

TWELVE PAGE SERIES

Jean Greenhowe's Snowtime Friends

Cuddly Snowman, Snowballs, Sledge and Novelties

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DOUBLE KNITTING YARN

Notes

Albert the snowman stands a splendid 41cm [16in] high and he can be made as a free-standing Christmas decoration or a delightful cuddly toy.

Inside Albert's sack there are ten smaller sacks, each containing a miniature knitted novelty surprise. The small sacks can also be filled with sweet treats and the knitted novelties make charming decorations for a tiny Christmas tree.

Joining in the festivities are Albert's friends, the roly-poly snowballs, complete with their very own sledges!

Happy knitting!

Jean

Measurements

The snowman measures 41cm [16in] in height, excluding the cap pom-pom. Each snowball measures 8cm [3in] in height, excluding the cap pom-pom and the legs. The large sack measures 12cm by 14cm [4½in by 5½in]. Each small sack measures 4.5cm by 5cm [1½in by 2in]. The sledge measures 23cm [9in] by 10cm [4in] by 4cm [1½in] high.

Yarn and stuffing required

Yarn: Double knitting yarn [USA, knitting worsted weight: **Australia**, 8 ply].

The amounts of yarn quoted are for the complete set of toys. Quantities have been rounded up to the nearest 10g or ½oz. 'Oddments' are less than 10g [½oz].

You will need: 90g [3½oz] of white; 70g [2½oz] of yellow; 60g [2oz] of green; 50g [1½oz] of red; 40g [1½oz] of light green; 30g [1oz] of tan and light tan.
Oddments of orange and black.

Stuffing: 400g [14oz] of good quality washable stuffing.

General materials required

Large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins should be used at all stages of construction.

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.

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.

Glue, suitable for sticking cardboard.

Knitting needles required

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

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

A pair of 5½mm [No 5, USA 8].

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.

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

psso = pass slipped st over.

USA glossary

Cast off — bind off

Tension — gauge

Instructions in round brackets

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

Tension

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

Casting on

The thumb method is recommended.

Casting off

Always cast off K wise unless otherwise stated.

Working in st-st

Always begin with a K row unless otherwise stated.

Working in stripes

When knitting different coloured stripes, carry yarns loosely up side of work or break and join yarns as necessary.

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 very small pieces you can use ordinary matching sewing threads for a neat finish.

Colouring cheeks

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

Working embroidered stitches

To work any embroidered stitches on a 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 stuffed 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 cord

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 to the required length, then trim off ends close to the knot.



Toy safety

A certain amount of common sense should always be used regarding the safety factor in children's toys.

It is important to ensure that the toy you are making is appropriate for the age group of the child for which it is intended. For example, children under 3 years of age should not be given toys which have separate tiny parts.

When making the snowman as a soft toy for young children, the cardboard soles can be omitted. The little novelties are intended for older children only.

The sledge is not meant to withstand rough handling and it is therefore unsuitable for babies and young children.

Always use new hygienic washable stuffing

which conforms to current safety standards - your craft materials supplier will advise.

When marking the eye positions and making up the pieces, always use large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins. Ordinary pins should not be used as they may pass into the stuffed pieces between the knitted sts.

Take care to sew all the added pieces *securely* in place - for example arms, hats etc.

Albert

Legs, body and head

Right leg

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

P 1 row.

Next row: (K7, inc in next 8 sts) twice, K1 — 47 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (inc in next st, K2) to end — 62 sts.

Next row: P38, sew in a coloured thread between last st on right hand needle and the next st on left hand needle, P to end. This coloured thread marks centre front of the foot.

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

Shape top of foot

Next row: K6, (K2tog) 18 times, K20 — 44 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K5, (K2tog) 10 times, K19 — 34 sts.

St-st 11 rows.

Break off green and join on white.

St-st 14 rows.

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

Left leg

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

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (inc in next 8 sts, K7) twice — 47 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (inc in next st, K2) to end — 62 sts.

Next row: P24, sew in a coloured thread between last st on right hand needle and the next st on left hand needle, P to end. This coloured thread marks centre front of the foot.

