

Jean Greenhowe's Christmas Special

Exciting 28 page issue!





Notes



It's never too early to start knitting for Christmas and here is an exciting array of designs guaranteed to set your needles clicking!

For this special issue we have extended the content to 28 pages, to make a super collection of gifts, toys and decorations for the festive season.

Happy knitting!

Jean

General materials required

Double knitting yarn [USA, knitting worsted weight: **Australia**, 8 ply] in colours stated in the instructions or colours of your choice. When oddments of yarn are quoted in a materials list, it can be assumed that any part of the design worked in one colour, can be completed with less than 25g [1oz] of that particular colour. When specific amounts of yarn are quoted, the weights have been rounded up to the nearest 10g or ¼oz.

Good quality washable stuffing [amounts required are quoted in the individual instructions].

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.

A pair of compasses for drawing circles.

Cardboard, such as cuttings off washing powder packets and breakfast cereal packets. This type of cardboard is the correct thickness to use when required.

Glue, suitable for sticking cardboard.

Knitting needles required

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

A pair of 5mm [No 6, USA 7]

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, by picking up the horizontal strand of yarn lying between the stitch you have just knitted and the next st on left hand needle. Place the strand on left hand needle and knit into the back of it.

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

USA glossary

Cast off – bind off
Tension – gauge

Instructions in round brackets

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

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

Tension

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

Where 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles are used, the tension is given in the individual instructions if necessary.

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.

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 the various small pieces to the dolls and toys, you can use ordinary matching sewing threads for a neat finish.

Colouring cheeks

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

Working embroidered stitches

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

Thread a blunt-ended needle with yarn required and knot end of yarn. Take needle through the stuffed toy, passing it *between* the knitted sts and bring it out at the position required. Pull the yarn to draw the knotted end right inside the stuffing. Tug the yarn to make sure the knot is caught in the stuffing.

Now work the required embroidered stitches. Pass the needle back through the toy to come out at a position *between* the knitted sts. Pass needle back through toy again between the same knitted sts to come out at a different position. Repeat until yarn is securely fastened off, then pull end of yarn and snip off close to the knitted sts.

Twisted cords

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

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.

Occasional rows worked in double yarn

There are occasions in the instructions where one or more rows are worked using *double* yarn, changing back to a single strand of yarn for subsequent rows. When changing from double to single yarn, treat the two loops on each st on the previous row as *one* st when working the next row.

Toy safety guidelines

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

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

The materials used for the dolls and toys which appear in this booklet are: knitting yarn, polyester stuffing, plastic drinking straws and cardboard. Do not add any other materials such as wire, pipe cleaners, buttons or beads.

Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing which conforms to current safety standards – your craft materials supplier will advise.

When sewing up the toys always use large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins. Ordinary pins should not be used as they can pass into a knitted toy between the knitted sts.

Take care to sew all the added pieces *securely* in place – for example arms, hats etc. If a yarn cord is tied in a bow on a toy, sew through the bow so that it can not be undone if pulled.

Santa and Mrs Claus

You can knit this pair of large dolls as cuddly toys or very special Christmas decorations. For display purposes, cardboard soles can be inserted in the feet so that the dolls will stand unsupported. If washable dolls are required, omit the cardboard soles. The dolls will look exactly the same with or without the soles.

Measurements: Finished height of Santa is 36cm [14¼in] to top of cap; finished height of Mrs Claus is 34cm [13½in] to top of hair.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles — see Important note below; 250g [9oz] of stuffing for each doll.

Yarn required for Santa: 40g [1½oz] of white; 60g [2oz] of red; 30g [1oz] of light pink; oddments of the other colours.

Yarn required for Mrs Claus: 40g [1½oz] of red; 60g [2oz] of white; 30g [1oz] of light pink; oddments of the other colours.

Important note: Use 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles for all the pieces unless otherwise stated in the instructions.

Basic dolls

Both the dolls are worked in the same basic way. Where there are differences, [in colours used, or number of rows worked], Santa's instructions are given first, followed by Mrs Claus' instructions in { } brackets.

Legs, body and head

Right leg

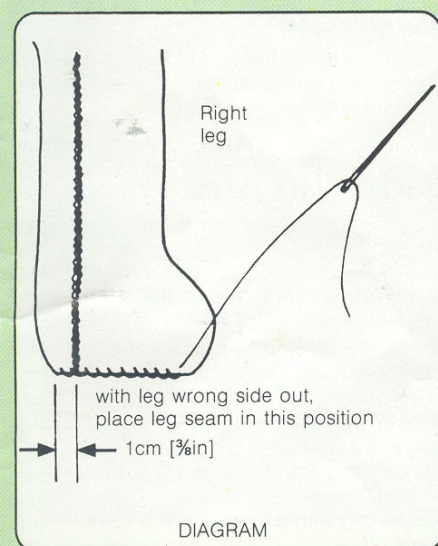
Begin at lower edge of foot and using black for Santa {red for Mrs Claus}, cast on 29 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 58 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 17 rows ★.

Shape top of foot

Next row: K6, (K2tog) 18 times, K16 — 40 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 12 times, K12 — 28 sts.



★★ St-st 11 rows for Santa {7 rows for Mrs Claus}.

Next row: K3, (inc K wise into next st, K6) 3 times, inc K wise into next st, K3 — 32 sts. P 1 row.

Break off black {red} and join on red {white}. St-st 14 rows ★★★.

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

Left leg

Work as given for right leg as far as ★.

Shape top of foot

Next row: K16, (K2tog) 18 times, K6 — 40 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K12, (K2tog) 12 times, K4 — 28 sts. Now work as given for right leg from ★★ to ★★★.

Body and head

Mark each end of next row with a coloured thread. With right side of work facing and using red {white}, K across the 32 sts of left leg, then across the 32 sts of right leg on the spare needle — 64 sts.

St-st 29 rows for Santa {27 rows for Mrs Claus}.

Shape sides

Next row: K12, (K2tog) 5 times, K20, (K2tog) 5 times, K12 — 54 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Next row: K12, (K2tog) 3 times, K18, (K2tog) 3 times, K12 — 48 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 32 sts. Break off red {white} and join on light pink for head. St-st 3 rows.

Inc for head

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 64 sts. St-st 35 rows.



Shape top of head

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 48 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 32 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 16 sts. B & T loosely.

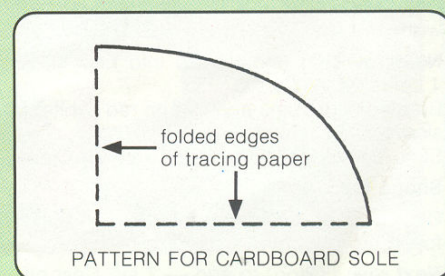
To make up

Join row ends of body and head from coloured threads to B & T sts, leaving a 4cm [1½in] gap in body seam. Join row ends of each leg from coloured threads to cast on edges.

With front of body facing toward you, bring cast on sts of right foot together, with leg seam in the position shown in the diagram. Note that the right leg will appear to be the left leg at this stage, until the doll is turned right side out. Oversew across the cast on sts as shown in the diagram.

Oversew across cast on sts of left foot in the same way, reversing position of leg seam. Turn doll right side out.

If cardboard soles are required, proceed as follows. Fold a piece of tracing paper or very thin paper into quarters. Trace sole pattern off the page, placing folded edges of paper to dotted lines indicated. Cut out the traced shape and unfold pattern. Use this pattern to cut two soles from cardboard. If necessary, glue two or more layers of cardboard together to make soles rigid.



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 oversewn seams of feet. Stuff feet in the normal way if soles are not required.

Stuff legs, body and lower portion of head. The body should measure 33cm [13in] around at centre. Close gap in body seam.

To shape neck

Use a double length of red {white} yarn and gather round the last knitted row of red {white} on body. Pull up gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew ends into neck. Now continue stuffing head through opening at top. Head should measure 33cm [13in] around at centre. Pull up length of yarn tightly at top of head and fasten off.

Eyes

The eyes are worked in back-stitch as described below. Mark the eye positions with pins, placing them 20 knitted rows above the head inc row and leaving 4 clear knitted sts between the pins.

★ Use a length of black yarn to work the back-stitches starting and fastening off yarn ends invisibly as described on page 2 'Working embroidered stitches'.

Bring needle out at one eye position, pass it through face 2 knitted rows directly below first position. Bring it out at first position and pull yarn through. This completes one back-stitch. Repeat four more times. Fasten off yarn. Work other eye in same way ★★.

Mouth [for Mrs Claus only]

Start and fasten off yarn as for eyes. Mark centre of mouth with a pin, 8 knitted rows above the head inc row. Use red yarn to work a small V-shape, with centre of the V at marked position.

Nose

Using light pink cast on 5 sts for Santa {4 sts for Mrs Claus}.
P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts {8 sts}.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows {5 rows}.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts {4 sts}.
B & T loosely.

Colour the knitted piece by rubbing right side of st-st lightly with red pencil. Using the B & T length of yarn, gather all round edges of knitted piece. Stuff nose, then pull up gathers tightly and fasten off. Sew nose to centre of face below the eyes. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at end of hand and using light pink 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 11 rows.

Next row: K7, (inc K wise into next st, K2) 4 times, K5 — 28 sts.

Break off light pink and join on red {white} for sleeve.

St-st 25 rows for Santa {21 rows for Mrs Claus}.

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.

Join row ends from cast on edge as far as the top shaping. Oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff. Lay arms aside until you have sewn on Santa's jacket skirt {Mrs Claus' skirt}, then sew the open edges of arms to sides of doll, with cast off edges of arms 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below neck.

Sleeve cuffs [make two alike]

Using white {green} cast on 30 sts. G-st 7 rows for Santa {5 rows for Mrs Claus}. Cast off.

Oversew row ends of each cuff together. Turn right side out. Sew cuffs round lower edges of sleeves.

Santa Claus

Make doll as given in basic instructions.

Beard

Lining piece

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 12 sts. Work throughout in g-st and note that first row is right side.
Inc 1 st at beginning of first and every following row until there are 42 sts.

G-st 13 rows ★.

Cast off.

Main piece

Work as given for lining piece as far as ★. Mark each end of last row with a coloured thread.
G-st 2 more rows.

Work opening for face

Next row: K8, turn.

G-st 13 rows on these 8 sts, then cast off the 8 sts.

Rejoin white yarn to the remaining 34 sts on the knitting needle.

Next row: Cast off 26 sts, K to end — 8 sts remain.

G-st 13 rows on the remaining 8 sts, then cast off.

To make up

Place lining and main pieces together with right sides outside and matching cast on edges and row ends at each side. Make sure that cast off edge of lining is level with the row marked with coloured threads on the main piece. Oversew row ends and cast on edges together. Stuff very lightly. Now catch cast off edge of lining to the main piece, level with the knitted row marked with coloured threads.

Pin beard to face, with the 26 cast off sts of main piece just below the nose. Sew this edge to face. Sew the pieces worked on the 8 sts at each side of beard to the face also.

Moustache [make two pieces alike]

Using white cast on 6 sts. Work in g-st throughout. Inc 1 st at beginning of first and every following row until there are 16 sts. Dec 1 st at end of next and every following row until 2 sts remain. Fasten off the 2 sts.

Oversew row ends of each piece together. Oversew the pieces together at the cast on edges. Sew this centre seam to face under the nose. Catch pointed ends of moustache to beard at sides of face. Sew other edges of moustache to face and beard.

Cap

Using white begin at lower edge and cast on 82 sts.

G-st 8 rows.

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

Break off white and join on red.

St-st 24 rows.

