

Jean Greenhowe's Knitted Hedgehogs

Treasured Memory Keepsakes
For Every Occasion



Notes

Here is a collection of eight charming knitted hedgehogs to make as unique keepsake gifts for every occasion. Each character stands 26cm [10 1/4in] in height and comes complete with a gift tag for recording commemorative details such as names and dates, as well as your own good wishes.

There is a list of special events for which greetings cards are produced and I have also made suggestions in the individual hedgehog instructions. But don't limit your good wishes to the conventions of greetings cards — some of these characters are so versatile that you can personalise them to suit any unusual requirement. You might wish to say 'Thank you for taking care of the budge', or, 'Congratulations, you learned to swim'. And these adorable hedgehogs provide the perfect answer. Have fun!

Happy knitting!

Jean



Measurement

The basic hedgehog with shoes attached measures 26cm [10 1/4in] in height.

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 character 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.

Stuffing required

You will need: 140g [5oz] of good quality washable stuffing for each character.

Knitting needles

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

These knitting needles should be used throughout the instructions unless otherwise stated.

A pair of 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.
A pair of 6 1/2mm [No 3, USA 10 1/2] knitting needles.

Other materials required

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.

An ordinary black pencil for marking the sooty smudges on the Chimney Sweep.

A brown pencil for marking the Town Crier's gift tag and Postman's label.

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. You will also need thinner, flexible card, about postcard thickness for the Town Crier's gift tag.

Glue, suitable for sticking cardboard.

Plastic drinking straws

You will need ordinary plastic drinking straws which are about 3mm [1/8in] in diameter.

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.

ym = 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 needle 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 yarn loosely up side of 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.

Working embroidered stitches

To work any embroidered stitches on a stuffed item 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 item, 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 item to come out at a position between the knitted sts. Pass needle back through item 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.

Use the same method when a double twisted cord is specified, but use a double length of yarn four times as long as the measurement required.

Blocking the knitted pieces

Block the Postman's jacket body piece and the Town Crier's coat body piece as follows.

First soak the piece in warm water. Place flat on a towel and press gently to remove excess water. With P side uppermost pin the piece to an ironing board around all the edges. Leave to dry, then make up as given in the individual instructions.

Toy safety guidelines

The hedgehog characters in this booklet have been specifically designed as ornamental keepsakes to commemorate special occasions. They have some components which are not meant to withstand rough handling and are therefore unsuitable as playthings for babies and very young children.

FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS

The legs and body of each character are knitted from the ankles upward, ending at the neck edge. The shoes, head, arms, hands and all other pieces are worked separately and then sewn to the legs and body piece.

Begin by referring to the instructions for the character you wish to make. It is important to make and add the pieces in the order stated in the individual instructions for each character. After making any item from the **BASIC** instructions given on pages 3, 4, 5 and 6, always refer back to the individual character instructions to check which item comes next. In this way you will avoid any awkward situations during the making-up process.

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

Left leg

Work as given for right leg as far as ★.

★ ★ Lower body

Note: Mark each end of next row with a coloured thread and continue in colour or colours stated in the individual instructions.

With right side of work 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 15 rows for lower body.

Upper body

If necessary, break off yarn used for lower body and join on colour required for upper body.

St-st 2 rows.

Shape sides

Next row: K10, (K2tog) 5 times, K20, (K2tog) 5 times, K10 — 50 sts.

St-st 7 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a coloured thread, to indicate centre front of body.

Next row: K9, (K2tog) 4 times, K16, (K2tog) 4 times, K9 — 42 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Dec for neck edge

Next row: K1, (K2, K2tog) 5 times, (K2tog, K2) 5 times, K1 — 32 sts.

Cast off.

To make up basic legs and body

Join row ends of lower and upper body, starting at the coloured threads and ending 2.5cm [1in] below the cast off neck edge. This seam will be at centre back.

Join row ends of each leg, but do not close the cast on sts.

BASIC SHOES

[Make two alike]

Begin at sole of shoe.

Using colour required cast on 24 sts.

Mark centre of cast on edge with a coloured thread.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: Inc in first st, (K1, inc in next st) to last st, K1 — 36 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, m1) twice, K11, (m1, K1) 5 times, (K1, m1) 5 times, K11, (m1, K1) twice — 50 sts.

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

Begin toe shaping

1st row: K31 sts, turn.

2nd row: Slip first st P wise, P11, turn.

3rd row: Slip first st K wise, K to end of all the sts on left-hand needle — 50 sts.

This completes the toe shaping.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K13, (K2tog) 12 times, K13 — 38 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K4, (K1, K2tog) 4 times, (K2tog, K2) 3 times, (K2tog, K1) 4 times, K4 — 27 sts.

Cast off.

To make up each shoe

Fold cast on edge at the coloured thread, then oversew across cast on sts.

Oversew row ends together. Turn right side out.

IMPORTANT NOTE

For the 'm1' abbreviations which are used **THROUGHOUT ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS**, refer to **Special abbreviations on page 2**.

BASIC LEGS AND BODY

Right leg

Begin at lower edge and using colour required cast on 13 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

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

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

Next row: K, to mark the ankle edge.

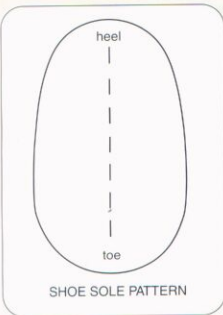
Begin leg section

Beginning with a K row and using colour or colours required, continue in st-st and work 2 rows.

Shape leg

Next row: K4, (m1, K6) 3 times, m1, K4 — 30 sts.

St-st 13 rows ★.



Trace the shoe sole pattern off the page. Cut two soles from cardboard and glue them together. Place sole inside the shoe, with centre dotted line shown on sole pattern in line with the cast on sts seam. Stuff shoes firmly.

To sew shoes to legs

Push the open cast on edges of legs inside the cast off edges of shoes. The ankle edge of each leg [the K row] should meet the cast off edge of each shoe and the shoes should be slightly angled away from each other. Pin cast off edges of shoes in place as described and as shown in the illustration on this page. Sew in place as pinned.

BASIC HEAD

Begin at end of nose and using light pink cast on 20 sts.

Mark each end of cast on edge with a coloured thread.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, m1) twice, K to last 2 sts, (m1, K1) twice — 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Begin nose shaping

1st row: K1, m1, K4, m1, K6, m1, K2, m1, K6, m1, K4, m1, K1 — 30 sts.



2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K7, m1, K6, m1, K4, m1, K6, m1, K7 — 34 sts.

5th row: K8, m1, (K6, m1) 3 times, K8 — 38 sts.

Work cast off section for bridge of nose

Next row: P16 sts, cast off 5 sts K wise, then break off yarn leaving a 40cm [16in] 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.

You now have two groups of 16 sts, separated by 6 sts cast off at the centre, which will form the bridge of the nose. With right side of work facing, rejoin the yarn to the first stitch on the knitting needle.

Next row: K the first group of 16 sts; in the row directly below the cast off section, pick up and K each of the 6 sts; K the second group of 16 sts — 38 sts.

P 1 row, marking the centre of row with a white thread on K side of work. This white thread is a guide to shaping the nose and positioning the eyes later on.

Shape head

1st row: K13, m1, K1, m1, K10, m1, K1, m1, K13 — 42 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K14, m1, K1, m1, K12, m1, K1, m1, K14 — 46 sts.

5th row: K15, m1, K1, m1, K14, m1, K1, m1, K15 — 50 sts.

7th row: K4, (m1, K2) 10 times, K2, (K2, m1) 10 times, K4 — 70 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 2 rows. Mark each end of the last row with a coloured thread, 2 knitted sts within the row ends. This is a guide for positioning the prickles piece later on.

St-st 7 more rows.

Next row: (K8, K2tog) to end — 63 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Shape back of head

1st row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 56 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 49 sts.

5th row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 42 sts.

7th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 35 sts.

9th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 28 sts.

11th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 21 sts.

13th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

15th row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up the head

At cast on end, fold cast on edge in half, bringing the coloured threads together. Starting at these threads, oversew across the cast on sts. Now oversee remainder of row

ends together, leaving a 4cm [1½in] gap at centre of seam for turning and stuffing. This seam will run underneath the head.

Turn head right side out. Stuff the back main portion of the head firmly, to make a rounded 'ball' shape. Pin the open edges of the seam together. The head should measure 30cm [12in] around at the fattest position [the 9 unshaped rows of st-st]. Unpin the seam, then stuff the nose firmly into shape. Oversew the gap in seam.

To mark the eye positions and shape bridge of nose

The white thread marks centre of the face. Mark eye positions with pins, leaving 3 clear knitted sts to left and right of the white thread [6 clear knitted sts between the pins].

Thread a darning needle with a length of yarn to match the head. Pass needle up through base of head and bring it out at one marked eye position. Pull yarn through, leaving a tail-end at base of head. Now pass needle and yarn back through head at the knitted row directly above first position, to come out at base of head. Pull, then knot ends of yarn very tightly to pull down the bridge of nose section at base of eye. Trim off ends of yarn.

Repeat with other eye position.

The eyes

Each eye is made from a knot tied at the centre of a length of black yarn.

For each eye cut a 40cm [16in] length of black yarn. Make a loose single knot at centre of the length of yarn as shown in Diagram A.

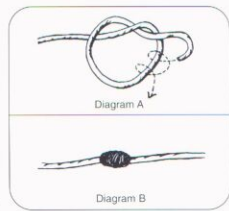
Now continue winding the yarn round as shown by the dotted line in Diagram A, until you have wound it round ten times altogether.

Now pull the ends of yarn to tighten the knot, thus making an oval-shaped eye as shown in Diagram B.

Note: When making the knots, they may vary slightly in size, so if necessary make several and choose two which match as closely as possible.

To sew in the eyes

Thread one end of black yarn into a darning needle. Pass the darning needle through head at one eye position as marked previously with the pin and bring needle and yarn out at back of head. Repeat with other end of yarn, passing it through head two knitted rows directly above the first position.



Pin the face edge row ends to the head as described above, then sew row ends in place.

The ears

[Make two alike]

Begin at front of ear and using yarn to match the head cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows, slipping first st on every row.

B & T tightly, for back of ear.

To make up and sew in place

Gather up the cast on sts tightly and fasten off. With right side of st-st outside fold each piece, bringing the B & T sts and gathered cast on sts together. Catch them together, then oversew the row ends together at each side. The row ends now form the lower edge of each ear.

Use red pencil to lightly colour the front of each ear as shown in the illustrations. Pin base of each ear to head, level with edge of the prickles piece, leaving a 5cm [2in] space between them. Sew in place as pinned.