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

Shape top of foot

Next row: K20, (K2tog) 18 times, K6 — 44 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K19, (K2tog) 10 times, K5 — 34 sts.

St-st 11 rows.

Break off green and join on white.

St-st 14 rows.

Body and head

Mark each end of next row with a coloured thread.

With right side of work facing and using white, K across the 34 sts of left leg on the knitting needle, then across the 34 sts of right leg on the spare needle — 68 sts.

St-st 31 rows.

Shape sides

Next row: K13, (K2tog) 5 times, K22, (K2tog) 5 times, K13 — 58 sts.

St-st 9 rows.

Next row: K13, (K2tog) 3 times, K20, (K2tog) 3 times, K13 — 52 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 35 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Inc for head

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 70 sts.

St-st 41 rows.

Shape top of head

1st row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 56 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 42 sts.

5th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 28 sts.

7th row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

B & T loosely.

To make up

Join row ends of body and head from the coloured threads to the B & T sts, leaving a 7cm [2¾in] gap in body seam.

Join row ends of each leg from coloured threads to the cast on edges.

Fold one foot at the centre front position which is marked by the coloured thread. Starting at this folded end, oversew the cast on sts together. Repeat on the other foot.

Turn doll right side out.

If the doll is to be free-standing add the cardboard soles as follows. If the doll is being made as a soft toy, omit the cardboard soles.

Fold a piece of tracing paper or very thin paper into quarters. Trace the sole pattern off the page, placing folded edges of paper to the dotted lines indicated. Cut out the traced shape and unfold the pattern. Use this pattern to cut two soles from cardboard. The soles should be fairly rigid, so if necessary glue on one or two more layers of cardboard.

Insert a sole into each foot, through gap in body seam. Stuff feet, taking care that the long centres of soles are in line with the oversewn cast on edges of feet. Stuff feet in the normal way if the cardboard soles are not required.

Stuff legs, body and lower portion of head. Each leg should measure 19cm [7½in] around. The body should measure 36cm [14½in] around at centre. The neck should measure 27cm [10½in] around. Close gap in body seam.

To shape the neck

Use two strands of white yarn and gather round the neck at the neck shaping row. Pull up the gathers very tightly and knot the ends of yarn. Sew yarn ends into neck.

Now continue stuffing the head through the B & T sts. Head should measure 37cm [14½in] around at centre. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly, then fasten off.

Eyes

Note: The eyes are worked in back-stitch as described below. Refer to page 2 'Working embroidered stitches' before working the eyes.

Mark the eye positions on the face with pins. Place the pins 23 knitted rows above the head inc row and leave 6 clear knitted sts between the pins.

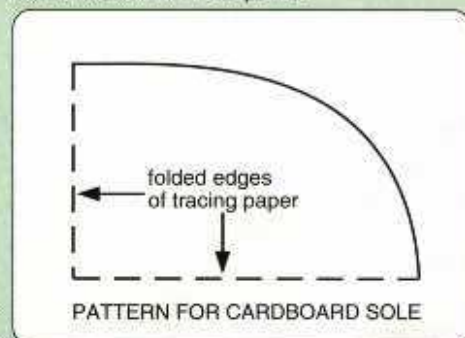
Use a length of black yarn for each eye. Bring needle and yarn out at one eye position, pass needle through face 3 knitted rows directly below first position. Bring needle out at first position, then pull yarn through. This completes one back-stitch. Repeat 3 more times. Fasten off yarn. Work other eye in same way.

Mouth

Start and fasten off yarn ends as for the eyes. Mark centre of mouth with a pin 8 knitted rows above the head inc row. Mark corners of mouth with pins 12 knitted rows above the head inc row. Place one pin 4 clear knitted sts to the right of centre pin. Place other pin 3 clear knitted sts to the left of centre pin. There are now 7 clear knitted sts between these pins.

Using black yarn, work a stitch from centre pin to one corner of mouth. Repeat to other corner of mouth. Work a small sloping stitch at each corner of mouth. If the doll is being made as a soft toy, use black sewing thread to oversew along each of the long mouth stitches, catching yarn to face.

Colour cheeks with red pencil.