Shape top

1st row: K1, (K2tog, K14) to last st, K1 — 77 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K1, (K2tog, K13) to last st, K1 — 72 sts.

5th row: K1, (K2tog, K12) to last st, K1 — 67 sts.

7th row: K1, (K2tog, K11) to last st, K1 — 62 sts.

9th row: K1, (K2tog, K10) to last st, K1 — 57 sts.

11th row: K1, (K2tog, K9) to last st, K1 — 52 sts.

13th row: K1, (K2tog, K8) to last st, K1 — 47 sts.

15th row: K1, (K2tog, K7) to last st, K1 — 42 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K6) to last st, K1 — 37 sts.
St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K5) to last st, K1 — 32 sts.
St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K4) to last st, K1 — 27 sts.
St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K3) to last st, K1 — 22 sts.
St-st 30 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 11 sts.

Break off red and join on white for cap bobble.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 22 sts.
Beginning with a K row, st-st 12 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts.
B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends of the g-st together at lower edge. Join all other row ends. Turn right side out. Stuff bobble. Using red yarn, gather round last knitted row of red below bobble. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Stuff the narrow section at top of cap very lightly. Fold the g-st border up onto right side of cap.

Place cap on head with seam at centre back just above neck. Centre front of cap should be just above the eyes. Fold down the g-st border. Sew cap to head through the last knitted row of white st-st. Fold g-st border back up again and catch cast on edge to the last knitted row of white st-st. Fold down narrow portion at top of cap and catch to one side of the head as illustrated.

Make holly leaves and berries as given for the Garland ring [page 20].

Sew to cap as illustrated.

Boot top pieces [make two alike]

Using white cast on 40 sts. G-st 7 rows, then cast off.

Place one round top of each boot and oversew row ends together at back. Sew cast on and cast off edges to boots.

Jacket skirt piece

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 96 sts.

G-st 8 rows.

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

Break off white and join on red, then st-st 15 rows.

Dec for waist

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 72 sts.

Break off red and join on black for belt.

P next 2 rows.

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

Cast off.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out. Fold up the g-st border to right side of the piece and sew cast on edge to the last knitted row of white st-st. Place skirt piece on the doll with seam at centre back. Pin cast off edge to the doll, 6 knitted rows below the first side shaping row on the body. Sew cast off edge in place as pinned.

Buckle

Using *double* yellow yarn cast on 28 sts. Break off one strand and cast off using single yarn. Oversew row ends together. Sew to front of belt as shown in the illustration.

Now sew the arms to doll.

Santa's sack

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

G-st 4 rows.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st until knitted strip measures 24cm [9½in], ending with a K row.

G-st 4 rows, then cast off.

Fold strip, bringing cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew row ends together at each

side. Turn right side out. Make a 46cm [18in] single twisted cord to match sack. Thread it in and out of the knitted sts just below g-st top of sack, with ends protruding at one side of sack. Knot ends together. Fill sack with sweets, small gifts, Last-minute dolls [page 24], Candy canes [page 20] etc.

Mrs Claus

Make doll as given in basic instructions.

Panty frills [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 60 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

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

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

Cast off.

Place a frill around each leg and oversew row ends together at back. Sew the cast off edges to legs at first knitted row of white. Catch frills to legs just below cast off edges also.

Hair

Notes: Use 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles and *double* white yarn throughout. P side of st-st is right side.

For the main piece cast on 15 sts.

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

2nd row: K2, P11, K2.

Repeat these two rows 36 more times [74 rows altogether]. Cast off.

To work the bun

With P side of st-st on the main piece facing toward you and the row ends with slipped sts uppermost, join two strands of yarn to right hand side of this set of row ends. Now pick up and K a st in each of the slipped sts — 37 sts altogether.

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

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to last st, K1 — 25 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 13 sts. B & T loosely.



Oversew cast on and cast off edges of main hair piece together, then row ends of bun. Turn right side out. Place hair on doll's head with seam at centre back just above neck and with centre front above the eyes. To give the illusion of a centre parting, use a pin to pull up the row ends on forehead, 9 knitted rows above the eyes. Sew row ends to head. Sew base of the bun to head. Stuff bun, then pull up lengths of yarn tightly and fasten off.

Make a 40cm [16in] double twisted green cord. Tie it around base of bun, in a bow at centre back. Sew through bow to secure. Make holly leaves and berries as given for the Garland ring [page 20]. Sew to bun as illustrated.

Skirt

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 108 sts.

G-st 6 rows.

Break off white and join on two different shades of green.

Beginning with a K row st-st 32 rows, in alternate two-row stripes of each shade of green.

Keeping stripes correct, shape waist.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 72 sts.

Cast off.

Pockets [make four pieces alike]

Using red, begin at lower point of the heart-shape and 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 14 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: P5, (P2tog) twice, P5 — 12 sts.

★ **Next row:** (K2tog) 3 times — 3 sts, B & T these 3 sts tightly. Rejoin yarn to remaining sts on knitting needle, with right side of work facing. Repeat from ★.

Place two of the pieces together with right side of st-st outside. Oversew all round edges. Repeat with other two pieces. Pin pockets to front of skirt, half way down and 3cm [1¼in] apart. Sew the V-shaped edges of pockets to skirt, leaving upper edges free.

Join row ends of skirt for centre back seam. Turn right side out. Pin cast off edge to the doll 6 knitted rows below the first side shaping row on the body. Sew cast off edge in place as pinned.

Now sew the arms to doll.

Shawl

Note: Use 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles and a single strand of red yarn.

Begin at back edge and cast on 2 sts.

Work in g-st and inc 1 st at beginning of first and every following row until there are 56 sts.

Next row: Inc in first st, K11, (K2tog) 5 times, K12, (K2tog) 5 times, K12 — 47 sts.

Cast off.

Place shawl around doll's shoulders and catch points together at top of skirt.

Make a 22cm [8¾in] double twisted gold cord. Tie in a bow and sew to centre front under chin.

Candy cane

You will need an ordinary plastic drinking straw about 3mm [¼in] in diameter.

Using white cast on 22 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Cast off.

Cut an 8cm [3in] length off the straw. With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges of the knitted strip together, enclosing the 8cm [3in] length of straw as you go. Gather row ends up at each end ★.

For the red stripe use double red yarn and secure it at one end. Wind yarn round and round the straw to form the spiral stripe, then secure at other end. Bend over 2cm [¾in] at one end of the candy cane and sew through straw at the bend to hold in place. Sew the cane into Mrs Claus' pocket.

Cinderella Topsy-Turvy Doll



The perfect present for any little girl — Cinderella can be transformed from patches to ball gown, by turning the skirts upside-down. Each skirt has a white picot hem. Both hems are visible in the illustrations because the 'hidden' skirt hangs down below the outer skirt.

Measurement: The doll measures 28cm [11in] in height from hem edge of the 'under' skirt to top of the head on display.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; 80g [3oz] of stuffing; 40g [1½oz] of blue yarn for the ball gown; 50g [1¾oz] of white yarn; oddments of yarn in the other colours.

Bodice and head

Note: The two bodice and head pieces are worked in the same way but in different colours. The colours for the patched outfit are given first, followed by ball gown colours in { } brackets.

Begin at waist edge and using red {blue}, cast on 40 sts loosely. St-st 12 rows. Continue in st-st throughout.

Break off red {blue} and join on white {light pink}.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K6, (K2tog) 5 times, K8, (K2tog) 5 times, K6 — 30 sts. St-st 5 rows.

For patched outfit break off white and join on light pink for head, {for ball gown continue in light pink for head}.

St-st 2 rows.

Shape head

Next row: (K1, inc K wise into next st) to end — 45 sts.

St-st 23 rows.

Shape top of head

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 30 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 15 sts. B & T tightly.

To make up

Join row ends of each bodice and head piece. These seams will be at centre back of doll. Turn each piece right side out and stuff. Each head should measure 21cm [8¼in] around. Place the open cast on edges of the pieces together, matching the centre back seams. Oversew the cast on edges together, but leave a small gap in seam. Now continue stuffing through the gap in seam to fill out the bodices. The doll should now measure 20cm [8in] around at the waist, where the pieces are joined. Oversew gap in seam.

To shape the necks

For the patched outfit, use matching yarn to gather round the first knitted row of light pink. Pull up gathers tightly and knot ends of yarn. Pass one end of yarn around the neck and knot again. Sew yarn ends into neck.

For the ball gown, make neck in same way, but gather round the second knitted row below the head shaping row.

Faces

Note: Refer to page 2, 'Working embroidered stitches', when starting and fastening off the yarn ends for the facial stitches.

Eyes [the same on both faces]

Mark the eye positions with pins, 11 knitted rows above the head shaping row, leaving 4 clear knitted sts between the pins.

For each eye use black yarn. Work a back-stitch above one marked position starting at marked position and making the stitch 2 knitted rows in height. Repeat the back-stitch twice, then fasten off. Work other eye in same way.

Sad mouth

Mark centre of mouth 6 knitted rows above head shaping row. Use red yarn to work a small inverted V-shape with centre of mouth at marked position.

Happy mouth

Mark centre of mouth 5 knitted rows above head shaping row. Use red yarn to work a small V-shape with centre of mouth at marked position.

Colour all cheeks with red pencil.

All other details for completing the heads are given later on. Note that the skirts must be attached *before* finishing the heads.

The patched skirt

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 129 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Work picot hem edge

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

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

Break off white and join on blue, then st-st 4 rows ★.

Break off blue and join on red, then g-st 4 rows.

Break off red and join on gold and light yellow.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 46 rows, working in alternate two-row stripes of gold and light yellow. Continue, keeping stripes correct.

★★ Shape waist

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 86 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 43 sts. Cast off.



Join row ends for centre back seam. With wrong side of skirt outside, fold up hem at picot edge. Catch cast on edge to the wrong side of the g-st. Turn skirt right side out ★★★.

The patches

These are all worked in the same way. Make as many as you wish, in various colours. Note that P side of st-st is right side of each patch.

Cast on 9 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows. Cast off.

Use contrasting colours to work decorative motifs on each patch, in straight stitches and chain stitches [see illustration].

Use black yarn to sew the patches to skirt, by oversewing all round the edges of each patch.

To sew skirt in place

With right side of skirt outside, place it on the doll, so that ball gown bodice and head are inside the skirt. Pin waist edge of skirt just

above the cast on edge of red bodice, matching centre back seams. Sew waist edge of skirt to doll.

Waistband

Using black cast on 44 sts and K 1 row. Cast off. Place around the doll's waist and oversew the row ends together at centre back. Sew waistband to doll.

The ball gown skirt

Work as given for patched skirt as far as ★. Break off blue and join on white, then g-st 4 rows.

Break off white and join on blue. Beginning with a K row, st-st 10 rows.

Break off blue and join on white, then g-st 4 rows. Break off white and join on blue. Beginning with a K row, st-st 34 rows.

Now work as given for patched skirt from ★★ to ★★★.

Flower trimming

Make 12 flowers for the skirt. For each flower use pink and cast on 14 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together.

Pin the flowers to skirt between the white g-st borders. Place one at centre front and one at centre back, then pin on the remainder, spacing them out evenly. Use double green yarn to sew each flower to skirt, with a small stitch at centre of the flower. Fasten off. Now sew a loop at each side behind the flower. Fasten off after making each loop to secure.

To sew skirt in place

Turn the patched skirt inside out to reveal the blue ball gown bodice and head. Place skirt on doll and sew cast off edge of skirt to doll as for patched skirt, just above the cast on edge of blue bodice. Make and sew on waistband as for patched skirt, using pink to match flowers.

Arms, hands, sleeves

Ball gown arms [make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using light pink cast on 14 sts.

