and leave 2 clear knitted sts between the ears. Sew in place as pinned.

MANE

Using dark grey cast on 14 sts.

Note that first row is *right side*.

1st row: K1, (K1, winding yarn around needle 3 times) to last st, K1.

Next [cast off] row: K1, (K1, letting the extra 2 wound-round strands drop; pass first st over second st, thus casting it off) to last st, K1; then cast off last 2 sts.

To make up and sew in place

With right side outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Carefully snip through centre of all the loops. Use a comb to gently separate the ends of yarn into single strands. Next use the point of a sewing needle to tease into finer strands. Trim off any uneven lengths.

Pin one end of the mane to forehead about 1cm [¾in] in front of the ears. Pass mane between the ears and pin other end in place. Sew cast on/cast off edge in place.

TAIL

Begin at top edge and using grey cast on 4 sts loosely.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 11 rows.

Next row: Inc in first st, K1, inc in next st, K1 — 6 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: Inc in first st, K3, inc in next st, K1 — 8 sts.

P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 4 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 2 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside and starting at the B & T sts, oversew the row ends together for 4cm [1½in]. Stuff this section lightly, then continue oversewing the row ends together. This seam will be against the body when sewing the tail in place. With the oversewn seam at centre of cast on edge, oversew across the cast on sts. Sew cast on edge of tail to back of body at top of cast on edge seam. Catch tail to body about 2cm [¾in] below top edge.

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BACK LEGS

[Make one of the following pieces for each leg]

Begin at top edge and using grey cast on 13 sts loosely.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Dec to shape leg

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 9 sts.

St-st 12 rows.

Break off grey and join on dark grey.

P 1 row.

Inc for hoof

Next row: K1, (inc in next st, K1) to end — 13 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K, for outer edge of base of hoof. B & T tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends of each leg together. This seam will be at the inside leg position.

If you are using drinking straws with a bendy section, discard the bendy pieces and use only the straight sections. For each leg cut three

6cm [2³/₈in] lengths of 5mm [1/4in] diameter plastic drinking straw. Cut two of the straw pieces open down one side all along the length. Slide one over the outside of the whole straw. Slide the remaining straw over the outside of the other two straws. This triple thickness strengthens the straws and also enlarges the diameter. Push the straws inside the legs ★.

Right back leg stuffing

With the leg right side up, place the oversewn seam at centre of cast on edge and facing toward you. Now push the straw to the right-hand side of the leg. Stuff shaped top of leg at the left-hand side of the straw.

Left back leg stuffing

Work as given for right back leg, but reverse position of the stuffing.

To sew both legs in place

Pin the open cast on edges of legs to underbody at back as follows. First pin the inside leg seam top edges close together, on either side of the oversewn body seam. Pin outer edges in place just where they now touch the underbody. Check that legs are parallel and not splayed apart, then sew in place.

FRONT LEGS

[Make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using grey cast on 10 sts loosely.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Dec to shape leg

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K2) to end — 8 sts.

St-st 10 rows.

Break off grey and join on dark grey.

P 1 row.

Inc for hoof

Next row: Inc in first st, (K1, inc in next st) to last st, K1 — 12 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K, for outer edge of base of hoof. B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Make up as given for back legs as far as ★, using 5.5cm [2 1/4in] lengths of straw instead of 6cm [2 3/8in] lengths.

Stuff shaped tops of legs lightly all around the straw, using tweezers to push in the stuffing. Pin, then sew open top edges of legs to underbody at front, in the same way as given for back legs.



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