Nose

Using orange cast on 10 sts.
St-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) twice, K2 — 8 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog, K2) twice — 6 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts.
B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out and stuff. Sew to face between and just below the eyes, with oversewn seam facing downward.

Boot top pieces

[Make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using light green cast on 48 sts.
St-st 6 rows.

Work picot edge

Next row: K1, (yarn, K2tog) to last st, K1.
Beginning with a P row st-st 6 rows.
Cast off.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, fold each piece at the picot edge then oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Place one boot top piece around each leg as shown in the illustration. Oversew row ends together. With these seams at back of legs, sew cast on/cast off edges of boot top pieces to the first knitted white rows on the legs.

Cap

Begin at lower edge and using green cast on 81 sts.

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

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

Repeat these two rows twice more.

Break off green and join on yellow.

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

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 162 sts.
P 1 row.

Join on red and st-st 2 rows using red.

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

Using yellow, st-st 4 rows.

Repeating this sequence of red, light green and yellow stripes, continue as follows.
St-st 6 more rows.

Shape top of cap

1st row: (K16, K2tog) to end — 153 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K15, K2tog) to end — 144 sts.

5th row: (K14, K2tog) to end — 135 sts.

7th row: (K13, K2tog) to end — 126 sts.

9th row: (K12, K2tog) to end — 117 sts.

11th row: (K11, K2tog) to end — 108 sts.

13th row: (K10, K2tog) to end — 99 sts.

15th row: (K9, K2tog) to end — 90 sts.

17th row: (K8, K2tog) to end — 81 sts.

19th row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 72 sts.

21st row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 63 sts.

23rd row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 54 sts.

25th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 45 sts.

27th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

29th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

31st row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

33rd row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.
B & T tightly.

To make up

Join row ends, then turn right side out. The seam will be at centre back of cap.

Pom-pom

Using green cast on 16 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 32 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 16 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 16 sts.
B & T loosely.

To make up

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

Oversew row ends together. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly then fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

Sew the gathered cast on sts to B & T sts on the cap. Stuff the cap lightly, pushing stuffing into the section just above the ribbed green band.

Place the cap on doll's head as illustrated. The cast on edge should be 1cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ in] above the eyes at the front and slightly lower at the back of the head. Pin the band to head, then sew cast on edge to head. Catch last knitted row of the ribbed band to head also.

Ear-muffs

[Make two alike]

Begin at back and using red cast on 10 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 30 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.
B & T loosely.

To make up

Join row ends of each piece. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off, but do not break yarn.

Pass needle and yarn through the B & T sts to gathered cast on sts, then back again. Pull tightly to depress cast on sts, then fasten off.

To sew to head

With gathered cast on sts toward head, pin ear-muffs to sides of doll's head as illustrated. There should be a 12cm [$4\frac{1}{2}$ in] space between edges of the ear-muffs measuring across the face. The top edges should just overlap the cap band. Sew ear-muffs in place.

Pull the cap over to one side of head as shown in the illustration. Catch to ear-muff to hold in position.

Catch cap to head just beneath the pom-pom also.

Buttons

[Make two alike]

Note: First knitted row is *wrong* side of button.

Begin at back of button and using red cast on 6 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 18 sts.
Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: K.

Next row: (P1, P2tog) to end — 12 sts.

Next row: K.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts.
B & T tightly.

To make up

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. With right side outside, oversew row ends together. Flatten the button, so that the B & T sts match the gathered cast on sts.

Use black yarn to work a cross stitch at centre front of each button. Sew buttons to doll's chest as shown in the illustration.

Arms

[Make two alike]

Begin at end of hand and using red for the mitten cast on 15 sts.

P 1 row.

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

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 15 rows.

Break off red and join on white for the arm.
St-st 22 rows.

Shape top

Dec 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until 14 sts remain.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.
Cast off.

To make up

Join row ends of each arm from cast on edge as far as the top shaping. Oversew across cast on sts. Turn arms right side out and stuff. Each arm should measure 15cm [$6\frac{1}{2}$ in] around at the centre. Do not sew the arms in place at this stage.

Mitten cuffs

[Make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using green cast on 34 sts.

Work 3 rows in K1, P1 rib.
Cast off in rib.