To sew head to body

Pin base of head to cast off neck edge of the body. The face can be looking to the front, or turned slightly to one side. Sew neck edge of body to head and when you reach the section covered by the prickles piece, take the stitches right through it and into the head to secure.

BASIC FOREHEAD FRINGE

Note: Use a strand of fawn and a strand of brown yarn to match the prickles piece and work on 6½mm [No 3, USA 10½] knitting needles.

Begin at lower edge and cast on 9 sts.

Note that first row is *right side*.

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

B & T tightly.

To sew in place

Pin the row ends to centre top of forehead, level with edge of the prickles piece. Sew all edges in place.

BASIC TROUSER TURN-UPS

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using colour required cast on 34 sts.

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

Next row: P, to mark fold line at top edge of the turn-up.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows for the inner lining section.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. Fold the lining section to the inside of the piece, bringing the cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Place on the legs with



oversewn row ends seams in line with the seams at back of shoes. The oversewn cast on/cast off edges should rest on the shoes. Catch these lower edges to shoes.

BASIC BELT

Begin at top edge and using colour required cast on 60 sts.

St-st 4 rows, then cast off P wise.

To make up

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out. Place belt on the body with top edge covering the first knitted row of the upper body colour. Make sure the oversewn belt seam is at centre back. Sew cast on and cast off edges in place.

BASIC SLEEVES

[Make two alike]

Begin at wrist edge and using colour required cast on 24 sts.

Work 2 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Continue in colour or colours required.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 22 rows ★.

Shape top

1st row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts.

2nd row: (P2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Join the row ends, then turn right side out.

Note that the sleeve seam is the underarm seam when sewing to the body. Stuff the sleeves very lightly at the top and more firmly in the remaining section. The stuffed sleeve should measure 10cm [4in] around at the centre. Lay the sleeves aside until the hands are completed.

BASIC HANDS

The main piece

[Make two of the following pieces for each hand]

Pull ends of yarn so that the knot is tight against the face. Knot ends of yarn tightly and securely, then trim off excess length.

Repeat with other eye.

The nose

Use black yarn for all the characters, except the Clown. Use red yarn for the Clown. Cast on 12 sts, then B & T tightly.

Catch the row ends together with the B & T tail-end of the yarn, then use this to work oversewing stitches close together, all round edge of nose.

Stretch the nose, to make it slightly oval in shape. Pin centre of nose to face at top end of the oversewn cast on edge. The oval-shape should be in the horizontal position. Sew nose in place, using black sewing thread.

The mouth

Mark lower end of mouth position with a pin 2cm [¾in] below lower edge of nose.

Place two more pins 1cm [¾in] above the first pin, leaving a 2.5cm [1in] space between them. Using brown yarn, work two stitches to form a V-shape at position of pins.

To colour the cheeks

You will need a red colouring pencil, a nail file or emery board and a little cotton wool.

First rub the pencil lead on the nail file or emery board and shake the filings onto a piece of paper. Use the cotton wool to pick up the filings, then dab the cotton wool onto the paper to evenly distribute the filings and shake off any excess. Now carefully dab the cotton wool onto the cheek area. Continue in this way, gradually adding more colour if necessary.

The prickles piece

Notes: This is the 'hair' piece on each character. Work this piece on 6½mm [No 3, USA 10½] knitting needles, using a strand of fawn and a strand of brown yarn together. The knitted rows run from the face edge to back of head.

Cast on 12 sts and note that first row is *right side*.

1st row: K1, (P1, K1) 3 times, turn.

2nd row: K1, (P1, K1) to end.

3rd row: K1, (P1, K1) 4 times, turn.

4th row: K1, (P1, K1) to end.

5th row: K1, (P1, K1) 5 times, turn.

6th row: K1, (P1, K1) to end.

7th row: (K1, P1) to end — 12 sts.

8th row: (P1, K1) to end — 12 sts.

Repeat these 8 rows 7 more times, then rows 1 to 7 once.

Cast off in rib, beginning P1.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round the short set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out.

Pull the piece onto the back of the head, with oversewn seam running under the head. The face edge of the piece should be 2.5cm [1in] above tops of the eyes at front and level with the two coloured threads at base of the head.

Begin at wrist edge and using colour to match hand cast on 9 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 13 rows.

Begin working the fingers

★ **Next row:** K3 sts, turn.

Working on these 3 sts, st-st 2 rows.

B & T the 3 sts tightly ★★.

With K side of work facing, rejoin yarn to first of the remaining 6 sts.

Repeat from ★ to ★★.

With K side of work facing, rejoin yarn to first of the remaining 3 sts.

Repeat from ★ to ★★.

To make up

Take two pieces for one hand and sew in all the tail-ends of yarn on *one* of the pieces. Place the K sides of the two pieces together, matching all the edges. Now using the B & T lengths of yarn on each finger-tip, catch the finger-tips of both pieces together. Using the tail-ends of yarn, oversew the pieces together all round the edges, leaving the cast on wrist edges open. Turn right side out.

Stuff the fingers, then the hand section. The hand section should measure 9cm [3½in] around. Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

The thumb

[Make one of the following pieces for each hand]

Begin at base of thumb and using colour to match the hand cast on 6 sts loosely.

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

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew to hand

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. Stuff thumb, then pin the open cast on edge to one side seam of hand, below base of fingers. The oversewn thumb seam should be nearest to hand and level with base of fingers. Sew in place as pinned.

TO ASSEMBLE SLEEVES AND HANDS

Notes: If the character you are making has a collar, pin this up out of the way at each side of the neck, in order to pin on the sleeves. If the character has a jacket or coat body piece, pin the sleeves in place passing the pins through the jacket or coat piece and into the body.

Pin the B & T sts at top of one stuffed sleeve to one side of body, 1.5cm [½in] below the neck. Pin top of sleeve to body 1cm [¾in] on either side of the B & T sts.

This top section will be sewn in place later on.

To position the hands

The hands can be positioned in a variety of ways to achieve different poses for each character.

First push the wrist edge of one hand inside cast on edge of the sleeve (the one pinned to the body), as far as the base of thumb. The sleeve will now be covering the hand equally all round.

Now rotate the hand so that the thumb points in the direction required, as stated in the individual instructions for each character.

The hand can also be set into the sleeve at an angle, so that the sleeve covers more knitted sts on the upper surface of the hand. This will give the appearance of the 'wrist' bending away from the body.

When the required pose is achieved as given in the individual instructions, pin sleeve to hand.

To sew sleeve to hand

Remove the sleeve from the body and sew the cast on edge of sleeve to hand as pinned.

Note that if a sleeve cuff is required, this will be attached before sewing the sleeve to body. Refer to the individual instructions.

To sew sleeve to body

Pin the sleeve to body as before, then sew the top section in place as pinned. If the body has a jacket or coat body piece, take stitches through this piece and into the body, when sewing the sleeves in place. Catch underarm seam of sleeve to body 4cm [1½in] below the B & T sts.

BASIC CIRCULAR GIFT TAG

First cut a 5cm [2in] diameter circle of thin cardboard. Glue a 5cm [2in] diameter circle of white or coloured paper to each side of the cardboard circle. Lay this aside for now.

The knitted edging piece

Using the colour required cast on 30 sts.

Note that first row is *right side*.

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

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

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

Cast off.

To make up

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Ease the knitted piece onto the edge of the cardboard circle. Now use a pencil to lightly mark a line level with cast on edge on one side of the cardboard and cast off edge on other side. This will define the areas within which to write the greetings.

Remove the knitted piece. On one side of the cardboard piece write or print the required message or commemorative details. This side will face forward when the gift tag is sewn in place. On the reverse side of the cardboard write or print the sender's name and good wishes.

Rub out the light pencil marks. Place the knitted piece on the cardboard piece again and make sure that the oversewn seam is at centre top, in relation to the messages.

The top loop

Using the same colour as for the knitted edging piece, cast on 20 sts.

Cast off.

Sew the ends of the loop to top of gift tag, one end on each side, to cover the oversewn seam.

Refer to the individual instructions for sewing the gift tag in place.

BASIC HEART-SHAPED GIFT TAG

Trace the heart-shaped pattern off the page, then cut one piece from thin cardboard. Glue a heart-shaped piece of white or coloured paper to each side of the cardboard. Lay this aside for now.

The knitted edging piece

Using the colour required, work in the same way as given for the circular gift tag but instead of casting on 30 sts, cast on 36 sts *tightly*.

To make up

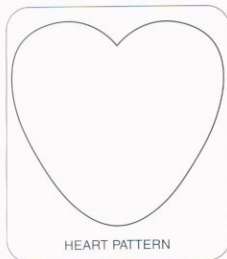
Make up in the same way as given for the circular gift tag and place the oversewn seam at centre top of the heart. When lightly marking on the heart-shaped area available for the messages, push the knitted piece into the depression at centre top of the heart.

The top loop

Before adding the top loop, lift the knitted piece away from one side of the cardboard at centre top of the heart. Put a dab of glue on the cardboard at centre top, then press the knitted piece in place. Repeat on the other side of the heart.

Add the knitted top loop as given for the circular gift tag.

Refer to the individual instructions for sewing the gift tag in place.



HEART PATTERN



Baby Girl and Boy Hedgehogs

Make either one as:-

A KEEPSAKE FOR A NEW BABY – give details of name, date and time of birth, weight etc on the gift tag.

CONGRATULATIONS GIFT – for a new baby's parents, grandparents or a new baby's older brother or sister.

A BABY'S CHRISTENING GIFT – give details of location, godparents etc on the gift tag.

A BABY'S FIRST BIRTHDAY GIFT.

Measurement: The basic hedgehog measures 26cm [10 1/4in] from soles of the shoes to top of the head.

Yarn requirements for the baby girl: 30g [1oz] of pink and white; 20g [3/4oz] of light pink.

Oddments of black, fawn, brown, yellow, light yellow and a deeper shade of pink than body colour.

Yarn requirements for the baby boy: 30g [1oz] of turquoise and white; 20g [3/4oz] of light pink.

Oddments of black, fawn, brown, yellow, light yellow and a deeper shade of turquoise than body colour.

Stuffing: You will need 140g [5oz] of stuffing for baby girl or boy.

NOTE

The baby girl and boy are worked in the same way except for differences in colour. The colours used for the girl are given first, followed by the boy's colours in [] brackets. Where only one colour is mentioned, this is used for both hedgehogs.

LEGS AND BODY

Make **BASIC LEGS AND BODY**, using pink (turquoise) throughout.

SHOES

Make **BASIC SHOES** using white.

ANKLE BANDS

[Make two]

Using white cast on 30 sts loosely. Noting that

first row is *right side*, work 16 rows in K1, P1 rib. Cast off loosely in rib.

To make up

Oversew the row ends of each band together and leave wrong side out.