St-st 24 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. B & T tightly. Join row ends of each arm. Turn right side out and stuff. With seam at one side of each arm, oversew across cast on sts. To shape wrists, tie a length of matching yarn around each arm 10 knitted rows away from the B & T sts. Sew yarn ends into arms. Lay arms aside for now.

Patched outfit hands [make two alike]

Work as given for ball gown arms, but st-st 14 rows only, instead of 24 rows. Make up in same way also, but ignore reference to wrist shaping.

Sleeves [make two alike, for each outfit]

Note: The sleeves for patched outfit and ball gown are worked in the same way. Where there are differences in colour and number of knitted rows, instructions for patched outfit are given first, followed by ball gown in { } brackets.

Begin at top of sleeve and using white {blue} cast on 12 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 23 rows {13 rows}.

Break off white {blue} and join on red {white}.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts. G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Join row ends of each sleeve for underarm seam. Turn right side out. Bring underarm seam to centre of cast on edge, then oversew across cast on sts. Stuff sleeves very lightly.

To assemble the pieces for patched outfit

Push the cast on edges of hands inside cast off edges of sleeves, so that 4 knitted rows of each hand are inside each sleeve and hand and sleeve seams are together. Sew sleeves to hands.

Now sew top edges of sleeves to sides of the doll's body, just above the last knitted row of red.

To assemble the pieces for ball gown

Work in same way as for patched outfit, pushing cast on edges of arms inside sleeves. Sew top edges of sleeves to sides of doll's body, just above the last knitted row of blue.

Neck edging strip

This is the same for both outfits. Use black for the patched outfit and white for the ball gown. Cast on 50 sts and K 1 row. Cast off.

Place the appropriate strip around each doll's neck and oversew row ends together at centre back. Now pin the strips over shoulders above tops of sleeves and also to top edge of red bodice or blue bodice. Sew each strip in place as pinned.

On the red bodice, work black cross-stitches at centre front as shown in the illustration.

To complete Cinderella in ball gown

Hair, main piece

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 56 sts.

Note that first row is right side.

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

G-st 17 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 42 sts.

G-st 7 rows.

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

G-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Place on doll's head with seam at centre back just above neck and with centre front above the eyes. To give the illusion of a centre parting, use a pin to pull up the cast on edge on forehead, 7 knitted rows above the eyes. Sew cast on edge to head.

Hair, ringlets [make four]

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

G-st 11 rows, then B & T tightly. Roll up the ringlet tightly from one set of row ends to the other. Sew row ends in place. Sew two ringlets to lower edge of main hair piece, at each side of face.

Hair, top piece

Using white cast on 12 sts and note that first row is right side.

1st row: K10, turn.

2nd row: K8, turn.

3rd row: K to end.

4th row: K.

Repeat these four rows 12 more times. Cast off P wise.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff. Place the open set of row ends on the shaped top of main hair piece. Press top piece onto head and pin in place then catch row ends to head.

Make a 30cm [12in] double twisted green cord. Tie it round the base of top piece in a bow at centre back. Sew through bow to secure.

Make 3 pink flowers as given for skirt. Sew them to the twisted cord with green yarn through centres, making loops as given for flowers on skirt.

Fan

Begin at top edge and using white cast on 48 sts loosely. Note that first row is right side. Work 7 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts. B & T tightly.

With right side outside, fold fan bringing row ends together. Oversew row ends together, then oversew across cast on sts.

Sew fan to hand as illustrated.

Dance card

Using white, cast on 11 sts and st-st 9 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row. Cast off.

Cut a rectangle of stiff paper a little smaller all round than the knitted piece. Round off the sharp corners. Rule lines across at intervals and number the dances at one side, printing the words 'The Prince' alongside each dance





number. Glue the paper to wrong side of st-st on the knitted piece. Fold in half to crease the paper at centre. Make a 24cm [9½in] single twisted pink cord and sew centre to centre top of dance card. Knot ends of cord together. Pass cord around doll's wrist and push dance card through the cord loop, so that it hangs down from wrist.

To complete Cinderella in patched outfit

Hair, main piece

Work as given for Cinderella in ball gown,

using brown yarn. Work three chain stitches on forehead as illustrated before sewing hair to head. Work a line of short back-stitches at position of 'centre parting'.

Plaits [make two pieces alike]

Using brown cast on 16 sts.

★ G-st 2 rows.

Next row: Cast off 12 sts, K to end — 4 sts.

Next row: K the 4 sts, then cast on 12 sts using the two-needle method — 16 sts ★★.

Repeat once from ★ to ★★.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Sew the long set of row ends on each piece to lower edge of the main hair piece at each side of head. Plait the three knitted strips on each piece and sew strips together near to ends to secure. For each hair ribbon make a 16cm [6¼in] single twisted blue cord. Tie in bows round ends of plaits, then sew through bows to secure.

Duster

Using orange cast on 16 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 18 rows. Cast off. Use red yarn to work oversewing stitches all round edges of duster. Sew duster to doll's hand.



Christmas Stockings

Family and friends will love these colourful Christmas stockings, which are very easy to knit from oddments of yarn. They are all worked in the same way from sole to top, with only the simplest of shapings. For a really special gift, knit an appropriate stocking and use it as the 'gift wrapping' for a small present.

Measurements: Average length of the long stockings is 25cm [9½in]; baby's first Christmas stocking is 14cm [5½in] in length.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; small amount of stuffing; oddments of yarn.

Basic stocking

Note: Refer to the individual instructions for each stocking to begin with.

Begin at lower edge and using colour required for sole cast on 66 sts loosely. P 1 row.

Shape toe and heel

1st row: Inc in first st, K31, inc in next 2 sts, K30, inc in next st, K1 — 70 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: Inc in first st, K33, inc in next 2 sts, K32, inc in next st, K1 — 74 sts.

5th row: Inc in first st, K35, inc in next 2 sts, K34, inc in next st, K1 — 78 sts.

Next row: P. This completes the sole.

Break off yarn and join on colour required for foot.

Continue in st-st and work 14 rows.

Shape top of foot

1st row: K35, (K2tog) 4 times, K35 — 74 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K33, (K2tog) 4 times, K33 — 70 sts.

5th row: K31, (K2tog) 4 times, K31 — 66 sts.

7th row: K29, (K2tog) 4 times, K29 — 62 sts.

9th row: K27, (K2tog) 4 times, K27 — 58 sts.

11th row: K25, (K2tog) 4 times, K25 — 54 sts.

Next row: P ★.

Now refer to the individual instructions for the stocking you are making.

Hanging loop

This is the same for all the stockings. Using colour required, cast on 30 sts and g-st 3 rows. Cast off. After making up the stocking as given in individual instructions, sew row ends of the hanging loop to inside of stocking at top of seam.

Sports stocking

This stocking is designed for football enthusiasts, but the colours can be varied to suit other sports and keep-fit activities.

Work as given for basic stocking to ★, using white for sole and black for foot.

Continue in st-st for the leg section. Work 48 rows in four-row stripes of red and white alternately, or use the required football club colours.

Continue in colour of last knitted stripe and work 10 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Next row: K, to mark the turn-over top edge.

Continue in rib and work 13 rows. Cast off in rib.

Join row ends of st-st, then oversew row ends of rib together. Oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out. Turn down rib at the turn-over top edge.

Make a 28cm [11in] double twisted white cord. Tie in a bow and sew to top of foot. Add a white hanging loop.

Boot studs [make three]

Using white, cast on 8 sts tightly and st-st 2 rows. Cast off P wise. With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Oversew across cast on and cast off sts. Sew cast off edges of studs to stocking at lower edge as illustrated.

Snowman stocking

Work as given for basic stocking to ★, using dark blue for sole and white for foot.

Continue in st-st for the leg section, working in colours as follows:- work 6 rows red, 2 gold, 34 dark blue, 2 gold and 6 red. Join on white and g-st 9 rows. Cast off.

Snowman motif

Using white begin at lower edge and cast on 18 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 21 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together for the centre back seam. Turn right side out but do not stuff. With seam at centre of cast on edge, oversew across cast on sts. Work eyes in black, 1cm [¾in] down from top edge and leave 2 clear knitted sts between them.

Work a chain stitch for each eye. Work a small black V-shape below eyes for mouth. For scarf use gold and cast on 30 sts. Cast off.

Place round snowman below mouth as illustrated. Sew in place.

Make hat as for Clown [Last-minute dolls, page 25], using gold for g-st and red for remainder. Place hat on head and sew to snowman as illustrated.

Fold the stocking with right side outside, bringing row ends together. Pin snowman to the dark blue portion of stocking as illustrated. For the line of snow on the ground, use white and cast on 20 sts, then cast off. Pin this strip in place at base of snowman. Now unfold the stocking and sew all the pieces in place as pinned.

For each snowflake, work four short stitches in white, crossing over each other at centre, in positions illustrated.

Now join row ends of stocking, then oversew across cast on sts.

Turn right side out. Add a white hanging loop.

Buttoned boot stocking

Work as given for basic stocking to ★, using red throughout for sole and foot. Continue in red for leg section.

St-st 16 rows.

Break off red and join on white, then g-st 8 rows.

Break off white and join on dark and light green.

St-st 30 rows in two-row stripes of dark and light green alternately.

Using light green, g-st 9 rows then cast off.

Button strip

Using white cast on 20 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off.

Using black, make 4 buttons as for holly berries [page 20].

Fold the stocking with right side outside, bringing row ends together. Pin the white g-st strip to the red boot portion of stocking as shown in the illustration. Unfold the stocking and sew strip in place. Now sew the black buttons to the strip, spacing them out evenly.

Join row ends of stocking, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out. Add a dark green hanging loop.

Baby's first Christmas stocking

This oversize bootee makes a charming keepsake for a baby's first Christmas. If desired, the child's own initial can be sewn on instead of 'B' for baby.

Work as given for basic stocking to ★ using red throughout for sole and foot.

Continue for leg section. Break off red and join on white then g-st 2 rows. Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Work eyelet holes

Next row: K1, (yrn, K2tog) to last st, K1.

P 1 row.

G-st 2 rows.

Break off white and join on red.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 6 rows. Break off red and join on white. G-st 3 rows.

Work top picot edge

Next row: K1, (yrn, K2tog) to last st, K1.

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

Cast off loosely.

For the letter 'B' use white and cast on 40 sts. Cast off. For other letters, use the same cast on/cast off method, trying out different numbers of sts to obtain a suitable length for the letter shape required. For some letters

such as 'E', it will be necessary to work a long strip for the main shape and a very short strip for the centre bar of the 'E'.

Fold the stocking with right side outside, bringing row ends together. Pin on the letter strip, forming it into required shape. Unfold the stocking and sew letter in place.

Join row ends of stocking, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn down the top at the picot edge. Catch cast off edge to wrong side of stocking, just above the white eyelet section. Turn stocking right side out. Add a white hanging loop. Make a 60cm [24in] double twisted green cord and knot each end. Thread it through the eyelet holes, starting and ending at centre front.

For each bobble [make two], use white and cast on 6 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, with right side of st-st outside. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts. Push one knotted end of twisted cord inside, pull up gathers tightly and sew through cord to secure. Repeat with other bobble. Tie cord in a bow and sew through bow to secure.

Santa in the chimney

Work as given for basic stocking to ★, using white throughout for sole and foot.

Continue in st-st for the leg section using dark blue.

Work 50 rows.

Break off dark blue and join on yellow.

G-st 9 rows, then cast off.

Chimney

Using red, begin at lower edge and cast on 36 sts. Mark centre of cast on edge. Work in st-st as follows, breaking and joining colours as necessary. Work — (4 rows red and 1 black) 4 times. Using white, g-st 5 rows then cast off.