To make up

Oversew row ends of each cuff together. Turn right side out. Place cuffs on arms, matching seams to underarm seams. Sew cast off edges of cuffs to the last knitted rows of red on the arms. Sew cast on edges to arms.



Thumbs

[Make two alike]
Using red cast on 14 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.
B & T tightly.

To make up

Join row ends of each thumb, then turn right side out. Stuff lightly. With seam at centre of cast on edge, oversew across cast on sts. Sew this edge to hand, level with the green cuffs, at the underarm seam position as shown in the illustration. Catch thumbs to hands a little further along the thumbs.

To sew arms in place

Pin the open top edges of arms to sides of the doll, placing cast off edges of arms 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] below the neck. Sew in place as pinned, adding more stuffing at tops if necessary.

Scarf

Using yellow cast on 10 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.
P 1 row.

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

Continue working 2 rows yellow and 2 rows green alternately, until there are 41 green stripes altogether.

Break off green.

Using yellow, K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 10 sts.
Cast off P wise.

To make up

Join row ends, leaving a gap in seam at centre for turning right side out. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Repeat at cast off edge. Push each end of scarf through

gap in seam to turn right side out. Close gap in seam.

Tassles

[Make two alike]
Using green cast on 12 sts.
Noting that first row is *right side*, g-st 25 rows.
Cast off.

To make up

With right side outside oversew cast on and cast off edges of each tassel together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Push a little stuffing inside the tassel against the gathered row ends. Tie a length of green yarn very tightly around tassel below the stuffing. Sew yarn ends into tassel.

Sew a tassel to each end of scarf. Place scarf around doll's neck, crossing over the ends at right shoulder. Sew in place at cross-over position.







Snowballs

[Make two alike]

Body and head

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 14 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 28 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 42 sts.
Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 25 rows.

Shape top of head

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 28 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.
B & T loosely.

To make up

Join row ends. This seam will be at centre back of the snowball. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly then fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff. The snowball should measure 23cm [9in] around at centre. Pull up the B & T sts tightly and fasten off.

Eyes

Note: The eyes are worked in back-stitch as described below. Refer to page 2 'Working embroidered stitches' before working the eyes. Mark the eye positions on the face with pins. Place the pins 3 knitted rows below the first shaping row at top of the head, leaving 4 clear knitted sts between the pins.

Use a length of black yarn for each eye. Bring needle and yarn out at one eye position, pass needle through face 2 knitted rows directly below first position. Bring needle out at first position, then pull yarn through. This completes one back-stitch. Repeat 2 more times. Fasten off yarn. Work other eye in same way.

Mouth

Start and fasten off yarn ends as for the eyes. Mark centre of mouth with a pin 6 knitted rows below base of the eyes.

Using black yarn, work a small V-shape with centre of the V at marked position. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

Legs

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 13 sts.
P 1 row.

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

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

Next row: K4, (slip 1, K2tog, pssso) 6 times, K4 — 14 sts.

St-st 8 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

Join row ends of each leg. These seams will be at centre back of legs. Oversew across cast on sts on each leg. Turn right side out and stuff.

Pin cast on edges of legs to snowball about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below mouth, leaving a 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] space between them. Sew in place as pinned.

Arms

[Make two alike]

Begin at top of arm and using white cast on 14 sts.

St-st 8 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Join row ends of each arm. Turn right side out and stuff.

Pin arms to sides of snowball with seams at underarm position. The arms should be just above legs, with a 5cm [2in] space between them, measuring across the face. Sew in place as pinned.

Cap

Note: The colour for the second snowball's cap stripes is given after the first colour.

Begin at lower edge and using red for both caps cast on 50 sts.

Work 4 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Join on yellow or light green.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 2 rows in yellow or light green.

Work 2 rows in red for both caps.

Keeping these two-row stripes correct throughout, st-st 4 more rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

5th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

7th row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.
P 1 row.

Break off red and continue in yellow or light green for the pom-pom.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 15 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.
B & T tightly.

To make up

Join row ends then turn right side out. Stuff the pom-pom. Gather round the first knitted row of pom-pom, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Place caps on the snowballs as illustrated, with seams at centre back. Sew cast on edges in place.