Place bands on legs with cast off edges level with ankles and seams at centre back of shoes. Sew the cast off edges to shoes, just below ankle edges of legs. Turn down the bands to fold in half.

SHOE BOWS

Make an 18cm [7in] single twisted cord for each shoe, using the deeper shade of pink (turquoise) than the colour used for body.

At centre of each cord, tie a bow, making the bow loops quite small as shown in the illustration. Now knot the ends of cord to the same length as the bow loops. Trim off excess length of cord beyond the knots. Sew through bows to secure, then sew to centre tops of shoes next to the ankle bands.

HEAD

Make **BASIC HEAD**.

FOREHEAD FRINGE

Add **BASIC FOREHEAD FRINGE**.

SLEEVES

Make **BASIC SLEEVES** in colours as follows.

Cast on and work the two K1, P1 rib rows in pink (turquoise). Join on white and work 2 rows in white and 2 in pink (turquoise) alternately, to end of the sleeve instructions.

HANDS

Make **BASIC HANDS**.

ASSEMBLING SLEEVES AND HANDS

Refer to detailed instructions on page 6.

Point both thumbs toward the front of the body. Do not angle the wrists.

Sew the sleeves to hands and sleeves to body as given in basic instructions on page 6.

BIB

The main piece

Begin at neck edge and using white cast on 11 sts.

1st row: K2, (inc in next st, K2) to end — 14 sts.

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

Next row: K1, (K2tog) twice, K to last 5 sts, (K2tog) twice, K1 — 10 sts.

Next row: K, for lower edge fold line.

Next row: Inc in first 2 sts, K5, inc in next 2 sts, K1 — 14 sts.

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

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K2) to end — 11 sts. 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.

The bib edging piece

Begin at inner edge and using the deeper shade of pink (turquoise) cast on 32 sts.

Note that first row is *wrong* side.

1st row: K2, (ym, K2) to end — 47 sts.

K 1 row, then cast off.

To sew in place

Pin the cast on edge round side and lower edges of the bib. Sew in place as pinned.

The neck cord

Using colour to match bib edging piece, make a 38cm [15in] double twisted cord. Knot both ends of the cord. Sew top edge of the bib to centre of the cord.

The embroidered motif

The bib can be embroidered with any suitable motif for the required occasion. For example, the baby girl in the illustration is to commemorate a birth and the child's initial is worked on the bib. The baby boy celebrates a first birthday and the number one is worked on the bib. Work the details in short back-stitches, then oversew through each stitch.

To fix the bib in place

Tie the neck cord in a bow at the back of the neck, then sew through the bow to secure.

GIRL'S HAIR BOW

Make a 15cm [6in] double twisted cord, using the deeper shade of pink and knotting both ends of the cord. Tie in a bow and sew through bow to secure.

Sew to head just behind the forehead fringe.

GIFT TAG

Make the **BASIC HEART-SHAPED GIFT TAG** using yellow.

To sew in place

Pin the gift tag loop between thumb and first finger of one hand. Sew in place as pinned.

NOTES ABOUT THE ACCESSORIES

The soother and rattle are interchangeable between the boy and girl, so you can make the accessory of your choice. The soother can be hand-held or attached to the mouth as shown in the illustrations.

SOOTHER

The circular piece

Using yellow [light yellow for soother in the mouth] cast on 11 sts and P 1 row.

Next row: Inc in first 10 sts, K1 — 21 sts.

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

Next row: K, for outer edge of the piece.

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

Next row: P1, (P2tog) to end — 11 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off but do not break yarn. Pass needle and yarn through centre of gathered sts to the B & T sts, then back again. Pull tightly to flatten the piece then fasten off.

The top knob

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 8 sts.

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

B & T tightly.





To make up

With right side of st-st outside oversew row ends together. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts. Pull up gathers slightly, then fasten off. Sew the gathered cast on edge to centre of the circular piece.

The handle

Using white cast on 16 sts.
Beginning with a P row st-st 3 rows.
Cast off.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round each set of row ends, pull up tightly then fasten off. Sew these gathered ends to each side of the knob.

NOTES: This completes the soother if you are making a hedgehog with soother in the mouth. Pin centre of the circular piece to the lower end of the mouth. Sew in place as pinned. Continue as follows for the complete soother.

The mouth piece

Begin at narrow end and using light yellow cast on 6 sts.
St-st 4 rows.

Next row: K1, (m1, K1) to end — 11 sts.
St-st 3 rows.
B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Stuff the piece, then sew cast on edge to underside of the circular piece. Sew the handle between thumb and first finger of one hand, as shown in the illustration.

RATTLE TEETHING RING

The rattle piece

Begin at lower end and using yellow cast on 12 sts.

P 1 row.
Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.
Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 4 rows.
Break off yellow.

Join on white and st-st 5 rows.

Break off white and join on yellow.
St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 12 sts.
B & T tightly.

To make up

Join the row ends, then turn right side out. Stuff firmly. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly, then fasten off.

The teething ring piece

Using white cast on 26 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.
Cast off P wise.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Stuff firmly, pushing stuffing in through each set of row ends. Catch the row ends together to form a ring, with the oversewn seam at inner edge of the ring. Sew the ring to gathered cast on end of the rattle piece. Sew the ring between thumb and first finger of one hand, as shown in the illustration.

Chimney Sweep Hedgehog

Traditionally, chimney sweeps are said to bring luck and this one is bound to bring extra good fortune with a lucky red spider, horse shoe, four-leaf clover and white heather! Use the soot sack to hold a small gift or a special good luck token of your own, such as a lucky penny. Or, fill the sack with gold-wrapped chocolate coins for a delicious good luck treat.

Make the sweep as a good luck mascot for:-

AN ENGAGEMENT

A BRIDE AND GROOM

SITTING EXAMS - BALLET, MUSIC,

SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY ETC

TAKING A DRIVING TEST

STARTING A NEW ENTERPRISE OR VENTURE

A PERSON COMPETING IN SPORTS

A SPORTS TEAM

STARTING A NEW JOB

MOVING TO A NEW HOME

ENTERING A COMPETITION

A RETIREMENT GIFT

GOOD LUCK FOR A JOURNEY - BON VOYAGE

Measurement: The basic hedgehog measures 26cm [10 1/4in] from soles of the shoes to top of the head.

Yarn requirements: 40g [1 1/2oz] of dark grey; 20g [3/4oz] of fawn mixture or fawn, light green, light pink, black, grey and red.

Oddments of tan, fawn, brown, dark green, yellow, light grey, green and white.

Stuffing: You will need 140g [5oz] of stuffing.

Drinking straws: You will need twelve ordinary plastic drinking straws measuring about 3mm [1/8in] in diameter.

LEGS AND BODY

Make **BASIC LEGS AND BODY**, using fawn mixture [or fawn] for the legs and lower body and light green for the upper body.

SHOES

Make **BASIC SHOES** using tan.

HEAD

Make **BASIC HEAD**.

TROUSER TURN-UPS

Make **BASIC TROUSER TURN-UPS** using yarn to match legs and lower body.

BELT

Make **BASIC BELT** using dark green.

LUCKY HORSE SHOE BUCKLE

Using yellow cast on 15 sts.

Note that first row is *right side*.

G-st 3 rows, then cast off.

To make up and sew in place

With right side outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges together, pulling the stitches tightly to form the horse shoe shape. Oversew row ends together at each end. Split a length of black yarn to get a finer strand. Use this to work small stitches on the horse shoe for the nail holes, as shown in the illustration.

Sew the buckle to belt at centre front.

SLEEVES

Make **BASIC SLEEVES** using light green to match the upper body.

HANDS

Make **BASIC HANDS**.

ASSEMBLING SLEEVES AND HANDS

Refer to detailed instructions on page 6.

Point the left thumb toward the front of the body. Do not angle the wrist.

Point the right thumb directly away from the body, so that the 'little finger' is next to the underarm seam on the sleeve. Do not angle the wrist.

Sew the sleeves to hands and sleeves to body as given in basic instructions on page 6.

NECKERCHIEF

The main piece

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

Work in g-st' throughout and inc 1 st at beginning of every row until there are 20 sts.

Next row: Inc in first st, K to last 2 sts, inc in next st, K1 — 22 sts.

Repeat the last row until there are 34 sts.

Next row: Cast on 4 sts using the two-needle method, K into the back of these 4 sts, K into back of next st, K to end — 38 sts.

Repeat the last row 3 more times — 50 sts.

Cast off, for neck edge.

To sew in place

Turn in the neck edge slightly, then place around the neck. Catch the ends of cast off edge together. Adjust neckerchief to lie in the position shown in the illustration.

The knotted ends piece

Using red cast on 20 sts.

1st row: Inc in first st, K to last 2 sts, inc in next st, K1 — 22 sts.

Repeat this row twice more — 26 sts.

Cast off.

To make up

Tie the ends piece in a single knot around the main piece, as shown in the illustration.

LUCKY FOUR-LEAF CLOVER

[Make four of the following pieces]

Begin at top edge of leaf and using green cast on 6 sts.

Beginning with a P row st-st 2 rows.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

On each leaf, gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off but do not break yarn. Oversew row ends together, then flatten leaf, placing the oversewn seam at centre back.

Catch the four leaves together at the B & T ends, to form the four-leaf clover.

For the stalk make a 2.5cm [1in] tightly twisted single green cord. Knot one end only, then sew this knotted end to centre back of clover leaf. Sew clover leaf to the neckerchief as shown in the illustration.

TOP HAT

The crown piece

Begin at inner hem lining section and using dark grey cast on 70 sts.

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

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

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

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

Break off light grey and join on dark grey. St-st 14 rows.

Next row: K, for outer edge of flat top section. Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 60 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 50 sts.

5th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

7th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

9th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

11th row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Oversew the row ends together, then leave wrong side out. Turn up the hem lining section at the lower edge turning line. Catch cast on edge loosely in place, then turn right side out.

The brim piece

Begin at inner edge of the upper surface and using dark grey cast on 70 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K1, (inc in next st, K2) to end — 93 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: K1, (K2tog, K2) to end — 70 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 brim 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 crown and brim pieces

Oversew lower folded edge of crown to oversewn brim seam, matching the row ends seams on both pieces. Cut a 9cm [3½in] diameter circle of cardboard and push it inside the hat, flat against the top shaped section. Stuff the hat crown lightly and evenly.

To sew hat in place

Place hat on the head tilted, so that it covers the right ear. Pin to head through lower edge of the crown piece. Catch to head as pinned, at sides and around back of head only, taking stitches through prickles piece and into head to

secure. Bend the cardboard circle downwards at one side as shown in the illustration, for a well-worn effect.

LUCKY WHITE HEATHER

Using green cast on 24 sts. Break off yarn. Holding the knitting needle in your left hand, note that right side of the piece is facing you.