To work vertical stripes for bricks

Use black and begin at marked centre of cast on edge.

Work a vertical line of chain stitches on the first red stripe, then the third red stripe. Leaving 6 clear knitted sts to the right of the centre line of chain stitches, repeat as before. Repeat to the left of the centre line of chain stitches.

On the second and fourth red stripes, work vertical lines of chain stitches, mid-way between the 3 sets of vertical lines on the first and third red stripes.

Now join row ends of chimney and turn right side out. With this seam at centre back, oversew across cast on sts.

To make up stocking

Fold the stocking with right side outside, bringing row ends together. Pin chimney to stocking, with lower half on the white foot section. Unfold the stocking. Sew lower and upper edges of chimney in place, leaving the front upper edge free, to form a pocket. Join row ends of stocking, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out. Add a yellow hanging loop.

Santa

Make Santa as given for Last-minute dolls [page 25].

For the sack use brown and cast on 12 sts.

G-st 2 rows, then st-st 29 rows.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Fold the piece bringing cast on and cast off edges together.

Oversew row ends together at each side. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Using brown, gather round sack below g-st rows. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew sack to Santa's hand.

For the moon use white and cast on 10 sts loosely.

1st row: K2, (K1, winding yarn twice round tip of right hand needle) 6 times, K2.

Cast off, dropping the extra wound-round loop on each of the 6 sts. Sew moon to the leg of stocking as illustrated.





Best Friends



Two cuddly animals — each one holding a party treat. A baby bib adds a colourful touch to each toy.

Measurement: From base of body to top of head, each toy measures 22cm [8½in]; this measurement excludes the ears and antlers.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; 200g [7oz] of stuffing for each toy; 60g [2oz] of white yarn for Polar bear; 60g [2oz] of camel yarn for Reindeer; oddments of yarn in the other colours.

Note: Both the toys have the same basic body, legs and arms. For the Polar bear, work these pieces in white, for the Reindeer work the pieces in camel.

Basic body

Begin at neck edge and cast on 30 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 60 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 43 rows.

Shape base

★ **1st row:** (K3, K2tog) to end — 48 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

5th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

7th row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

B & T tightly ★★.

Join row ends and turn right side out. This seam will be at centre back of body. Stuff body to measure 35cm [14in] around at centre.

Basic legs [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and cast on 26 sts.

1st row: (K1, inc K wise into next st) 12 times, K2 — 38 sts.

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

Shape foot

Next row: K11, (K2tog) 8 times, K11 — 30 sts. St-st 14 rows. Cast off loosely.

Join row ends of each leg, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff. With body in upright position, pin open cast off edges of legs to front of body, leaving 4 clear knitted sts between the legs at centre front. The toes of feet should be pointing upwards. Sew legs to body as pinned.

Basic arms [make two alike]

Begin at end of arm and cast on 13 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 26 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 24 rows. Cast off loosely ★.

Join row ends of each arm, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff. Pin open cast off edges of arms to sides of body, with arm seams at underarm positions and placing arms 3 knitted rows below neck edge of body. There should be 12 clear knitted sts between the arms at front. Sew arms in place as pinned.

Polar bear

Make basic body, legs and arms as given.

Head

Begin at end of snout and using white cast on 20 sts.

P 1 row.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and inc 1 st K wise at each end of next and every following row until there are 40 sts.

St-st 6 rows and mark centre of the last row with a coloured thread as a guide to eye positions.

Shape face

Next row: K7, (m1, K1) 27 times, K6 — 67 sts. St-st 25 rows.

Shape back of head

Next row: K11, (K2tog, K5) 7 times, K7 — 60 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Now work as given for base of basic body from ★ to ★★.

Join row ends and continue the seam across cast on sts, leaving a gap at centre of seam for turning and stuffing. This seam will run underneath the head. Turn right side out and stuff to a rounded shape, taking care to stuff snout also. Pin the gap in seam closed and measure around the head following a knitted row at fattest position. The measurement should be 36cm [14¼in]. Remove pins and close gap in seam.

Place centre portion of head seam on the open neck edge of body, with snout facing forwards.

Sew neck edge of body to head where it touches the head.

Eyes

Mark eye positions with pins, leaving 2 clear knitted sts to the right and left of the coloured thread. The eyes are worked in back-stitch. Refer to page 4 [Santa and Mrs Claus basic doll-Eyes], working as given from ★ to ★★.

Nose

Begin at lower edge and using black cast on 3 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into first 2 sts, K1 — 5 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows. Cast off.

With P side of st-st outside, sew nose to end of snout as illustrated.

Ears [make two alike]

Each ear is knitted in one piece. Begin at top edge and using white cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows ★.

Next row: K2tog, K6, (K2tog) twice, K6, K2tog — 16 sts. Cast off.

Fold each ear piece in half and oversew row ends together, then oversew across cast on sts.

Turn right side out. With the oversewn row ends at one side of ear, oversew across cast off sts. Sew these edges of ears to top of head, leaving 12 clear knitted sts between them.

Bib

Main piece

Begin at lower edge and using light yellow for Polar bear [light pink for Reindeer], cast on 10 sts.

Work in st-st and inc 1 st at beginning of first 4 rows — 14 sts. St-st 14 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K2) to end — 11 sts. Cast off, for neck edge.

Picot edging

Using yellow for Polar bear [pink for Reindeer] cast on 44 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K2tog, (yrn, K2tog) to end — 43 sts. Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows. Cast off.

To make up

With P side of st-st on main piece and edging piece uppermost, oversew the cast off edge of picot edging to the side and lower edges of bib. Fold the picot edge piece to right side of the bib and catch cast on edge to the bib just within the edges of bib. Using orange for Polar bear [flac for Reindeer] work a flower at centre of bib in chain stitches. Work a straight stitch in green for stem and two chain stitches for leaves. Work a green stitch at centre of flower.

For the neck ribbon, make a 48cm [19in] twisted cord from three lengths of yarn to match the bib. Oversew top edge of bib to centre of cord. Tie cord around the neck in a bow at back. Sew through bow to secure. Catch bib to tummy.

Ice-cream cone

Begin at top of ice-cream and using white cast on 3 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 6 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 10 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc K wise into next st) to end — 30 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Break off white and join on two strands of camel to begin the cone.

G-st 4 rows.

Break off one strand and continue in single yarn.

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

Shape cone

Next row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 25 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 20 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 15 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 10 sts. St-st 3 rows.

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

Oversew row ends together leaving a gap in the cone section of the seam. Turn right side out and stuff. Close gap in seam. Run a gathering thread around the ice-cream at the inc row above the cone. Pull up slightly and fasten off. Repeat at the inc row above.

For the chocolate flake use brown and cast on 6 sts.

G-st 30 rows. Cast off.

Starting at cast off edge, roll up the strip tightly then sew cast on edge in place. Sew one end of flake to the ice-cream. Sew cone to end of Polar bear's arm.

Reindeer

Make basic body, legs and arms as given.

Head

Begin at end of snout and using camel cast on 10 sts.

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

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 40 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st.

Work 15 rows and mark centre of last row with a coloured thread as a guide to eye positions.

Shape face

Next row: K10, (m1, K1) 20 times, K10 — 60 sts. St-st 33 rows.

Now work as given for base of basic body from ★ to ★★.

Gather cast on sts up tightly and fasten off. Now make up exactly as given for Polar bear, noting that the measurement around head should be 35cm [14in]. Attach head to body as for Polar bear.

Eyes

Work as given for Polar bear.

Nose

Using black cast on 14 sts.

1st row: K1, (inc K wise into next st, K1) 6 times, K1 — 20 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 5 sts. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, turn right side out and stuff lightly. Sew open cast on edge to end of snout, with nose seam underneath nose.

Antlers

Use fawn for all the pieces and note that first row is right side on all the pieces.

Main piece [make one for each antler]

Cast on 30 sts.

1st row: K13, inc K wise into next 4 sts, K13 — 34 sts.

G-st 9 rows.

Next row: K13, (K2tog) 4 times, K13 — 30 sts. Cast off.

With right side outside oversew cast on and cast off edges of each piece together. Stuff firmly, pushing in stuffing at each set of row ends. The piece will now be V-shaped. Gather round each set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Pin the base of each V-shaped antler to top of head leaving a 4cm [1½in] space between them. The V-shaped antlers should bend away from each other as shown in the illustration. Sew securely to head as pinned.

Small pieces [make two for each antler]

Cast on 9 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off. With right side outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges of each piece together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Stuff each piece. Sew the open sets of row ends to antlers [two on each antler] at positions shown in the illustration.

Ears [make two alike]

Using camel, work as given for Polar bear's ear as far as ★.

St-st 6 more rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts. Cast off.

Fold each ear in half and oversew row ends together, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out. With the oversewn row ends at one side of ear, oversew across cast off sts. Fold this edge in half and oversew again. Pin these edges of ears to head just in front of position where antlers are sewn to head. The ears should lie flat as shown in the illustration. Sew in place as pinned.

Bib

Refer to instructions for Polar bear's bib.

Ice-lolly

Make lolly stick as given for Candy cane [Mrs Claus, page 6], working as far as ★.

Using red, work lolly as given for Basic arm [page 12], as far as ★. Join row ends. With this seam at one side, close cast off edge with a back-stitch seam, but leave a gap at centre for inserting the lolly stick. Turn right side out and stuff, keeping the shape fairly flat. Oversew across cast on sts.

Use a large knitting needle to open up a hole in stuffing for lolly stick. Push stick into lolly, then catch lolly to stick. Sew stick to end of Reindeer's arm.

Christmas Crib



The Christmas crib features all the figures in the Nativity, which can be displayed and enjoyed every year. The standing figures are made in the same basic way, beginning with a thin tapered body shape which has a circular cardboard base. The outer garments, sleeves etc are then added to the basic shape. Many of these items are the same on several figures and basic instructions for these are given after the instructions for the basic figure. Mary is a seated figure, requiring a separate set of instructions. You should begin by referring to the instructions for the figure you are about to make.

Measurements: Basic standing figures — 20cm [8in] high; Mary — 14 cm [5½in] high; sheep — 7cm [2¾in] long from nose to tail.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; cardboard; small amount of stuffing for each figure; oddments of yarn.

Safety note: The Christmas crib figures are intended for display and should not be made as playthings for young children.

Attaching the pieces: When sewing the various pieces to the basic figures, use ordinary matching sewing threads for a neat finish. Alternatively, split double knitting yarn to get a finer strand. Sew on pieces with the minimum of stitches.

Basic figure

This is the same for all the standing figures. Begin at lower edge of body and using colour required cast on 24 sts.

1st row: (K1, inc K wise into next st) to end — 36 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st ★.

Work 21 rows.

★★ Shape body

Next row: K8, K2tog, K16, K2tog, K8 — 34 sts. St-st 9 rows.

Next row: K8, K2tog, K14, K2tog, K8 — 32 sts. St-st 9 rows.

Next row: [waistline] K8, K2tog, K12, K2tog, K8 — 30 sts. St-st 9 rows.

Next row: K8, K2tog, K10, K2tog, K8 — 28 sts. St-st 6 rows.

Dec for neck

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 14 sts. Break off yarn and join on colour required for neck and head. St-st 4 rows for neck.

Inc for head

Next row: K5, inc K wise into next 4 sts, K5 — 18 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Break off yarn and join on colour required for hair.

St-st 2 rows.

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

To make up

Oversew row ends together, leaving a gap in seam in upper portion of body. This seam will be at centre back of the figure. Turn right side out.