Sledge

Important note: The sledge pieces are worked using two strands of yarn together, on 5mm [No 5, USA 8] knitting needles.

The main piece

Using two different shades of tan, begin at one short end and cast on 30 sts.

Continue in st-st. Work until the knitted piece measures 20cm [8in] when slightly stretched, ending with a K row.

Cast off.

To make up

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out.

Cut two 10cm by 20cm [4in by 8in] pieces of cardboard. Glue the pieces together then snip off all the sharp corners.

With the oversewn seam running down centre of the knitted piece, push the cardboard inside the knitted piece. Oversew across cast on sts. Oversew across cast off sts, stretching the knitted piece to fit the cardboard.

The runners

[Make two alike]

Begin at straight back edge. Using yarn as for the main piece cast on 10 sts.

Continue in st-st. Work until the piece measures 22cm [8½in] when slightly stretched, ending with a P row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts.
B & T tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, fold each piece bringing the row ends together. Oversew across cast on sts.

Cut two 2.5cm by 22cm [1in by 8½in] strips of cardboard for each runner. Glue them together, then snip off all the sharp corners.

At one short end of each strip, round off one of the corners. Push the cardboard runner inside the knitted piece, with the rounded-off corner against the fold and at the B & T end. Now oversew the row ends together, enclosing the cardboard strip.

To assemble the pieces

Pin the seamed edges of runners to underside of the main piece, just within the long edges. The straight cast on ends of runners should be level with one short edge of the top piece. Sew in place as pinned. Make a 36cm [14in] single twisted green cord. Sew folded end of cord through seams at top of both runners at front of sledge. Knot each end of cord so that finished length is about 30cm [12in]. Trim off excess length.

To brace the runners

To keep the runners steady and upright, a cardboard bracing piece is required. Cut a 2cm [¾in] wide piece of cardboard, to fit between the runners on the underside of sledge across the width. Cut several more pieces the same size and glue them all together. Carefully glue the piece in position as shown in the illustration on this page.

Large Sack

Using yellow cast on 34 sts.

G-st 6 rows.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st until the knitted strip measures 28cm [11in], ending with a K row.

G-st 6 rows, then cast off.

To make up

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



Make a 46cm [18in] single twisted green cord. Thread the folded end of the cord in and out of the knitted sts, just below the g-st border at top of sack, leaving ends protruding at one side seam. Knot ends of cord together.

Little Novelty Sacks

Make two each in yellow, green, light green, white and red.

Cast on 14 sts and g-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 37 rows.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

To make up

Sew up each sack as given for the large sack. Use contrasting coloured yarn to make 25cm [10in] single twisted cord.

Thread the folded end of the cord in and out of the knitted sts, just below the g-st border at top of sack, leaving ends protruding at one side. Knot and trim the folded end of the cord.

After making the novelties, place one in each sack, then draw up the twisted cord and tie it in a bow.



Little Novelties

Note: If the novelties are to be made as decorations for a miniature Christmas tree, add hanging loops as necessary. Use dark green sewing thread for the loops so that they blend into the tree foliage.

Ice-cream cone

Begin at top of ice-cream and using white cast on 4 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 8 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 12 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Break off white and join on tan for the cone.

G-st 2 rows.

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

Shape cone

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

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 6 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts. B & T tightly.

To make up

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends of the cone together. Stuff the cone. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Stuff the ice-cream, then oversew remaining row ends together.

For the strawberry sauce, use red yarn to work a few small chain stitches radiating from the centre of cast on sts.

Garland

Using light green cast on 6 sts.

Note that first knitted row is *right* side.

G-st 33 rows, slipping the first st on every row. Cast off.

To make up

With right side outside, oversew row ends together, stuffing the piece lightly as you go.

Bring cast on and cast off edges together and oversew, to join into a ring.

Make a 20cm [8in] single twisted red cord. Tie a small bow at centre, then sew the bow to top of the garland. Knot ends of the cord together 2.5cm [1in] away from the bow. Trim off yarn ends close to the knot.

Mittens

[Make two alike]

Mitten

Begin at wrist edge and using red cast on 12 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Break off red and join on yellow.

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

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly.

Thumb

Begin at base of thumb and using yellow cast on 4 sts.