Thread one end of a 40cm [16in] length of white yarn into a sewing needle. Secure other end of yarn into the first st on the knitting needle.

Now slide the point of the sewing needle into the first st on the knitting needle, as though you were going to slip it off the knitting needle in the B & T manner. Leaving the st on the knitting needle, pull the sewing needle and yarn through the st. Repeat this twice more. You have now worked two oversewing stitches in the knitted st. Slip the st off the knitting needle.

Repeat this oversewing and slipping sts off, until all the cast on sts are off the knitting needle.

Make another piece in the same way, casting on 20 sts, instead of 24 sts.

To make up

With right side inside, fold each piece bringing the row ends together. Using the length of white yarn, oversew loosely through the cast on sts. This seam will be at centre back of the heather. Sew all yarn ends into the oversewn seam. Open up the piece, so that right side is facing you.

Catch the two sprigs of heather together at the row ends lower edges. Make a 14cm [5½in] single twisted red cord. Tie it in a bow around heather, just above lower edges. Sew through bow to secure, then sew heather to hat as shown in the illustration.

THE BRUSH

The poles

Note: Make six poles altogether, one for the brush, the other five for the extension poles.

First reinforce six of the drinking straws as follows. Cut six of the straws along one side, all along the length. Push these cut straws inside the six whole straws.



Trim the six reinforced straws to measure 18cm [7in] in length.

For each knitted covering piece use dark grey and cast on 5 sts. Work in st-st for 17cm [6½in], then B & T tightly.

To make up each pole

Note that P side of the st-st is *right* side.

Starting at the B & T end, oversew the row ends together for half the length, enclosing the straw as you go. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off, then starting at this end, oversew row ends together to completely enclose the straw. Lay the poles aside for now.

The bristles piece

For the bristles cut about forty 8cm [3in] lengths of black yarn. Use a length of black yarn to tie them tightly together at centres.

Wet the yarn strands thoroughly, then blot with a tissue. Fan out the strands of yarn to form a circle and smooth them until they are straight. Leave to dry.

The bristles centre pieces

[Make two pieces alike]

Begin at outer edge and using black cast on 28 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.
G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends of each piece together. Sew through centre of one piece, then through tied centre of the bristles, then through centre

of other piece. Pull tightly to secure pieces together, then fasten off. Sew the cast on edges of the circles together, taking care to keep the bristles evenly spread. Trim the bristles to measure about 2cm [¾in] beyond the centre pieces.

Holding the piece securely at centre, use a comb to gently tease out the bristles into finer strands.

Trim bristles again to remove all the fluffy ends. Lay this piece aside for now.

The bristles support piece

Using dark grey cast on 24 sts.

St-st 3 rows then cast off.

To sew in place

Take one of the poles for the brush pole and wind the knitted strip tightly around one end, level with end of the pole. Pin, then sew row ends in place. Catch the piece to the pole.

To assemble all the pieces

Sew centre of the bristles piece to the support piece on the brush pole.

Make two 34cm [13½in] single twisted grey cords. Gather all six poles into a bundle, with brush pole at centre of the bundle. Pull up the brush pole so that it rises about 3cm [1¼in] above the other poles. Holding onto the bundle, wind one of the twisted cords four times around the bundle about 5cm [2in] above lower ends of poles. Knot ends together. Repeat with other twisted cord at upper ends of poles.

To sew brush assembly in place

Position the palm of the right hand against the

poles, then pin first finger and thumb tips to the poles. Sew in place as pinned, then catch palm of the hand to the poles also.

To stabilise the brush assembly, pin lower end of the poles to side of the right shoe, then sew in place.

LUCKY RED SPIDER

The legs

Cut a 16cm [6½in] length of grey yarn. Starting at one end, spread on a little adhesive covering about 2.5cm [1in]. Twirl the glued section between your finger and thumb in the direction of the yarn twist, until yarn is tightly compressed and adhesive is dry. Continue all along the length of yarn.

Cut the piece into four equal sections. Use grey sewing thread to sew them all together at the centres, thus forming four legs at each side of centre. Lay legs aside for now.

The spider

Begin at top of head and using red cast on 7 sts.

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

B & T tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. This seam will be at centre back of spider. Stuff the piece, then gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Split a length of black yarn to get a finer strand. Work two small vertical stitches for the eyes, with one knitted st between them. Work a small V-shape for mouth.

Use grey sewing thread to sew centre of the legs underneath the spider.

Sew spider to top of the brush as shown in the illustration.

GIFT TAG

Make either the **BASIC CIRCULAR GIFT TAG**, or the **BASIC HEART-SHAPED GIFT TAG** using red. Lay the gift tag aside for now.

THE SACK

Make the sack as given for the postman's mail bag on page 18, using grey for the sack and black for the twisted cord.

Thread the gift tag loop onto the cord, then tie the cord tightly around top of the sack, forming a large bow for easy opening. Sew top edge of the sack between thumb and first finger of the left hand as shown in the illustration.

TO MAKE THE SOOTY SMUDGES

Refer to page 5 'To colour the cheeks'.

Using a black pencil, make the sooty smudges as given for colouring cheeks. Apply the smudges at the positions shown in the illustrations – on the face, hands, upper body, trousers, shoes and sleeves.

Clown Hedgehog

This sweet little character carries a balloon gift tag and there are two different accessories to choose from – a parcel and a bouquet of flowers. Make him for any occasion when you want to send loving wishes – birthdays, anniversaries, father's or mother's day, Valentine's day etc. Refer to the Occasions list on page 27.

Measurement: The basic hedgehog measures 26cm [10 1/4in] from soles of the shoes to top of the head.

Yarn requirements: 30g [1oz] of white, red and gold; 20g [3/4oz] of yellow and light pink. Oddsments of black, fawn, brown and light green.

Stuffing: You will need 140g [5oz] of stuffing.

Drinking straw: You will need an ordinary plastic drinking straw measuring about 3mm [1/8in] in diameter.

LEGS AND BODY

Make **BASIC LEGS AND BODY**, working in colours as follows.

Cast on using white and work in white as far as the ankle edge K row.

Begin the leg section by working 4 rows in white. Join on yellow and continue working in 4 rows yellow and 4 rows white alternately, to end of the legs and body instructions.

SHOES

Make **BASIC SHOES** using red.

HEAD

Make **BASIC HEAD**.

FOREHEAD FRINGE

Add **BASIC FOREHEAD FRINGE**.

ANKLE FRILLS

[Make two alike]

Notes: The frills are worked using two strands of yarn to begin with, subsequently changing to one strand of yarn. Cast on using the thumb method and note that first row is right side.

Begin at lower edge of frill.

Using a 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needle and two strands of gold yarn, cast on 60 sts.

Change to 3mm [No 11, USA 2] needles and continue working in two strands of yarn.

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

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn. When working the next row, treat the two loops on each st as one st.

Repeat the 1st row once.

Next row: (K2tog, P2tog) to end — 30 sts.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Place a frill around each ankle. Catch row ends together. Place these seams in line with oversewn shoe seams. Pin cast off edges of frills to the second knitted row of white on the legs. Sew in place as pinned.

HAT

The crown piece

Begin at inner hem lining section and using red cast on 72 sts. St-st 5 rows. This completes the lining section.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for lower edge turning line.

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

Shape top

Next row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 63 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 54 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 45 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts. B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Turn the row ends and leave wrong side out. Join up the hem lining at the lower edge turning line. Catch cast on edge loosely in place, then turn right side out.

Stuff top of the hat crown piece. Place it on the head with seam at centre back. Pin lower edge

of centre back seam to head 6cm [2 1/4in] above neck. Pin lower edge to head at centre front just above row ends of the prickles piece. Pin remainder of lower edge in place.

Now add more stuffing to the crown [by removing then replacing each pin in turn] to make a smooth tapered shape. Sew in place as pinned, taking stitches through the prickles piece and into head to secure.

The brim piece

Begin at lower edge and using gold cast on 76 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for top edge turning line.

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

Cast off P wise.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. With right side of st-st outside, bring the cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew them together a little at a time, then lightly stuff the section you have just sewn. Continue until the brim is completely stuffed.

Place brim on the head in the turned-up position, with oversewn seam just below and level with lower edge of hat. Make sure row ends seam is at centre back. Pin oversewn seam in place, then sew to head, taking stitches through the prickles piece and into head to secure.

The pom-pom

Using white cast on 10 sts and P 1 row.

Next row: Inc in first 9 sts, K1 — 19 sts.

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

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

B & T loosely.



To make up and sew in place

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Stuff firmly, then pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off. Sew pom-pom to the B & T sts at top of hat.

SLEEVES

Left sleeve

Make **BASIC SLEEVE** in colours as follows. Use white to work the two K1, P1 rib rows. Then work 4 rows in white and 4 rows in yellow alternately, to end of the sleeve instructions. Make up as given in **BASIC** instructions.

Right sleeve

Work as given for left sleeve, following **BASIC SLEEVE** instructions as far as ★. Using yellow, K 1 row. Cast off.

To make up right sleeve

Join the row ends, then turn right side out. Note that sleeve seam is the underarm seam when sewing to the body. Stuff the sleeve evenly to measure 10cm [4in] around.

HANDS

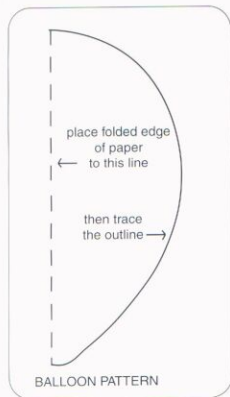
Make **BASIC HANDS**.

ASSEMBLING SLEEVES AND HANDS

Left sleeve and hand

Refer to detailed instructions on page 6.

Point the thumb directly in toward the body. The thumb will be next to the underarm seam. Do not angle the wrist.



Pin sleeve and hand

Pin the open cast off edge of sleeve to right side of body to form a vertical oval-shape. The top edge of sleeve should be 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below neck. Push the wrist edge of hand inside cast on edge of sleeve, with thumb pointing directly upwards. Pin sleeve to hand, then sew in place as for other sleeve and hand.

The wrist frills of both sleeves will be added before sewing the sleeves in place.

WRIST FRILLS

[Make two alike]

Notes: Use 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles throughout and note that first row is *right* side. Cast on using the thumb method.

Begin at lower edge of frill and using two strands of gold yarn cast on 44 sts.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn. When working the first row, treat the two loops on each st as *one* st.

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

Next row: (K2tog, P2tog) to end — 22 sts.

Cast off P wise.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew row ends of each frill together and place frills on sleeves.

Position the oversewn seams at underarm sleeve seams. Now pin the cast off edges of frills to sleeves just above the two K1, P1 rib rows. Sew in place as pinned.