For the base cut a 6cm [2¾in] diameter circle of cardboard. The base should be quite rigid, so glue two or more thicknesses of cardboard together if necessary. Push the base inside the cast on edge of body. Ease the cast on edge into position round edge of base, so that about six knitted rows of the body are turned over onto the underside of base.

Stuff the lower portion of figure below the first body shaping row, keeping it the same size and shape as cardboard base. Continue stuffing body, forming a slightly tapered shape. Stuff head. Stuff neck lightly. Oversew gap in body seam.

To shape neck, use matching yarn to gather tightly round the first knitted row of neck. Repeat with last knitted row of neck. Now wind matching yarn tightly round and round the neck then knot ends. Sew ends into neck. Hold onto the base and smooth the figure upwards so that body is quite upright and not bending over in any direction. The figure should now measure 20cm [8in] from base to top of head.

Eyes

Mark the eye positions with pins, 7 knitted rows above the head inc row leaving 2 clear knitted sts between the pins. Using black yarn, work a small vertical back-stitch below one marked position. Work another back-stitch at same position. Repeat for the other eye.

Nose

Use yarn to match face. Starting between the eyes work a vertical back-stitch downwards, making the stitch a little longer than the eye stitches. Work two more loose back-stitches at same position, so that the nose protrudes ★★★.

Basic sash

Using colour required cast on 36 sts. St-st 3 rows, then cast off. Place sash around waist of figure and oversew row ends together at centre back.

Basic gown

Begin at neck edge and using colour required cast on 14 sts.

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

Begin shaping

1st row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

2nd row: K.

3rd row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

4th row: (K6, m1) twice, K to last 12 sts, (m1, K6) twice — 32 sts.

Repeat these four rows 5 more times — 52 sts.

Continue in st-st, but K the first 2 sts and last 2 sts on every P row as before.

St-st 32 rows, or until the gown is 4cm [¾in] shorter than basic figure measuring from neck to base; ending with a K row. G-st 4 rows, then cast off.

To block the knitted piece

Wet the piece thoroughly, then squeeze out excess moisture in a towel. Place the gown on the basic figure with P side of st-st outside. Smooth it around the figure with the g-st edges almost meeting at the front. The cast on edge should be around the neck and cast off edge should be level with base.

Now push pins straight through the front g-st edges and into the figure at intervals — you will need about 8 pins to each border. Leave until



the gown is completely dry, then remove it from the figure. Refer to the instructions for each figure for sewing the gown in place, noting that K side of st-st is the right side.

Basic sleeves

Make two alike.

Begin at lower edge and using colour required cast on 20 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st. Dec 1 st at each end of next and every following 4th row until 14 sts remain. St-st 17 rows.

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

Oversew row ends of each sleeve together. Turn right side out. The sleeve seam should run down the centre of the sleeve piece, forming the underarm seam. Push a little stuffing inside the upper portions of sleeves.

Note: For the Wise man in green, the sleeves are sewn to the basic figure. For all the other figures, the sleeves are sewn on after adding the gown.



Pin the top edges of the sleeves to sides of the figure 1cm [$\frac{3}{16}$ in] below the neck. Now sew 2cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] of the upper sections of the sleeves to the figure. When figure is wearing a gown, sew through gown and into figure when sewing sleeves in place.

Basic hands

Make two alike.

Using colour to match head, cast on 6 sts loosely. St-st 12 rows. B & T tightly, for end of hand.

With K side of st-st outside, oversee row ends of each hand together. Stuff hands, then oversee across cast on sts. Push these ends of hands inside lower edges of sleeves at position shown in the illustration of the figure you are making. Leave half of the length of the hand pieces protruding. Make sure that the hand seams are facing inwards against the figure. Sew lower edges of sleeves to hands.

Basic beard

Begin at lower edge and using colour to match hair cast on 2 sts. Work in g-st throughout.

Inc 1 st at each end of first and every following row until there are 14 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) 6 times, K1 — 8 sts. Cast off.

Pin cast off edge to face under the nose, curving up slightly to each side of head. Sew to face just below the cast off edge. Catch row ends to sides of face where they touch.

The Three Wise Men

Green figure

Basic figure

Using dark blue work as given for basic figure as far as ★. Now work in stripes as follows, breaking and joining colours as necessary.

Work 11 rows dark blue, 4 green, 2 dark blue, 2 green and 2 dark blue.

Continue in green and work as given for basic figure from ★★ to ★★★, using light pink for neck and head and black for hair.

Using light green, work running stitches through the knitted sts around the stripes at lower edge of body, as shown in the illustration.

Sash, sleeves and hands

Add basic sash using dark blue. Make basic sleeves, using dark blue for the g-st rows and green for remainder. Sew sleeves to sides of basic figure. Add basic hands using light pink.

Gown

Using light green make basic gown, but work 2 extra rows of st-st before working the g-st border at lower edge. After blocking the knitted piece, use double dark blue yarn to work a line of running stitches along each front g-st border as shown in the illustration.

Place gown on the figure and catch row ends of cast on edge together at centre front under the chin. Catch row ends of lower g-st border to figure as shown in the illustration.

Beard

Using black make basic beard and sew in place.

Head-dress

Main piece

Begin at back lower edge and using light blue cast on 2 sts. Work in g-st throughout.

Inc 1 st at beginning of first and every following row until there are 30 sts.

Next row: Inc in first st, K10, (inc in next st, K1) 4 times, K11 — 35 sts.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until there are 44 sts.

Next row: K7, (K2tog, K5) 5 times, K2 — 39 sts. G-st 2 rows. Cast off, for face edge.

Place the piece on head as illustrated. Catch ends of cast off edge to figure at the front.

Top piece

Using two strands of light green together, begin at lower edge and cast on 24 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows using double yarn.

Break off light green and join on one strand of dark blue.

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

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts. G-st 2 rows.

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

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Put a little stuffing inside and place on head as illustrated. Sew to head through the first knitted row of dark blue.

The gift

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 28 sts. Continue in g-st and note that first row is wrong side. Work in stripes as follows, breaking and joining colours as necessary.

Work 1 row gold, 5 red, 1 gold and 1 red. Continue in red.

Next row: Cast off 14 sts, K to end — 14 sts.

G-st 3 rows on remaining 14 sts, then cast off. Starting at the longest set of row ends, roll up the knitted strip tightly and secure with pins. Sew all row ends in place.

Bend the arms at the elbow position, so that the hands point forwards. Sew gift to the hands.

Red figure

Basic figure

Using dark red work as given for basic figure as far as ★. Work 9 rows. Join on pink and continue in two-row stripes of pink and dark red alternately. Work 12 more rows.

Continue in dark red and work as given for basic figure from ★★ to ★★★, using beige for neck and head and white for hair.

Using purple, work back-stitches round lower edge of body at the upper edge of each pink stripe.

Sash

Add basic sash using pink.

Gown

Using red make basic gown. Place gown on the figure and catch row ends of cast on edge together at centre front under the chin.

Sleeves and hands

Make basic sleeves using pink for the g-st rows and dark red for remainder. Sew sleeves to sides of figure. Add basic hands using beige.

Shoulder pieces [make two alike]

Using red cast on 4 sts. Work in g-st and inc 1 st at beginning of every row until there are 14 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) 5 times, K2 — 9 sts. Cast off.

Place the pieces on shoulders, with centres of cast off edges close to neck edge of the gown. Sew cast off edges in place.

Beard

Using white make basic beard and sew in place.

Head-dress

Top piece

Using purple cast on 24 sts. St-st 2 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

5th row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

7th row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Push in a little stuffing. Place on back of head and pin, but do not sew to head at this stage.

Main piece

Using red cast on 14 sts and st-st 2 rows.

Join on purple.

St-st 42 more rows, working in two-row stripes of purple and red alternately. Cast off P wise.

Join cast on and cast off edges and turn right side out. Allow the two sets of row ends to curl inwards toward each other. Catch together to hold in place. With this sewn portion on the inside against the head, place the piece on head with seam at centre back. The piece should overlap and cover the cast on edge of the purple top piece.

Now remove the main piece. Sew cast on edge of top piece to head, then sew main piece in place.

The gift

Using gold cast on 10 sts.

St-st 7 rows but K the first and last st on every P row.

Continue in g-st and work 32 rows. Cast off.

Starting at the cast off edge roll the strip up tightly making sure that right side of st-st section is outside. Sew cast on edge in place.

Use brown to work a small chain stitch at centre of the cast on edge.

Bend arms and sew gift to hands as for the Green figure.

Yellow figure

Basic figure

Using orange work as given for basic figure as far as ★.

Work in stripes as follows, breaking and joining colours as necessary.

Work 11 rows orange, 2 dark orange, 6 gold and 2 dark orange.

Continue in orange and work as given for basic figure from ★★ to ★★★, using fawn for neck and head and black for hair.

Using light yellow, work back-stitches round lower edge of body at the upper and lower edges of the dark orange stripes, as illustrated.

Sash

Add basic sash using dark orange.



Gown

Using yellow make basic gown. After blocking the knitted piece, use dark orange yarn to work a line of oversewing stitches just outside the centre front g-st edges.

Place gown on the figure and catch row ends of cast on edge together at centre front under chin.

Sleeves and hands

Make basic sleeves using yellow. Using dark orange, work oversewing stitches along the top edge of g-st border on each sleeve. Sew sleeves to sides of figure. Add basic hands using fawn.

Beard

Using black make basic beard and sew in place.

Head-dress

Main piece

Using light yellow make the main piece as given for Shepherd's head cloth as far as ★ [this page]. G-st 4 rows, then cast off for face edge. Place on head as illustrated. Catch ends of cast off edge together, then catch to front of figure as illustrated.

Top piece

Begin at lower edge. Using *double* dark orange yarn cast on 24 sts. Break off one strand and continue in single yarn.

G-st 2 rows.

Break off dark orange and join on gold. Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows.

Work picot edge

Next row: K2tog, (yrn, K2tog) to end — 23 sts. Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together. Fold down the st-st section at the picot edge. Catch cast off edge to the g-st. Turn right side out. Place on head with seam at centre back. Sew cast on edge to head.

The gift

Begin at lower edge and using dark blue cast on 34 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

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

G-st 2 rows.

Next row: Cast off 28 sts, K to end — 6 sts. Break off dark blue and join on gold. K 1 row on remaining 6 sts. Cast off.

With right side of st-st outside and starting at the longest set of row ends, roll up the strip tightly. Secure with pins. Sew row ends in place.

Bend arms and sew gift to hands as for the Green figure.

Joseph

Make basic figure using fawn for body, light pink for neck and head and brown for hair. Add basic sash using grey.

Use light grey for basic gown. Place gown on the figure and catch row ends of cast on edge together at centre front under the chin. Make basic sleeves to match gown and sew sleeves to sides of figure. Add basic hands using light pink. Add basic beard to match hair.

Catch the arms to figure in positions as illustrated.



Main hair piece

Begin at one side face edge and using brown to match beard cast on 11 sts.

G-st 2 rows and inc 1 st at each end of both rows — 15 sts.

Begin shaping

1st row: (K2tog) twice, P9, turn.

2nd row: Slip first st P wise, then K to end.

3rd row: Inc K wise into first 2 sts, P to end — 15 sts.

4th row: K.

Repeat these four rows 5 more times.

G-st 2 rows and dec 1 st at each end of both rows — 11 sts. Cast off P wise.

Gather along the *shortest* set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. With P side of st-st outside, place on the head, with gathers at top of head as illustrated. Catch to top of head. Catch the cast on and cast off edges to sides of face.

Shepherds

Note: Use subdued colours or tweedy mixtures for the shepherds as shown in the illustration.