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

B & T tightly.

To make up the pieces

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends of the thumb together.

With right side of st-st outside, fold the mitten bringing row ends together for the side seam. Slip the cast on edge of thumb inside, half way down the mitten, sloping the thumb as shown in the illustration.

Now oversew the row ends of mitten together, catching the thumb in place at the same time.

Make a 10cm [4in] single twisted light green cord. Sew folded end through cast on ends of mittens at sides. Knot folded end of cord and trim close to knot.

Paper chains

[Make one each of light green, white, red, yellow and green]

Cast on 16 sts.

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

To make up

With right side outside, oversew row ends of one strip together. Thread next strip through the first, then oversew row ends together. Repeat with remaining strips.

Christmas stocking

Note: If desired a stocking can be made for each snowball to hold. The colour for the second snowball's stocking is given after the first colour.

Begin at lower edge and using yellow or light green cast on 13 sts.

P 1 row.

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

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

Shape foot

Next row: P7, P2tog, P1, P2tog, P7 — 17 sts.

Next row: K6, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K6 — 15 sts.

Next row: P5, P2tog, P1, P2tog, P5 — 13 sts.

St-st 6 rows.

Break off yellow or light green and join on red for both stockings.

G-st 3 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

Oversew row ends together. Oversew across cast on sts, then turn right side out.

Make a 15cm [6in] single twisted yellow or light green cord. Thread the folded end of cord through the seam at top of stocking, matching colour of cord to stocking. Knot ends of cord

together so that the loop is just large enough to fit over the snowball's arm.

Christmas tree

The tree

Begin at lower end of tree and using green cast on 8 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts. P the next 2 rows.

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

Next row: (P2, P2tog) to end — 12 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts. K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 3 sts. B & T tightly.

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, stuffing the tree before completing oversewing.

Secure a length of green yarn at centre of cast on sts. Pass needle and yarn up through centre of tree to the B & T sts. Pull yarn to depress the base, then fasten off.

The tub

Using red cast on 10 sts tightly.

P 1 row, noting that this row is *wrong* side.

Cast off loosely P wise.

To make up

Thread one of the tail-ends of yarn into a darning needle. Starting at the other end of the strip and with right side outside, roll up the strip tightly around your knitting needle. Using the darning needle, oversew row ends in place. Sew in the other tail-end of yarn. Slide the piece off knitting needle. Sew cast off end underneath tree at centre.

Plum pudding

Using tan begin at base and cast on 8 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Break off tan and join on white.

K 1 row.

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

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 8 sts. B & T loosely.

To make up

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

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

Use a strand of green yarn for the holly leaves and work two small chain stitches on top of the pudding. Work one tiny red stitch for the holly berry.

Candy cane

Using white cast on 16 sts.

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

Cast off, leaving a 60cm [24in] tail-end of yarn.



To make up

Thread the long tail-end of yarn in a darning needle. With right side of st-st outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges together.

Now pass the eye-end of the darning needle down through the inside of the knitted piece, bringing it out at the other end. Pull yarn through and take a small stitch at end of cane to secure. Repeat this process seven more times to stiffen the cane, then fasten off yarn.

Bend over one end of the cane and use white yarn to catch in place at the underside of the bend.

Thread a needle with two strands of red yarn. Pass needle and yarn down through centre of straight section of cane, leaving tail-ends of

yarn protruding. Take a small stitch to secure yarn at lower end of cane, then snip off the protruding tail-ends.

Wind the two strands of yarn round and round cane, spiralling to the other end. Take a small stitch to secure. Pass needle and yarn through inside of cane, then snip off yarn ends close to the cane.

Tangerine

Using orange begin at base and cast on 8 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 6 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 8 sts. B & T loosely.

To make up

With P side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Stuff, then pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off, but do not break yarn. Pass needle and yarn through centre of the B & T sts to centre of cast on sts. Pull tightly to depress centre of tangerine, then fasten off.

Use green yarn to work a small dot at centre of the B & T sts.

Apple

Using red or light green, work as given for the tangerine, but make up with K side of st-st outside and work the dot in tan. Use white to work a small stitch for the 'shine', close to top of the apple.

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