Now sew the left sleeve to left side of body as given in basic instructions.

Sew right sleeve to body as pinned before, when positioning the hand.

NECK FRILL

Notes: The frill is worked using two strands of yarn to begin with, subsequently changing to one strand of yarn. Cast on using the thumb method and note that first row is *right* side.

Begin at lower edge of frill.

Using a 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needle and two strands of gold yarn, cast on 76 sts.

Change to 3mm [No 11, USA 2] needles and continue working in two strands of yarn.

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

Repeat this row twice more.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn. When working the next row, treat the two loops on each st as *one* st.

Repeat the 1st row twice more.

Next row: (K2tog, P2tog) to end — 38 sts.

Cast off P wise.

To make up and sew in place

Place the frill around neck and catch row ends together at centre back. Catch cast off edge to neck.

THE HEART BADGE

[Make two of the following pieces]

Begin at lower end and using red cast on 2 sts.

Work in st-st and inc 1 st K wise at beginning of first and every following row, until there are 8 sts.

St-st 4 rows.

★ **Next row:** K4 sts, then B & T these 4 sts tightly ★★.

With right side of st-st facing, rejoin yarn to the first st of the remaining 4 sts on the knitting needle.

Repeat from ★ to ★★.

To make up and sew in place

Place the two pieces together, with right side of st-st outside. Join them round the edges by working close oversewing stitches, stuffing the heart lightly before completing oversewing.

Catch back of heart to upper body at left-hand side, as shown in the illustration.

THE BALLOON GIFT TAG

The stick

Trim the drinking straw to measure 15cm [6in] in length. Use white yarn to cover the straw as follows. Spread glue on one end of the straw, covering about a 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] section. Leave a short tail-end of yarn and wind yarn around the glued section. Glue the tail-end of yarn inside end of the straw. Now continue winding the yarn tightly around straw to within 6cm [$\frac{2}{3}$ in] of the other end. Glue end of yarn to straw to secure. The uncovered 6cm [$\frac{2}{3}$ in] section of straw will be inserted between the cardboard balloon pieces. Flatten this section of straw by rubbing it firmly with the edge of a ruler or something similar.

The balloon pieces

Trace the balloon pattern off the page onto a piece of folded thin paper, placing folded edge to dotted line shown on the pattern. Cut out and open up to give full-sized pattern. Cut two pieces of thin cardboard using the pattern. Cut two same-sized pieces from yellow paper also.

Now glue the paper pattern to one of the cardboard pieces. Glue the flattened section of straw to this piece, using the centre folded edge of pattern as a guideline to central positioning.

Glue the two cardboard pieces together, sandwiching the flattened section of straw between them. Press firmly until glue is dry. Glue the yellow paper pieces to the cardboard pieces.

Write on the greetings and messages on both sides of the balloon, keeping the lettering about 1.5cm [$\frac{5}{8}$ in] within the edges.

The knitted edging piece

Using yellow cast on 56 sts. Note that first row is *wrong* side.

St-st 4 rows, then cast off.

To make up

With P side of st-st outside, bring the row ends of the strip together. Oversew 4 sts together at ends of cast on edge, then ends of cast off edge. This section forms the 'knot' on the balloon. Slide the balloon stick through this section, then stretch the strip, pulling it onto edge of the balloon.

Now tie a length of white yarn tightly around the knitted piece at base of the balloon to



complete the balloon 'knot'. Sew yarn ends into the knitted piece.

To sew balloon in place

Pin thumb and first finger of right hand to the balloon stick, about 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] below balloon knot. Sew in place as pinned. Catch stick to point of hand to stabilise.

THE BOUQUET

The centre piece

Notes: This is a stuffed cone-shaped piece. The flowers are sewn to the widest end then the wrapping paper is folded around the cone. Begin at top end and using light green cast on 6 sts.

P 1 row and note that this row is *right side*.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 9 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 6 sts. St-st 4 rows. B & T tightly.

To make up

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. With P side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together, leaving a small gap in seam for stuffing. Stuff firmly then oversew gap in seam.

The flowers

[Make seven]

Using red cast on 8 sts.

K 1 row and note that this row is *right side*.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Using the cast on tail-end of yarn, catch the row ends of each flower together. Using the tail-ends of yarn sew one flower to centre top of the cone-shape. Sew the remaining six flowers around the centre flower.

Now use light green to sew small loops around and between the flowers, for the leaves.

The wrapping paper piece

Using white cast on 18 sts.

St-st 19 rows.

Shape lower corner

1st row: P2tog, P to end — 17 sts.

2nd row: K to last 2 sts, K2tog — 16 sts.

Repeat these two rows once more — 14 sts.

Next [cast off] row: P2tog, then cast off P wise.

To sew in place

Place the cone-shaped piece diagonally on K side of the wrapping paper piece, with narrow end of cone about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] away from the shaped lower corner of paper. Wrap the adjacent edges of the square around the

cone shape, folding one edge over the other. Pin, then catch edge in place. Sew through paper and the cone-shape to hold it in position.

To sew bouquet in place

Pin the bouquet between thumb and first finger of left hand.

Sew in place as pinned.

THE PARCEL

Using white cast on 21 sts and beginning with a P row, st-st 28 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, bring the four corners of the square to centre and catch them together. Oversew the adjacent edges of the piece together, stuffing lightly before completing oversewing. This seamed side is the underside of the parcel.

Make a 46cm [18in] single twisted red cord. Tie it around the knitted piece, parcel fashion, knotting ends on top side of parcel. Tie the ends in a small bow. Knot each end of the cord to a suitable length, then trim off excess. Sew through bow to secure.

To sew parcel in place

Pin parcel between thumb and first finger of left hand.

Sew in place as pinned.

Postman Hedgehog

In real life it is the postman who delivers our greetings and gifts, so this hedgehog can be used for every possible occasion. Refer to the Occasions list on page 27. But remember that you can send any message you wish through this character, you can even say 'Thank you' to your postman!

The mail bag can be opened and closed to contain a small present. For seasonal greetings, fill the bag with miniature chocolate eggs for an Easter gift or add a sprig of holly to the postman's hat at Christmas, [holly instructions on page 20]. Gift tokens, book tokens, cinema and theatre tickets can all be presented in a novel way, simply roll them up to fit inside the bag.

Measurement: The basic hedgehog measures 26cm [10 1/4 in] from soles of the shoes to top of the head.

Yarn requirements: 60g [2oz] of blue; 30g [1oz] of fawn; 20g [3/4 oz] of light pink and black. Oddments of white, brown, red and gold.

Stuffing: You will need 140g [5oz] of stuffing.

LEGS AND BODY

Make **BASIC LEGS AND BODY** using blue for the legs and lower body and white for the upper body.

SHOES

Make **BASIC SHOES** using black.

HEAD

Make **BASIC HEAD**.

TROUSER TURN-UPS

Make **BASIC TROUSER TURN-UPS** using yarn to match legs and lower body.

SHIRT COLLAR AND TIE

Collar

Use a length of light grey yarn and a darning needle to work the stitches as follows. Begin at centre front neck edge and work two stitches to form an inverted V-shape, 3 rows deep and 6 knitted sts apart. From lower end of each of these stitches, work another long stitch to each 'shoulder', just below neck edge.

Tie

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

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

B & T tightly.

To form the 'knot', tie a length of matching yarn around tie, 5mm [1/4 in] below the B & T sts, knotting on P side of the st-st. Sew yarn ends into tie.

With right side of st-st outside, catch the row ends together for centre back seam of tie. Sew the B & T sts to body at neck edge between the collar points. Catch lower end of tie to body.

THE JACKET

Notes: The jacket body piece is knitted in one piece from hem edge to neck edge. It is added to the body *before* sewing the sleeves in place.

Jacket body piece

Begin at lower edge and using blue to match the legs and lower body cast on 80 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

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

Shape sides

Next row: K16, (K2tog) 5 times, K28, (K2tog) 5 times, K16 — 70 sts.

St-st 6 rows.

Begin lapel sections

Next row: K8, P to last 8 sts, K8.

Next row: P8, K6, (K2tog) 5 times, K22, (K2tog) 5 times, K6, P8 — 60 sts.

St-st 5 rows, keeping the 8 st lapel sections at each end of rows in reversed st-st as worked on the last 2 rows.

Dec for neck edge

Next row: P8, K7, (K2tog, K1) 5 times, (K1, K2tog) 5 times, K7, P8 — 50 sts.

Cast off P wise.

Block the jacket piece as given on page 3.

Pockets

[Make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using blue to match jacket body piece cast on 10 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

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

Cast off.

To sew pockets in place

Place the pockets on right side of body piece, 7 knitted sts away from each set of row ends and with lower edges level with top of g-st border. Pin, then sew side and lower edges of pockets in place.

Finishing the lapels

Fold top corner of each lapel to right side of jacket, to meet the lower opposite corner of the reversed st-st section. The lapels should completely cover the reversed st-st area under each one. Catch edges of lapels in place.

Finishing the jacket

Oversew the jacket row ends together, then turn right side out. Using gold yarn work the buttons as follows. Work three small chain stitches at intervals down centre front seam. Work another chain stitch around each of the first stitches to make the buttons larger.

Place the jacket on the body, pulling the feet through the neck edge. Make sure centre front seam is at centre front position on the body.

Catch the back neck edge to the neck edge of body as far as each 'shoulder'. Catch remaining sections of neck edge of jacket to body as far as each lapel.

Collar

Begin at neck edge and using blue to match jacket body piece cast on 44 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows for the lower collar section.

Next row: P, to mark fold line at outer edge of collar.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows for upper collar section.

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew row ends together at each end of collar. Pin the oversewn seam of collar to the cast off neck edge of jacket, with ends of collar meeting the lapel sections. Sew collar in place as pinned.

SLEEVES

Make **BASIC SLEEVES** using blue to match the legs and lower body throughout.

HANDS

Make **BASIC HANDS**.

ASSEMBLING SLEEVES AND HANDS

Refer to detailed instructions on page 6.

Point both thumbs toward the front of the body. Do not angle the wrists.

Sew the sleeves to hands as given in the basic instructions on page 6, but do not sew the sleeves to the body until sleeve cuffs have been added.

SLEEVE CUFFS

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using blue to match the sleeves cast on 28 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

Oversew row ends of each cuff together, then turn right side out. Place cuffs on sleeves, with lower edges at cast on edges of sleeves. Make sure the cuff seams are in the same underarm position as the sleeve seams.

Sew cast on edges of cuffs to hands, just below cast on edges of sleeves. Sew cast off edges of cuffs to sleeves.

Now sew the sleeves to sides of body as given in basic instructions.

CAP

The main piece

Begin with the cap band lining section and using red cast on 70 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows for the lining section.