Make and assemble all pieces as given for Joseph, but do not add the separate knitted hair piece.

Arrange the shepherds' arms as shown in the illustration then catch to figure to hold in place.

Head cloth

Begin at back lower edge and using cream cast on 2 sts. Work in g-st throughout.

Inc 1 st at beginning of first and every following row until there are 20 sts.

Next row: Inc in first st, K5, (inc in next st, K1) 4 times, K6 — 25 sts.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until there are 34 sts.

Next row: Inc in first st, K5, (K2tog, K5) 4 times — 31 sts ★.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until there are 35 sts. Cast off, for face edge.

Place cloth on the head as illustrated. Catch ends of cast off edge to front of figure. Catch cast on edge to back of figure.

Make a 15cm [6in] double twisted cord, knotting both ends. Trim close to the knots. Pin centre of cord to head cloth at front, just behind cast off edge. Continue pinning to form a circle on the head, crossing ends of cord over at back of head. Catch cord to head as pinned, leaving tail-ends of cord hanging down at back.

Staff

You will need an ordinary plastic drinking straw about 3mm [$\frac{1}{8}$ in] in diameter, plus a small ball of brown yarn.

Use a darning needle to pass the yarn end through the straw about 3mm [$\frac{1}{8}$ in] away from one end. Pull yarn through and leave a long tail-end of yarn. Now wind yarn off the ball round and round the straw to within 3mm [$\frac{1}{8}$ in] of the other end. Break yarn leaving a long tail-end and sew it through the straw as before.

Fold down 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] at one end of the straw and bind this section tightly to the straw with the tail-end of yarn. Sew the yarn end into the straw a few times to secure. Repeat with the other end of the straw.

Sew staff to hand or in the crook of one arm as shown in the illustration.

Sheep

Note: Use cream for all the knitted pieces.

Body

Begin at back and cast on 12 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 17 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts. B & T tightly.

Noting that P side of st-st is right side, oversew row ends together. This seam will run underneath the body. Turn right side out and stuff. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Legs [make two pieces alike]

The following knitted strip makes *one pair* of legs.

Begin at top edge and cast on 19 sts.

1st row: K9, P1, K9.

2nd row: P9, K1, P9.

Repeat these two rows once, then first row once.

Cast off.

Starting at one set of row ends and with K side of st-st outside, roll up the strip very tightly as far as the centre line of sts. Catch rolled-up section to centre sts. Roll up and sew the other set of row ends in same way. Sew one pair of legs under body at front and the other pair under body at back.

Head

Begin at top edge and cast on 14 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K4, inc K wise into next 6 sts, K4 — 20 sts.

Join on another strand of cream yarn. Using double yarn and beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Break off one strand and continue in single yarn.

K 1 row.

Dec for face

Next row: K2, (K2tog) 8 times, K2 — 12 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows and dec 1 st at each end of 3rd row — 10 sts. St-st 2 more rows.

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

Noting that K side of st-st on face is right side, oversew row ends together. Turn right side out and stuff. Leave cast on edge open. Note that the oversewn seam will run underneath the head.

Eyes and nose

Work the stitches in black, starting and fastening off in stuffing at open cast on edge. For one eye work a small back-stitch, 2 knitted rows down the st-st face section. Work again over the first back-stitch. For other eye repeat in the adjacent st. At end of face work a small V-shape for nose.

Push a little more stuffing inside head to cover black yarn ends. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Pin the seam [at section of head which was worked in double yarn], to front of body above the B & T sts. Sew head to body as pinned.

Ears [make two alike]

Cast on 5 sts.

1st row: K3, turn.

2nd row: Slip first st K wise, P to end. Cast off P wise.

Gather up longest set of row ends. Pin these edges to section of head worked in double yarn, at sides of head. Make sure that K side of st-st faces forwards. Sew ears in place as pinned.

Tail

Work tail as for ears. Sew to back of body above the gathered cast on sts, with P side of st-st outside.



Mary

Skirt

Begin at lower edge and using blue cast on 32 sts.

1st row: (K1, inc K wise into next st) to end — 48 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 25 rows.

Shape knee section of skirt

1st row: K13, (K2tog) 4 times, K6, (K2tog) 4 times, K13 — 40 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K11, (K2tog) 3 times, K6, (K2tog) 3 times, K11 — 34 sts.

5th row: K10, (K2tog) twice, K6, (K2tog) twice, K10 — 30 sts.

7th row: K9, (K2tog) 6 times, K9 — 24 sts.

9th row: K9, (K2tog) 3 times, K9 — 21 sts. Cast off, for waist edge.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. For the base cut an 8cm [3in] diameter circle of cardboard, making sure it is rigid as for the standing figures. Push it inside the cast on edge of skirt in same way as for basic standing figure. Stuff skirt through the waist edge, keeping it the same size as base as far as the knee shaping. Continue stuffing but keep the knee shaping section as flat as possible.

Skirt hem

Begin at lower edge and using blue to match skirt cast on 60 sts.

G-st 3 rows. Cast off. Oversew row ends together. Place round lower edge of skirt with seam at back. Sew cast off edge to skirt.

Bodice and head

Begin at waist edge and using blue to match skirt cast on 26 sts. St-st 6 rows.

Next row: K6, K2tog, K10, K2tog, K6 — 24 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Dec for neck

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts. Break off blue and join on light pink. St-st 3 rows for neck.

Inc for head

Next row: K4, inc K wise into next 4 sts, K4 — 16 sts. St-st 7 rows. Break off light pink and join on brown for hair. St-st 2 rows.

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

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Stuff head, then stuff neck lightly. Stuff bodice. Pin cast on edge of bodice to skirt, with bodice edge just overlapping waist edge of skirt. Make sure also that the oversewn skirt and bodice seams are in line. Sew bodice in place as pinned.

Shape the neck in same way as for the other figures.

Face

Mark the eye positions and work *one* back-stitch for each eye, as for the other figures. Mark centre of mouth with a pin, 4 knitted rows above the head inc row. Using two strands of red sewing thread, work a small V-shape for mouth with lower point of the V at marked position. Work once again over the first mouth stitches.

Sleeves [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using blue to match bodice cast on 16 sts.
G-st 2 rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until 10 sts remain.
St-st 15 rows.

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

Make up and sew sleeves to bodice as given for the other figures. Using light pink add hands as for the other figures also, but push them a little further inside the sleeves. Bend arms at the elbow position and catch hands to skirt as shown in the illustration.

Head-dress

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

1st row: K2, inc K wise into next 4 sts, K2 — 12 sts.

Begin shaping

1st row — K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

2nd row — K3, m1, K to last 3 sts, m1, K3 — 14 sts.

Repeat these two rows until there are 50 sts.
St-st 14 more rows, but K the first 2 sts and last 2 sts on every P row as before.

G-st 4 rows, then cast off.

To block the knitted piece

Wet the piece thoroughly, then squeeze out excess moisture in a towel. Fold the piece, bringing front g-st edges together. Pin these edges to an ironing board covered with a towel, stretching the inc shaping rows slightly. Leave to dry. Place on the figure as illustrated. Catch to head and sides of face. Catch ends of cast off edge to skirt hem.

Manger

Long sides and base

[knitted in one piece]

Use double yarn in two different shades of brown. Begin at top of one long side piece and cast on 18 sts.
G-st 18 rows. This completes one side piece.

Commence base

Beginning with a K row, st-st 13 rows.
This completes the base.

Commence other side piece

G-st 18 rows, then cast off.

End pieces [make two alike]

Use double yarn as before. Begin at top edge and cast on 12 sts.

★ G-st 4 rows.

Next row: K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 — 10 sts.

Repeat from ★ — 8 sts.

G-st 6 more rows, then cast off.

To make up

Oversew the cast off edges of end pieces to row ends of the st-st base as shown in the diagram. Now bring the adjacent row ends of long side pieces and end pieces together as shown by the arrows in the diagram. Oversew them together on the outside.

Straw piece

Using light yellow cast on 30 sts and st-st 30 rows.

Cast off.

With P side of st-st outside oversew row ends together leaving a gap at centre of seam. With this seam at centre of cast on and cast off edges, oversew across these edges. Stuff lightly but leave a hollow depression at centre of the stuffed shape. Oversew gap in seam. Place in manger with seam against base.

Baby

Bodice

Using white begin at lower edge and cast on 8 sts loosely.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts.

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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T loosely.

With K side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together for centre back seam.

Push a little stuffing inside. With seam at centre of cast on edge, oversew across cast on sts.

Head

Using light pink cast on 5 sts and st-st 6 rows for neck.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows for head. B & T loosely.

With K side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Stuff head, then pull up length of yarn tightly at top of head and fasten off.

Push the neck right inside B & T sts of the body, matching seams on both pieces. Pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off.



Mark eye positions with pins, 3 knitted rows above inc row, placing pins at centres of adjacent sts. Split a length of black yarn to get a finer strand, then work a tiny vertical back-stitch at each eye position. For hair, use brown and work three small stitches on forehead, starting at gathered top of head.

Head covering

Begin at face edge and using white cast on 22 sts.

1st row: K10, inc K wise into next 2 sts, K10 — 24 sts.

Beginning with a P row st-st 4 rows and dec 1 st at each end of every row — 16 sts.

Next row: P4, (P2tog) 4 times, P4 — 12 sts.
Cast off.

Fold cast off edge in half and oversew across cast off sts.

Turn right side out. Place on baby's head and catch ends of cast on edge to body at front.

Place baby in the hollow on straw piece.

Blanket

Using white cast on 24 sts and g-st 2 rows. Beginning with a K row, st-st 12 rows, but K the first 2 sts and last 2 sts on every P row.

Commence shaping

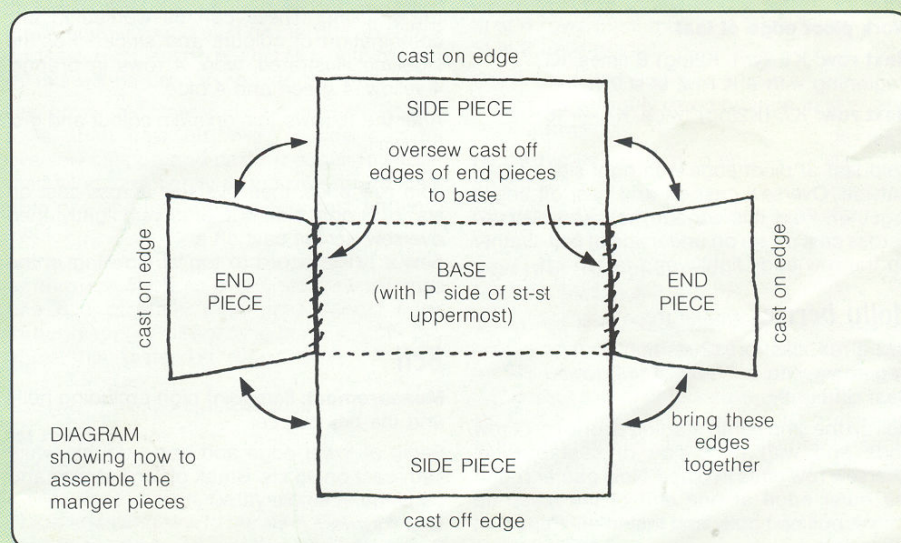
Continue in st-st, keeping the two K sts correct at *beginning* of all P rows only.

Dec 1 st at beginning of every K row and end of every P row until 9 sts remain.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Note that the shaped edge is the top edge of blanket.

Place blanket over manger as illustrated. Catch to the straw piece and to sides and end of manger.