Next row: P, to mark fold line at lower edge. Mark centre of this P row with a coloured thread.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows for the cap band.

K 1 row.

Break off red and join on blue to match legs and lower body.

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

Shape front of cap

1st row: K44 sts, turn.

2nd row: Slip first st P wise, P17, turn.

3rd row: Slip first st K wise, K to end of all the sts on left-hand needle — 70 sts.

This completes the front shaped section.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K6, inc in next st) to end — 80 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K7, inc in next st) to end — 90 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 80 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 70 sts.

5th row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 60 sts.

7th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 50 sts.

9th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

11th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

13th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

15th row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together and leave wrong side out. Turn up the cap band lining

section at the fold line. Catch cast on edge in place. Turn right side out.

Cut an 11.5cm [4½in] diameter circle of cardboard and push it inside the cap, flat against the top shaped section. Push a little stuffing inside the shaped front section. Place cap on the head. Pin the coloured thread on cap band to centre of forehead, just below edge of the prickles piece. Pin lower edge of cap band to centre back of head, level with the B & T sts on the prickles piece.

Pin remainder of cap band to head, then sew to head at the lower folded edge, taking stitches through prickles piece and into head to secure.

The cap peak

Begin at inner edge and using black cast on 13 sts.

1st row: K1, (inc in next st, K1) to end — 19 sts.



Shape front

*** 1st row:** P12 sts, turn.

2nd row: Slip first st K wise, K6, turn.

3rd row: Slip first st P wise, P to end of all the sts on left-hand needle — 19 sts ★★.

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

Next row: P, to mark front edge fold line.

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

Now work as given above from ★ to ★★.

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

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, gather up each set of row ends tightly and fasten off. Trace the cap peak pattern off the page onto thin paper then cut one piece from cardboard. Push the cardboard piece inside the knitted piece, then oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Pin this oversewn seam centrally to forehead, level with lower edge of cap band. Sew in place as pinned.

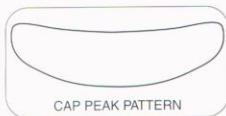
The cap badge

Begin at lower edge and using gold cast on 12 sts.

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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly.



To make up

Oversew row ends together then turn right side out. With seam at centre back, oversew across cast on sts.

Split a length of black yarn to get a finer strand. Embroider the crown motif as follows. Work three horizontal stitches for the base. Work a vertical chain stitch starting at centre of base and one at each end of base sloping slightly outward. Join the three chain stitches at top ends with two straight stitches. Finally work a tiny chain stitch at centre top of crown. Sew badge to centre front of cap band as shown in the illustration.

POST CARD GIFT TAG

First cut a 4.5cm by 7cm [1 3/4in by 2 3/4in] piece of cardboard. Glue a same-sized piece of white paper to each side of the cardboard piece, then round off the sharp corners.

The knitted edging piece

Using white cast on 46 sts and note that first row is right side.

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

Cast off loosely P wise.

To make up and sew in place

With right side outside, oversew the row ends together. Ease the knitted piece onto the edges of the cardboard piece. Now use a pencil to lightly mark a line level with cast on edge on one side of cardboard and cast off edge on the other side. This will define the area within which to write the greetings. Remove the knitted piece.

On one side of the cardboard piece mark on the 'post card' details: the words POST CARD at top, ruled lines for writing the name and address and a small postage stamp at top right-hand corner. You can also include a post office franking stamp, giving details of the time, date and year if this is appropriate to the occasion. Refer to the post card in the illustration for all the above markings. On the reverse side of the post card write the personal message, commemorative details, congratulations, special occasion etc.

Rub out the light pencil marks. Place the knitted piece on the cardboard piece again, positioning the oversewn seam at top right-hand corner near the postage stamp. Pin this

corner between first finger and thumb of the right hand. Sew in place as pinned.

MAIL BAG

The bag

Using fawn cast on 28 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st.

Work until the knitted strip measures 20cm [8in], ending with a K row.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

To make up

Fold the piece, bringing cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew row ends together at each side. Turn right side out.

Using fawn, make a 30cm [12in] single twisted cord and lay this aside for now.

The label

Cut a 2.5cm by 4cm [1in by 1 1/2in] piece of cardboard. Glue a same-sized piece of light yellow paper to each side of the cardboard piece, or use colour of your choice. Round off one short edge to form a generous curve. Round off the sharp corners at other short edge.

For the knitted edging piece use yarn to match paper colour and cast on 24 sts.

Note that first row is right side.

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

Cast off P wise.

Make up in the same way as given for the post card gift tag. After marking on the messages and replacing the knitted piece, make a small hole for the string at curved end of the label. On each side of the label, mark on a 'reinforcing ring' around the hole using brown pencil.

Using white yarn make a 16cm [6 1/4in] single twisted cord and knot the ends together. Pass the folded end through the hole in the label, then pass knotted end through folded end of cord.

To assemble the pieces

Place the gift in the bag. Thread label string onto the long twisted cord. Tie the cord tightly around top of bag, forming a large bow for easy opening. Sew top edge of the bag between thumb and first finger of the left hand as shown in the illustration.

A CHRISTMAS BIRTH GIFT – give details of birth date etc on the gift tag, gift of a silver spoon in the stocking.

A CHRISTMAS BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR ANY AGE.

A GIFT FOR BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS.

A CHRISTMAS DECORATION.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT – placing a small present or a gift token in the stocking.

Measurement: The basic hedgehog measures 26cm [10 1/4in] from soles of the shoes to top of the head.

Yarn requirements: 50g [1 3/4oz] of red, 30g [1oz] of white, 20g [3/4oz] of light pink.

Oddments of black, fawn, brown, light green and green.

Stuffing: You will need 140g [5oz] of stuffing.

LEGS AND BODY

Make **BASIC LEGS AND BODY** using red throughout.

SHOES

Make **BASIC SHOES** using black.

Christmas Hedgehog

Make as:-

A MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETING.

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER – for a child to send a letter to Santa in the hedgehog's Christmas stocking. The letter to be removed overnight and replaced with a letter from Santa, plus a small gift of a sweet, chocolate bar or coin.



ANKLE BANDS

[Make two]

Using white cast on 10 sts and note that first row is *right side*.

G-st 73 rows, then cast off.

To make up

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges of each band together and leave wrong side out.

Place bands on the legs with seams in line with centre back seams of shoes. Sew the lower sets of row ends to shoes, just below ankle edges of legs. Turn down the bands to fold in half.

HEAD

Make **BASIC HEAD**.

SNOWFLAKE BUTTONS

[Make two]

Using white begin at back of snowflake and cast on 12 sts.

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

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pssso, (ym; slip 1, K1, pssso) to end — 11 sts.

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

B & T tightly.

To make up

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off but do not break yarn. Sew through centre of the gathered cast on sts and the B & T sts, then back again. Pull tightly to flatten snowflake, then fasten off but do not break yarn. Catch together the row ends at front and back of snowflake, leaving the row end points free.

Sew the snowflakes to centre front of body as shown in the illustration.

SLEEVES

Make **BASIC SLEEVES** using red throughout.

Point the right thumb toward the front of the body and angle the wrist upward, away from the body.

Point the left thumb directly in toward the body. This thumb will be next to the underarm seam on the sleeve. Do not angle the wrist.

Sew the sleeves to hands as given in the basic instructions on page 6, but do not sew sleeves to the body until sleeve cuffs have been added.

SLEEVE CUFFS

[Make two alike]

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

Noting that first row is *right side*, g-st 3 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

Oversew row ends of each cuff together, then turn right side out. Place cuffs on sleeves, with lower edges at cast on edges of sleeves. Make sure the cuff seams are in the same underarm position as the sleeve seams.

Sew lower edges of cuffs to hands, just below cast on edges of sleeves. Sew cast off edges of cuffs to sleeves.

HANDS

Make **BASIC HANDS**.

ASSEMBLING SLEEVES AND HANDS

Refer to detailed instructions on page 6.



Now sew the sleeves to sides of body as given in basic instructions.

CAP

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 77 sts.

G-st 7 rows for the turn-up hem section.

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

Break off white and join on red.

St-st 14 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K9, K2tog) to end — 70 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K8, K2tog) to end — 63 sts.

5th row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 56 sts.

7th row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 49 sts.

9th row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 42 sts.

11th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 35 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 28 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 21 sts.

St-st 13 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts.

Break off red and join on light green for cap bobble.

K 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 14 sts.

Beginning with a P row st-st 8 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Join the row ends, starting at the B & T sts and ending at the last knitted row of the g-st hem section. Turn right side out. Oversew row ends of the g-st section together. Stuff bobble, then gather round the last knitted row of red, pull up tightly and fasten off.

To sew cap in place

Stuff the narrow top section lightly. Put a little stuffing in the top shaping below the narrow section. Turn up the g-st hem and place cap on the head in a tilted position covering the right ear, as shown in the illustration. Pin lower end of red section to head.

Now turn down the g-st hem. Sew cap to head at the last knitted row of white, taking stitches through prickles piece and into head to secure.

Turn up the g-st hem. Fold down the narrow top section as illustrated, then catch it to side of cap.

HOLLY

The leaves

[Make two]

Using green cast on 10 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K1, (ym; K next st, then slip it back onto left-hand needle and K it again) repeat until 1 st remains, ym, K1 — 19 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

Cast off.

To make up

Gather up each set of row ends tightly, then fasten off. With right side of st-st outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges of each leaf together. Fold the piece with cast on edge inside, bringing the two sets of row ends together. Oversew across cast off sts for centre vein on underside of leaf. Sew the leaves to cap at position shown in the illustration.

The berries

[Make three]

Using red cast on 5 sts.

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

B & T tightly.

To make up each berry

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. Stuff berry with a bit of red yarn. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew berries to cap at base of the holly leaves, as shown in the illustration.

SCARF

The scarf

Using white cast on 90 sts. Note that first row is *right side*.

Work in g-st in stripes as follows, breaking and joining yarn as necessary.

G-st 2 rows white, 2 rows light green, 2 rows red, 2 rows light green and 3 rows white.

Cast off using white. Gather up each set of row ends tightly, then fasten off.

The tassels

[Make two alike]

Using white cast on 11 sts.

Noting that first row is *right side*, g-st 17 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

Oversew cast on and cast off edges of each tassel together, then turn right side out.

Gather round one set of row ends on the tassel. Push one gathered end of the scarf just

inside the gathers. Pull up tassels rather tightly and fasten off, then sew through scarf end to secure. Push a bit of stuffing inside the tassel against gathered end of the scarf. Tie a length of white yarn tightly around tassel, just below the stuffing. Sew yarn ends into tassel. Repeat with other tassel at other end of scarf.

To sew scarf in place

Put scarf around neck, turning in the edge nearest to neck where it passes around it. Cross over the ends on right shoulder as illustrated. Catch in place at the cross-over position.

GIFT TAG

Make the **BASIC CIRCULAR GIFT TAG** using light green.

Make two holly leaves and one berry as given on this page and sew them to top of the gift tag as illustrated.

To sew in place

Pin the gift tag loop between thumb and first finger of the right hand. Sew in place as pinned.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Begin at lower edge and using light green cast on 29 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (inc in next st, K1) to last st, K1 — 42 sts.

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

Shape top of foot

1st row: K17, (K2tog) 4 times, K17 — 38 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K15, (K2tog) 4 times, K15 — 34 sts.

5th row: K13, (K2tog) 4 times, K13 — 30 sts.

7th row: K13, (K2tog) twice, K13 — 28 sts.

St-st 9 rows.

Break off light green and join on red.

G-st 5 rows.

P 1 row for top edge fold line.

G-st 4 rows.

Cast off loosely.

To make up

Fold the cast on edge in half, then oversew across cast on sts. Oversew the row ends of the light green section together. Turn right side out. Oversew the row ends of the red section together. Fold down the red section at the fold line.

Make a snowflake as given for the snowflake buttons on page 19. Sew it to the stocking as shown in the illustration.

To sew in place

Pin top end of the seam on the red section between thumb and first finger of the left hand. The finger should be just inside the stocking, the thumb on the outside. Sew in place as pinned.



Sandwich Board Hedgehog

This character is suitable for all occasions, but is particularly useful for recording a lot of commemorative information. For example, all the details of a marriage can be given on the front sandwich board – names, date, time, place etc. Then your personal good wishes can be written on the other sandwich board. For a sporting occasion, the names of the players can be listed together with the time and place of the event. Or, you can simply write your chosen greetings in very large letters! Refer to the Occasions list on page 27.

Measurement: The basic hedgehog measures 26cm [10 1/4in] from soles of the shoes to top of the head.

Yarn requirements: 20g [3/4oz] of blue, yellow, light pink, brown and green. Oddments of black, fawn, gold, red and royal blue.

Stuffing: You will need 140g [5oz] of stuffing.

LEGS AND BODY

Make **BASIC LEGS AND BODY**, using blue for the legs and lower body and yellow for the upper body.

SHOES

Make **BASIC SHOES** using brown.

HEAD

Make **BASIC HEAD**.

FOREHEAD FRINGE

Add **BASIC FOREHEAD FRINGE**.

TROUSER TURN-UPS

Make **BASIC TROUSER TURN-UPS** using yarn to match legs and lower body.

BELT

Make **BASIC BELT** using royal blue.

NECKBAND

Begin at lower edge and using gold cast on 44 sts. Note that first row is *right* side.

Work 3 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Cast off in rib.

To sew in place

Place neckband around neck and oversew row ends together at centre back. Catch cast off edge to neck, then catch cast on edge in place.

SLEEVES

Make **BASIC SLEEVES** in colours as follows. Use gold to cast on and work the two K1, P1 rib rows. Break off gold and join on yellow to match the upper body. Work remainder of sleeves in yellow.

HANDS

Make **BASIC HANDS**.

ASSEMBLING SLEEVES AND HANDS

Refer to detailed instructions on page 6.

Point both thumbs toward front of the body then turn the left hand slightly inward toward side of the body. Do not angle the wrists.

Sew the sleeves to hands and sleeves to body as given in basic instructions on page 6.

FLAT CAP

The main piece

Begin at inner hem lining section and using green cast on 90 sts.

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

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 19 sts.
P 1 row, then cast off P wise.

To make up and sew in place

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

Pin the oversewn peak seam to lower edge of the main piece at front of cap, matching the centre coloured threads. Sew the peak in place as pinned.

SANDWICH BOARD

The cardboard pieces

[Make two]

Cut two 8cm by 9cm [3in by 3½in] pieces of cardboard. Round off all the sharp corners.

Cut four same-sized pieces of light yellow paper or colour of your choice. Glue one to each side of the cardboard pieces.

Write or print the commemorative details on one piece and your personal message on the other piece, 1.5cm [½in] within the edges.

The knitted edging pieces

[Make two alike]

Using red cast on 66 sts.

St-st 4 rows noting that P side is *right side*.

Cast off using a 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needle.

To make up

With right side outside, catch the row ends of each piece together. Stretch the pieces onto the edges of the cardboard pieces.

The shoulder straps

Using red cast on 22 sts. Note that first row is *right side*.

St-st 3 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for folded edge.

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

Cast off.

To make up

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

To fix the straps in place

Note that the oversewn cast on/cast off edge seams of the straps should be nearest to the neck when fixing them in place.

On *wrong* side of the front cardboard piece, position ends of shoulder straps at top edge as shown in the diagram. Glue a 1cm [½in] section to the cardboard, just below the knitted edging piece. Press firmly until glue is dry, then make sure the straps are fixed securely.

Glue other end of one of the straps to the back cardboard piece in the same way. Put sandwich board on the hedgehog. Lift up the back cardboard piece and glue remaining loose end of strap in place as for the other straps.



Beginning with a P row st-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog, K2tog) to end — 54 sts.

Beginning with a P row st-st 2 rows.

This completes the lining section.

Next row: K, for the lower edge turning line. Mark centre of last row with a coloured thread.

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

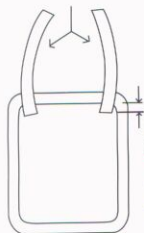
Next row: (K1, inc in next 2 sts) to end — 90 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K8, K2tog) to end — 81 sts.

oversewn cast on/cast off
edge seams



glue 1 cm (3/8 in)
onto the
cardboard piece

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.

17th row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

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

Stuff cap lightly around the outer edge, leaving centre shaped section unstuffed. Place cap on the head and pin coloured thread at centre of lower edge to the prickles piece next to the B & T sts of forehead fringe. Pin centre back lower edge to head 6cm [2½in] above neck. Pin the B & T sts at centre top of cap to head. Now pin remainder of lower edge to head, pulling it downward slightly as you go. Sew in place as pinned, taking stitches through prickles piece and into head to secure. Catch centre B & T sts to head, with two or three loose stitches.

The cap peak

Begin at inner edge and using green cast on 19 sts. Mark centre of cast on edge with a coloured thread.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (inc in next st, K1) to end — 28 sts.

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

Next row: K, to mark fold line at outer edge of the peak.

DIAGRAM
showing how to glue
the shoulder straps in place

Town Crier Hedgehog

Oyez! Oyez! This colourful hedgehog is splendidly dressed in costume of the mid 18th century. Bedecked in a three-cornered hat, knee-breeches, frilled shirt and elegant 'hair do', he is quite irresistible. Suitable for any occasion, the town crier proclaims your greetings with style. And don't forget those New Year wishes — ring out the old, ring in the new, which are especially appropriate to this character. Refer to the Occasions list on page 27.

Measurement: The basic hedgehog measures 26cm [10 1/4 in] from soles of the shoes to top of the head.

Yarn requirements: 40g [1 1/2 oz] of black and red; 20g [3/4 oz] of white, light pink, fawn, brown and gold.

Oddments of light green, grey and light yellow.

Stuffing: You will need 140g [5oz] of stuffing.

LEGS AND BODY

Right leg

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 13 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

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

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

Next row: K, to mark ankle edge.

Begin leg section

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

Shape leg

Next row: K4, (m1, K6) 3 times, m1, K4 — 30 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Break off white and join on light green for knee-breeches.

St-st 8 rows ★.

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

Left leg

Work as given for right leg as far as ★.

Now refer to **BASIC LEGS AND BODY** instructions and begin working from ★★ [lower body].

Continue in light green for lower body, then use white for the upper body.

SHOES

Make **BASIC SHOES** using black.

HEAD

Make **BASIC HEAD**.

THE KNEE-BANDS

Note: The knee-bands are worked in back-stitch on each leg as follows.

Use a blunt-ended sewing needle and a length of yarn to match the knee-breeches. On each leg, work a line of back-stitches around the second knitted row of the breeches colour, taking one back-stitch to each knitted st. Now oversew through each back-stitch. Repeat this process in the first knitted row of the breeches colour, on each leg.

THE SHOE TONGUES

[Make two alike]

Using black cast on 8 sts.

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

Cast off.

To make up and sew in place

With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges of each tongue together. Gather round each set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Pin the oversewn seam to top of shoe at centre front, level with cast off edge of shoe. Sew in place as pinned. Catch the tongue to leg, to hold in the upright position.

SHOE BUCKLES

[Make two alike]

Using grey begin at outer edge and cast on 16 sts.

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

Catch the row ends together. Pin a buckle to top of each shoe just in front of the tongue, forming an oval shape. Sew in place as pinned.

THE COAT

Notes: The coat body piece is knitted in one piece from hem to neck edge. It is added to the body *before* sewing the sleeves in place.

Coat body piece

Begin at inner hem lining section and using red cast on 90 sts.

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

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for lower edge turning line.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 13 rows.

Next row: K8, (K2tog, K5) 5 times, K4, (K5, K2tog) 5 times, K8 — 80 sts.

St-st 9 rows.

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

St-st 9 rows.

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

St-st 8 rows.

Dec for neck edge

Next row: P3, (P2tog, P2) to last st, P1 — 46 sts.

Cast off.

To make up

Block the coat piece as given on page 3. When the piece is dry, turn up the hem lining section at the lower edge turning line and catch cast on edge in place. Oversew row ends together at each end of the hem lining section. Lay coat piece aside for now.



The front edge braid strips

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using gold cast on 5 sts, noting that first row is *right* side.

Work in g-st until the strip is the same length as the coat at centre front row ends.

Cast off.

To sew each piece in place

Notes: The braid strips are not sewn to the centre front edges of the coat edge-to-edge. They are sewn *onto* the coat, with the centre front g-st row ends just extending beyond the row ends of the coat. For neatest results, use matching sewing thread to sew the strips in place.

Pin the braid to K side of coat front edge as described above. The cast on and cast off ends of the braid should just extend beyond the hem and neck edges of the coat.

With P side of the coat facing toward you, catch row ends of coat to braid, just within row ends of the braid. Catch hem and neck edges of coat to ends of braid also. On right side of the coat, catch remaining inner set of row ends of the braid in place.

The buttons

Note: These are worked on the right-hand side braid strip.

Using a sewing needle and a length of grey yarn, secure yarn to centre of the braid strip about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] above lower edge. For each button work two vertical oversewing stitches around the centre st of a g-st ridge on the braid. Leave two g-st ridges between each button and work buttons to within 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] of the neck edge of braid.