Christmas Tree Trims



These pretty decorations are all very quick to knit from oddments of yarn. For an inexpensive little gift, the apple can also be made as a novelty pincushion. The measurements are given in the instructions for each design.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; small amount of stuffing; plastic drinking straws about 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] in diameter with a 'bendy' section, for the candy canes; oddments of yarn.

Twisted cords: Make single or double twisted cords of required length for suspending the tree trims. For an unobtrusive cord use brown yarn and attach the cord as a loop. For a more decorative effect use coloured yarn and tie the ends of the cord in a bow.

Safety note: In normal circumstances the electric lights which are used to decorate Christmas trees should not present a fire risk. However, it is safest to place all decorations on the tree in positions where they do not come into direct contact with any of the lights.

Garland ring

Measurement: 8cm [3in], across the ring.

Using white cast on 16 sts and K 1 row.

Begin shaping

1st row: K14, turn.

2nd row: K12, turn.

3rd row: K to end.

4th row: K to end.

Repeat these four rows 19 more times.

K 1 row, then cast off.

Oversew row ends together. Stuff the piece. Bring cast off and cast on edges together and oversew, to join into a ring.

Holly leaves [make two]

Using green cast on 16 sts.

1st row: P7, inc K wise into next 2 sts, P7 — 18 sts.

K 1 row. This completes the upper surface of leaf.

Work picot edge of leaf

Next row: K1, (yrn, K2tog) 8 times, K1. Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: K7, (K2tog) twice, K7 — 16 sts. Cast off.

Fold leaf at picot edge with right side of st-st outside. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Fold this edge in half and oversew across cast off sts on underside of leaf. Gather up the row ends tightly and fasten off.

Holly berries [make three]

Using red, cast on 12 sts tightly.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows. Cast off tightly.

Roll up the strip tightly starting at one set of row ends and with right side of st-st outside. Oversew row ends in place. Now gather round the outer edge at one end of the rolled-up shape, pull up tightly and fasten off. Repeat at other end.

Pine-cones [make two]

Using light brown cast on 48 sts.

1st row: K8, turn.

2nd and every following alternate row: P to end.

3rd row: K16, turn.

5th row: K24, turn.

7th row: K36, turn.

9th row: K48.

Work picot edge

For a plain pine-cone continue in light brown. For a frosted pine-cone work next row in white.

Next row: K1, (yrn, K2tog) to last st, K1.

Continue in light brown and K 1 row. Cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, fold the strip along the picot edge and catch cast off edge in place. Starting at the longest set of row ends and with right side of st-st outside, roll up the strip, keeping the cast on edge sts level at the base of the cone. The picot points will spiral downwards as you do this, forming the points of the pine-cone. Now sew the short set of row ends in place. Sew up through centre of the cone and back again, pull tightly and fasten off. Oversew round cast on sts to secure, at base of cone.

To assemble the pieces

Arrange holly etc on the garland ring, as shown in illustration. Sew in place. Sew a twisted cord to top of the garland behind the decoration.

Christmas stocking

Measurement: 10cm [4in] long.

Begin at lower edge and using red [main colour] or colour of your choice, cast on 30 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (inc K wise into next st, K1) to end — 44 sts.

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

Shape top of foot

1st row: K18, (K2tog) 4 times, K18 — 40 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K16, (K2tog) 4 times, K16 — 36 sts.

5th row: K14, (K2tog) 4 times, K14 — 32 sts.

7th row: K12, (K2tog) 4 times, K12 — 28 sts.

Next row: P. Break off main colour.

There are 16 rows of st-st for the leg section of the stocking. These can be worked in any combination of colours and stripes. For the stocking illustrated, work 4 rows in orange, 4 yellow, 4 green and 4 blue.

After the 16 rows, join on main colour and g-st 5 rows.

Cast off.

Join row ends, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out. Stuff very lightly, then oversew across cast off sts.

Sew a twisted cord to top of stocking at the seam.

Bell

Measurement: 8cm [3in] high excluding holly and the bell clapper.

Begin at lower edge and using double white yarn cast on 45 sts. Break off one strand and continue in single yarn.

G-st 4 rows.

Break off white and join on gold.

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

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 30 sts. St-st 15 rows.

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

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

Join row ends and turn right side out. Place this seam at centre back of bell. Stuff lightly. Oversew across cast on sts. Sew a twisted cord to top of bell. Trim with holly leaves and berries, as given for the Garland ring. Make the bell clapper as given for bobble on Baby's first Christmas stocking [page 11]. Sew it to centre lower edge of bell.

Christmas tree

Measurement: 8.5cm [$3\frac{1}{4}$ in] high, excluding the tub.

For the tree use two different shades of green, one a little lighter than the other.

Begin at lower edge and using two strands of the darker green cast on 44 sts.

Break off one strand and continue in single yarn.

St-st 2 rows. Join on the lighter shade of green and continue throughout in two-row stripes of light and dark green alternately. St-st 6 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 33 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 22 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts. St-st 5 rows. Continue in dark green.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 6 sts. B & T tightly.

Make up the tree and add twisted cord as given for Bell.

For the tub use tan and cast on 12 sts tightly. St-st 5 rows, then cast off loosely.

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

Sew cast off edge to base of tree at centre. Make 9 baubles in same way as for holly berries on the Garland ring, using colours desired. Sew the baubles to tree as illustrated.

Candy cane

Measurement: 15cm [6in] long.

Using white cast on 50 sts. Note that first row is the right side. G-st 2 rows. Join on red and g-st 4 rows. Break off red and continue in white. G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

The knitted strip will be sewn up around the drinking straw. First trim 1.5cm [$\frac{5}{16}$ in] off the end of the straw which is nearest to the bendy section. Stretch out the bendy section. The straw should now measure 19cm [$7\frac{1}{2}$ in] in length. Gather up the row ends at one end of the knitted strip. Starting at this end, oversew the cast on and cast off edges together with right side outside, enclosing the straw as you go. Gather up the other set of row ends and fasten off.

Now twist the knitted strip around the straw, so that the red stripe spirals along the length. Sew through each end of the knitted strip, catching it to the straw. Bend over the straw at the bendy section. To hold in bent position, sew through both sections of the straw just underneath the bend. Pull tightly and fasten off. For the bow use green or yellow and cast on 60 sts. K 1 row, then cast off. Tie in a bow around the cane. Sew a twisted cord to top of cane.



Holly-trimmed bauble

Measurement: 8cm [3in] long.

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

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc K wise into next st) to end — 36 sts ★.

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

Break off red and join on white, then g-st 14 rows.

Break off white and join on red. Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 2 rows.

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

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.
St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.
St-st 7 rows. B & T tightly.

Join row ends, turn right side out and stuff. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Sew a twisted cord to top of bauble. Trim with holly leaves and berries as given for Garland ring.

Apples

Measurement: 6cm [2½in] in diameter.

Work as given for Holly-trimmed bauble as far as ★, using red or green yarn.

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

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.
P 1 row.

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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts. B & T tightly. Join row ends, turn right side out and stuff firmly. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off, but do not break length of yarn as this will be used to sew on the stalk.

Use brown for stalk and cast on 6 sts. St-st 2 rows, then cast off. With P side outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together, then wind yarn tightly round and round stalk from one end to the other. Sew yarn end into stalk.

Using the length of yarn on apple, pass needle up through apple to B & T sts. Sew through one end of stalk, then pass needle back through apple. Pull tightly to depress stalk into apple, then fasten off.

Use green for the leaf and cast on 8 sts.

1st row: K6, turn.

2nd row: K to end.

K 1 row, then cast off. Gather up the longest set of row ends and sew to the stalk. Sew a twisted cord to the stalk.

Using white, work a few back-stitches at top of apple as illustrated, to resemble the 'shine'.

Lantern

Measurement: 9cm [3½in] long.

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 36 sts. Mark centre of cast on edge. G-st 2 rows.

Continue working as follows, breaking and joining colours as necessary and beginning the gold st-st portions with a K row.

St-st 8 rows gold, then g-st 2 rows red.

St-st 8 rows gold.

Continue in red and g-st 4 rows.

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

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

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.
St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.
P 1 row, then B & T tightly.

Using red and starting at first knitted row of gold above marked centre of cast on edge, work a vertical line of chain stitches ending at last knitted row of gold. Leaving 6 clear knitted sts to the right of first line of chain stitches, work another line of chain stitches in same way. Repeat to the left of first line of chain stitches.

Make up the lantern and add twisted cord as given for Bell.



Mr and Mrs Frosty



These little snow people can be made as soft toys or Christmas decorations. When used for ornamental purposes, a cardboard circle in the base of each doll gives stability, so that they will stand unsupported.

Measurement: Each doll measures 20cm [8in] in height to top of the hat.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; 80g [3oz] of stuffing for each doll; 70g [2½oz] of white yarn [enough to make both dolls]; oddments of yarn in the other colours.

Notes: The dolls are made in the same basic way. Instructions for all the pieces are set out in the order of making, with details given for each doll as the work progresses. For either doll, begin with the Body and head and continue through the instructions, adding the pieces as listed under the headings for each doll.

Body and head

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 24 sts loosely.
P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 48 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 39 rows.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K11, (K2tog) twice, K18, (K2tog) twice, K11 — 44 sts.
St-st 3 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 22 sts.
P 1 row.

Inc for head

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 44 sts.
St-st 17 rows.
Break off white and join on black for Mr Frosty's hat, red for Mrs Frosty's hat.
St-st 16 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 33 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 11 sts.
B & T tightly.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff head, then body. Head should measure 24cm [9½in] around, body should measure 27cm [10¾in] around. Use a length of white yarn and gather round cast on sts. If required, cut a 5cm [2in] diameter circle of cardboard and push it inside the cast on edge.

Now pull up the gathers tightly to close cast on edge, then fasten off.

Tie a length of white yarn tightly around the neck and knot ends. Sew ends into neck.

Face

Note: Refer to page 2 'Working embroidered stitches', when starting and fastening off yarn ends for the facial stitches.

Mark eye positions with pins, 13 knitted rows above the head shaping row, leaving 4 clear knitted sts between the pins. Use black yarn for the eyes. Work a back-stitch starting at one marked position and make the stitch 2 knitted rows high.

Repeat the back stitch twice, then fasten off. Work other eye in same way.

Mark centre of mouth 6 knitted rows above the head shaping row. Use black yarn and work 3 small stitches to form a shallow U-shape as shown in the illustration.

For nose use orange and cast on 6 sts.
St-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together with right side of st-st outside.

Tuck tail-end of yarn inside nose instead of stuffing. Sew cast on edge to face as illustrated. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

Mrs Frosty's hair

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 44 sts. G-st 11 rows, then cast off. Sew the piece to head with row ends at sides of face and cast off edge just below the first knitted row of the hat.

Mr Frosty's hat brim

Using black cast on 53 sts and P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (inc K wise into next st, K1) to end — 79 sts ★.

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

★★ **Next row:** K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 53 sts. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together. With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Sew this oversewn seam to doll at first knitted row of the hat colour ★★★.

Make holly leaves and berries as for the Garland ring [page 20] and sew them to hat.

Mrs Frosty's hat brim

Using red, work as given for Mr Frosty's hat brim as far as ★. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Work picot edge

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

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

Now work as given for Mr Frosty's hat brim from ★★ to ★★★.

Make a 40cm [16in] double twisted green cord for hat band. Tie it around hat in a bow at front. Catch to hat.

Mrs Frosty's skirt

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 96 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

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

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 64 sts.

P the next 2 rows.

Next row: K.

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

Cast off, for waist edge.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Pull the skirt onto the doll, with seam at centre back and lower edge level with lower edge of body. Sew waist edge to doll.