The waistcoat pieces

[Make two alike]

Notes: These pieces are straight strips, sewn just inside the centre front edges of the coat, to give the illusion of a waistcoat. To eliminate bulk the top ends of the strips extend to chest-height only. These ends are covered by the shirt frills later on.

Using light yellow cast on 18 sts loosely.

St-st 3 rows. This 3 row section will be positioned on the *inside* of the coat.

Next row: K. This row will be next to and level with front edge of the coat.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for *right* side of the strip.

Next row: P, to mark the outer edge fold line.

P 1 row, then cast off P wise. These two rows form the lining section of the strip.

To make up and sew each piece in place

Turn in the lining section at the outer edge fold line. Catch cast off edge to wrong side of the strip. Oversew row ends together at each end of the lining section.

With right side of both pieces uppermost, slip the first 3 rows of the waistcoat strip inside one front edge of the coat. The lower edge of the strip should be 2cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] above hem edge of the coat. Pin, then sew the 3 row section to wrong side of the coat.

To sew the coat in place

Place cast off edge of the coat around the neck, then catch cast off edge row ends together at centre front. Sew cast off edge to neck.

Pin the upper row ends of the waistcoat strips to upper body so that they just meet at centre front. Sew row ends in place as pinned.

THE NECKBAND

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 44 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

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

To sew in place

Place neckband around neck and catch row ends together at centre back.

THE SHIRT FRILLS

The outer piece

Using white cast on 24 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Next row: K2, (ym, K2) to end — 35 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: K1, (ym, K1) to end — 69 sts.

Using a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm [No 3, USA 10 $\frac{1}{2}$] knitting needle, cast off.

Note that cast off row is *right* side.

To make up

With wrong side outside, fold the piece in half and oversew the row ends together. Oversew across cast on sts, for centre front seam.

The inner piece

Using white cast on 20 sts.

K 1 row.

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

Cast off and make up as given for the outer piece.

To assemble the pieces and sew in place

With right sides of both pieces uppermost, pin seam on the inner piece centrally to seam on the outer piece. Sew through both pieces as pinned. Sew top point of the row ends to lower edge of the neckband at centre front. Catch lower end of centre seam to body.

SLEEVES

Make **BASIC SLEEVES** using red to match the coat throughout.

HANDS

Make **BASIC HANDS**.

ASSEMBLING SLEEVES AND HANDS

Refer to detailed instructions on page 6.

Point both thumbs toward the front of the body. Do not angle the wrists.

Sew the sleeves to hands as given in the basic instructions on page 6, but do not sew the sleeves to body until sleeve cuffs and frills have been added.

SLEEVE CUFFS AND FRILLS

The cuffs

[Make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using gold cast on 32 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Break off gold and join on red.

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

Next row: P3, (P2tog, P6) 3 times, P2tog, P3 — 28 sts.

Cast off P wise.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends of each cuff together, then leave wrong side out. Slip the cast off edge of each cuff over each hand so that it is level with cast on edge of each sleeve. Make sure that the cuff seam is in the underarm position. Pin, then sew cast off edges of cuffs to hands, just below cast on edges of sleeves. Turn the cuffs up.

The frills

[Make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using white cast on 16 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: K1, (ym, K1) to end — 31 sts.

Using a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm [No 3, USA 10 $\frac{1}{2}$] knitting needle, cast off.

Note that cast off row is *right* side.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew row ends of each frill together and turn right side out. Place frills on hands, with cast on edges level with sleeve cuffs. Make sure the frill seams are in the underarm positions. Pin, then sew cast on edges of frills in place.

Now sew the sleeves to sides of body as given in basic instructions.

HAT

The crown piece

Begin at inner hem lining section and using black cast on 72 sts.

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

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

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

Shape top

1st row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 64 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 56 sts.

5th row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 48 sts.



7th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

9th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 32 sts.

11th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

13th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together then leave wrong side out. Turn up the hem lining section at the lower edge turning line. Catch cast on edge in place, then turn right side out.

Put a little stuffing in top of the hat crown piece. Place it on the head, with seam at centre back. Pin lower edge of the piece to head at centre front, just covering face edge of the prickles piece.

Pin lower edge to head at centre back, 4.5cm [1½in] above neckband. Pin remainder of lower edge in place. Stuff the crown lightly [by removing then replacing each pin in turn], to make a smooth rounded shape. Sew in place

as pinned, taking stitches through the prickles piece and into head to secure.

The brim piece

Begin at lower edge of the outer section of brim and using black cast on 84 sts. Mark centre of cast on edge with a coloured thread, to indicate position for sewing to centre of forehead.

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

Next row: (K6, inc in next st) to end — 96 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K7, inc in next st) to end — 108 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Break off black and join on gold.

P 1 row.

Notes: On the next row, the instruction 'place marker' means:- place a coloured thread in the

strand of yarn between the st you have just knitted and the next st on left-hand needle. These coloured threads mark the positions of the three corners of the brim, when making up.

Next row: K24, place marker, K30, place marker, K30, place marker, K24.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for fold line at top edge of brim.

P 1 row.

Break off gold and join on black.

Work the inner brim section

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

Next row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 96 sts.
St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 84 sts.
St-st 3 rows.

Cast off, marking centre of cast off edge as for cast on edge.



To make up and sew in place

Join the row ends, then turn right side out. With right side of st-st outside, bring the cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew them together a little at a time, then lightly stuff the section you have just sewn. Continue until the brim is completely stuffed.

Place brim on the head and turn it downwards. Make sure the inner section of the brim is now uppermost. Pin the marker threads at centres of cast on and cast off edges to centre of forehead level with lower edge of the crown piece. Pin remainder of cast on/cast off edge seam to head level with lower edge of the crown piece. Sew in place as pinned, taking stitches through the prickles piece and into head to secure. Turn up the brim.

To make the three corners

Thread a darning needle with a length of black yarn. Pinch the brim between finger and thumb at the centre front corner marker thread. Pass needle through this pinched section, 2.5cm (1in) away from the pinched fold, just below the gold border. Sew the needle has passed through all four thicknesses of the brim.

Keep pinching and pull yarn through, leaving a long tail-end. Repeat this twice or more until the pinched section holds its shape. Sew in the tail-ends of yarn. Repeat this process for the other two marked corners.

THE SIDE HEAD CURLS

[Make four alike]

Note: Work these pieces on 6½mm [No 3, USA 10½] knitting needles and use a strand of fawn and a strand of brown yarn together, to match the prickles piece.

Cast on 7 sts.

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

Repeat this row 4 more times.

Cast off, noting that cast off edge is *wrong side*.

To make up and sew in place

With right side outside, roll up each piece from one set of row ends to the other. Sew row ends in place.

Pin one curl to the prickles piece at each side of head, level with hat brim and the face edge of the prickles piece. Sew in place as pinned.

Sew the other two curls in place, just below first curls.

THE QUEUE

Notes: This is the looped piece of 'hair' at nape of the neck.

Use 6½mm [No 3, USA 10½] knitting needles and a strand of fawn and brown yarn together, to match the prickles piece.

Cast on 13 sts.

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

Repeat this row 6 more times.

Cast off in rib, noting that cast off edge is *wrong side*.

To make up and sew in place

With right side outside, bring the two sets of row ends together. Oversew them together, pulling the stitches tightly to gather. Pin this oversewn edge to centre back of the head, just above the neck. Sew in place as pinned, taking stitches through the prickles piece and into head to secure.

THE QUEUE BOW

Using gold cast on 34 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

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

P 1 row, then cast off.

To make up and sew in place

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Place the oversewn seam at centre back of the bow. Secure a length of gold yarn at centre of oversewn seam then wind it tightly around centre of bow several times. Sew yarn end into bow.

Sew centre of bow to the prickles piece, just above row ends of the queue.

THE HAND BELL

The bell

Begin at centre of base of bell and using black cast on 9 sts.

P 1 row.

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

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 27 sts.

P 1 row.

Break off black and join on gold.

G-st 2 rows.

P the next 3 rows.

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

Next row: (P1, P2tog) to end — 18 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Next row: K, to mark outer edge of top section.

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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Cut a 2.5cm [1in] diameter circle of cardboard and also a 4cm [1½in] diameter circle of cardboard. Make a small hole in the centre of each one so that a darning needle can pass through. Lay the circles aside for now.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends of the bell together, leaving the black row ends open.

Push the 2.5cm [1in] diameter cardboard circle inside the bell, against the top section. Stuff the bell. Push the 4cm [1½in] diameter cardboard circle inside the bell below the stuffing. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly then fasten off.

If necessary push more stuffing in the bell above the cardboard circle, through gap in seam. Now oversew row ends of the black section together. Secure a length of black yarn at centre of gathered cast on sts. Pass darning needle and yarn up through centre of bell to centre of the B & T sts. Pass needle and yarn back through bell and pull gently to flatten top and base.

Fasten off yarn.

The handle

Begin at top end and using black cast on 5 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc in first 4 sts, K1 — 9 sts.

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

Next row: P1, (P2tog, P2) to end — 7 sts.

St-st 6 rows.

Cast off loosely P wise.

To make up

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Stuff handle firmly.

Pin the open cast off edge to centre top of the bell. Sew in place as pinned.

The handle socket

Begin at lower edge and using gold cast on 13 sts.

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

To sew in place

Position the piece around handle at top edge of the bell. Catch row ends together, then sew to bell and handle.

The clapper

Using gold cast on 5 sts.

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

B & T tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. Stuff clapper with a bit of gold yarn. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off but do not break yarn. Use this length of yarn to sew clapper to black base of bell, right next to the first knitted row of gold. This will be the natural position of the clapper when the bell is sewn to the hand.

To sew bell to hand

Pin the handle between thumb and first finger of the right hand. Make sure that the clapper is in the position shown in the illustration. Sew handle in place as pinned.

PROCLAMATION GIFT TAG

Note: You will need a piece of flexible card, about post card thickness in light yellow and a brown colouring pencil.

First cut a 5cm by 8cm [2in by 3in] piece of card. Trim the long edges into slightly irregular



shapes to resemble parchment. Colour these edges with a brown pencil. Write the greetings and messages on both sides of the card, 5mm [¼in] within the short edges.

The knitted edging pieces

[Make two pieces alike]

Using gold or colour of your choice cast on 15 sts.

K 1 row and note that this row is *right* side.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows for the folded edge.

P 1 row, then cast off P wise.

To make up and sew in place

Spread a little glue on both sides of the card at one short edge. Place the knitted piece on the glued portions, with fold positioned at edge of card. Oversew the row ends together at each side of the knitted strip.

Repeat at other short edge. Bend the card to curve it as shown in the illustration.

Pin the knitted strip at top edge of the gift tag between thumb and first finger of the left hand, as shown in the illustration. Sew in place as pinned.