Arms [make two alike for each doll]

Begin at top edge and using white cast on 18 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 25 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends of each arm, turn right side out and stuff lightly. Bring seam to centre of cast on edge then oversew across cast on sts. Pin these edges to sides of body just below neck with arm seams against body. Make sure that top edges of arms slope away from neck, so that arms point forwards. Sew tops of arms in place. Catch one of the arms to body. Catch

other arm to body leaving the lower portion free to hold the walking stick or umbrella.

Scarf

Use red for Mr Frosty, green for Mrs Frosty. Cast on 80 sts and g-st 7 rows. Cast off. Attach fringe to each set of row ends — green for Mr Frosty, red for Mrs Frosty. Place scarf around neck and catch in place at overlap.

Mr Frosty's walking stick

Make as given for Candy cane [Mrs Claus, page 6].

Sew to end of arm.

Mrs Frosty's umbrella

For umbrella handle use black and make Candy cane as given for Mrs Claus [page 6]. Do not add the red spiral stripe.

For umbrella top piece use red and cast on 12 sts. First row is right side.

1st row: K10, turn.

2nd row: K to end.

3rd and 4th rows: K.

Repeat these four rows 4 more times. Cast off P wise.

With right side outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together.

Push umbrella handle inside, so that end of handle just protrudes through the shortest set of row ends. Sew these row ends to handle. Make a 15cm [6in] single twisted green cord. Tie it tightly in a bow around umbrella, 1cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ in] away from other set of row ends. Sew through bow to secure. Sew umbrella handle to end of arm.

Little Robin Redbreast



You only need small amounts of yarn, a little time and a packet of seeds to create this unusual Christmas gift for gardening enthusiasts. Since the base is a knitted pocket, which contains the seed packet, it will hold any other kind of flat object, envelope or sachet and here are some alternative suggestions. Dried lavender, bath salts or shampoo, a few notelets, herbal tea bags, family photographs, a letter, a small note pad, a calendar or diary, a children's book. If you wish to make the scene for display only, insert a piece of cardboard and sew up the open end of the base.

Measurement: The base is 12 by 15cm [4 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 6in]; robin is 4cm [1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in] high.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles — see Important notes below; small amount of stuffing; 30g [1oz] of white yarn for the base; oddments of yarn in the other colours.

Important notes: Use 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles for all the pieces unless otherwise stated in the instructions. Make all the pieces before assembling.

The log

Note: Use 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles and double yarn throughout.

Using two different shades of brown yarn cast on 16 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows. Note that K side of this section of st-st is *right* side of the log.

Break off brown and join on two strands of white.

K 1 row.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 6 rows. Cast off.



Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff. Gather round remaining set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off but do not break yarn. Pass needle through log to other set of row ends then back again. Pull tightly to depress row ends into log slightly, then fasten off.

Robin

Begin at tail-end of body and using tan yarn cast on 6 sts.
P 1 row.

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

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Inc for head

Next row: K9, inc K wise into next 6 sts, K9 — 30 sts.
Continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Dec for breast

Next row: K9, (K2tog) 6 times, K9 — 24 sts.
P 1 row and mark centre of row with a coloured thread.

Break off tan, join on red for breast and st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts. B & T tightly.

Join row ends, leaving a small gap at centre of seam. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Turn right side out and stuff, but do not close gap in seam. Use black yarn for the eyes and beak, starting and fastening off yarn in stuffing at gap in seam.

Mark eye positions with pins on either side of the coloured thread, leaving 2 clear knitted sts between the pins. Work a short vertical back-stitch for each eye, then repeat at same positions. Work beak in same way below eyes, but leave yarn loops protruding. Oversew through the loops several times to make beak firm. Now add a little more stuffing if necessary, before closing gap in seam.

For the robin's tail use tan and cast on 4 sts. Work in st-st and inc 1 st at beginning of first and every following row until there are 8 sts. St-st 8 rows.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until 4 sts remain. Cast off.

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

Sew cast on, cast off edge of tail to back of robin just below the gathered cast on sts of body.

Holly and pine-cones

Refer to the Garland ring [page 20] and make four holly leaves, six berries and three frosted pine-cones.

The pocket base

[make two pieces alike]

Notes: Use 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles and *double* white yarn. P side of st-st is right side.

Cast on 20 sts and st-st 36 rows, but K the first 2 sts and last 2 sts on every P row. Cast off.

To assemble the pieces

With right side of one base piece uppermost, sew on the log, holly and pine-cones, arranging them as shown in the illustration. On the white portion of the log, use brown yarn to work robin's feet. Work three stitches for each foot, fanning out from a centre point and placing feet side by side. Sew robin to log so that feet are visible at front.

Place the other base piece underneath the first piece, matching cast on and cast off edges and with right sides outside. Oversew cast on edges together and row ends at each side, leaving cast off edges open for inserting the gift or piece of cardboard.

If desired, add a small gift tag with an appropriate greeting.



Last-minute Dolls

These sweet little characters are ideal for last-minute stocking-fillers, as they can be knitted up so quickly. They are all worked from the same basic pattern, with extra accessories for each of the dolls. You should begin by referring to the instructions for the doll you are about to make. If twisted cords are attached to the top, the dolls can be used as Christmas tree decorations.

Measurement: Height of basic doll is 8.5cm [3 1/4 in].

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; small amount of stuffing; oddments of yarn.

Basic doll

Legs, body and head

Begin at lower edge and using colour required for legs cast on 10 sts loosely. Mark centre of the cast on edge with a coloured thread.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.
Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 7 rows. Mark centre of the last row with a coloured thread.
St-st 4 more rows.

Break off yarn and join on colour required for upper body.
St-st 6 rows.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K4, (K2tog) twice, K4, (K2tog) twice, K4 — 16 sts.
P 1 row.

Break off yarn and join on colour required for head.

St-st 2 rows.

Shape head

Next row: K6, inc K wise into next 4 sts, K6 — 20 sts. St-st 9 rows.

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

Join row ends for centre back seam. Bring marked centre of cast on edge to the seam, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out. To divide the legs, use matching yarn and begin at the marked row. Sew through doll to back seam, then back again. Continue sewing back and forth through the doll until you reach cast on edge. Fasten off.

Stuff legs, then body and head. Use a length of matching yarn to gather round first knitted row of the head. Pull up gathers very tightly and knot ends. Wind yarn once round neck and knot ends again. Sew ends into neck. Finish stuffing head, then pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

Use black yarn for the eyes. Mark eye positions with pins, 6 knitted rows above head shaping row, leaving 2 clear knitted sts between the pins. For one eye, work a tiny back-stitch downwards from the marked position. Work another back-stitch at same position, then fasten off. Repeat for the other eye.

For mouth, work a small horizontal red stitch, [black for Snowman], 2 knitted rows above head shaping row. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

Basic arms [make two alike]

Begin at end of hand and using colour to match head cast on 7 sts.
Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 2 rows.

Break off yarn and join on colour required for sleeve.

St-st 9 rows. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, with right side of st-st outside. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Sew tops of arms to sides of doll, about 5mm [1/4 in] below neck.

Toy soldier

Make basic doll, using black for legs, red for upper body and light pink for head. Add basic arms, using red for sleeves. Work small white stitches on upper body for buttons. For belt use white and cast on 22 sts. Cast off. Place round waist and catch row ends together at back. Sew belt to doll. Use gold to work four stitches for the buckle.

Hat

For chin strap use gold. Cast on 14 sts, then cast off. Sew under chin and up sides of face.

For hat use black, begin at lower edge and cast on 24 sts.

G-st 17 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Stuff top of hat, place on head as illustrated, then sew cast on edge to head.

Snowman

Make basic doll and arms, using white throughout. Work small black stitches on front of body as illustrated.

Cap

Using green begin at lower edge and cast on 24 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Break off green and join on red.

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



Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts ★.
P 1 row.

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

★★ Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Sew cap to head as illustrated. Using green make a bobble as for holly berry [Garland ring page 20]. Sew to top of cap ★★★.

For scarf, use red and cast on 40 sts. Cast off. Place round neck. Cross over ends at one side and catch in place.

Santa

Make basic doll using red for legs and upper body and light pink for head. Add basic arms using red for sleeves. Using black, add belt as for Toy soldier. Using white, make beard as given for Christmas crib figure [Basic beard, page 15]. Sew beard to face, then work nose in red stitches above beard.

Work cap as for Snowman's cap to ★, using white instead of green for the g-st rows. Continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.
St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts. B & T tightly.

Make up as given for Snowman's cap from ★★ to ★★★, using white for the bobble. Fold down top of cap and catch to head.

Clown

Make basic doll, using black for legs, green for upper body and light pink for head. Work nose as for Santa. Add basic arms using green for sleeves. Use dark blue to work stitches for buttons on upper body.

Pants

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 18 sts.

Mark centre of cast on edge with a coloured thread.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 36 sts.

Join on gold. Beginning with a P row st-st 8 rows, working in two-row stripes of gold and red alternately. Continue in gold.

Next row: (P1, P2tog) to end — 24 sts.
Cast off P wise, for waist edge.

Join row ends for centre back seam. Turn right side out. Put pants on doll. Sew waist edge to doll, just above last knitted row of black. Sew through doll's legs, catching marked centre of cast on edge of pants to back seam of pants.

Hat and hair

Begin at lower edge of hat and using gold cast on 24 sts.

G-st 2 rows. Break off gold and join on dark blue. Beginning with a K row continue in st-st and work 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog, K1) to end — 16 sts.
St-st 4 rows.

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

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Stuff top lightly, then sew cast on edge to head as illustrated.

For hair use orange and cast on 18 sts.

1st row: [wrong side] K1, (K1, winding yarn twice round tip of right hand needle) 16 times, K 1.

2nd row: K1, (K1, letting the extra wound-round loop drop) 16 times, K1 — 18 sts.
Cast off.

Sew cast off edge round head, level with lower edge of hat as illustrated.

Collar

Using red, make as for hair. Oversew row ends together at back of neck.

Christmas elf

Make basic doll, using dark green for legs, green for upper body and light pink for head. Add basic arms, using green for sleeves. Add red belt, light yellow buckle and buttons, as for Toy soldier.

Make cap as for Santa, using dark green for g-st rows and red for remainder. Omit the bobble and sew cap to head as illustrated.

Make collar as for Clown's hair using red. Oversew row ends of collar together at back of neck.

Christmas fairy

Make basic doll, using white for legs and upper body and light pink for head.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at end of hand and using colour to match head cast on 6 sts.

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

Break off yarn and join on white.
K 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts.
Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.
B & T tightly.

Make up and sew to doll as for basic arms.

Hair and bow

Using light yellow for hair, begin at lower edge and cast on 20 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 10 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) 8 times, K2 — 12 sts. Cast off.

Fold cast off edge in half and oversew across the sts for centre parting of hair. Turn right side out. Place on doll's head as illustrated. Sew row ends in place. Catch hair to head just above the g-st border.

Use red for the hair bow and cast on 22 sts. K 1 row, then cast off. Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Work green running stitches through the K row. Tie red yarn tightly round the centre of the piece to form the bow-shape. Sew to top of head.

Skirt

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on

36 sts. G-st 2 rows. Break off red and join on white. Beginning with a K row, st-st 12 rows.

Dec for waist

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 24 sts. Cast off.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Work green running stitches round centre of g-st at lower edge. Place skirt on the doll so that cast on edge is level with doll's feet. Sew cast off edge to doll.

Wings [make two pieces alike]

Using white cast on 5 sts. Work in g-st throughout.

Inc 1 st at beginning of first and every following row until there are 10 sts.

G-st 10 rows.

Dec 1 st at end of next and every following row until 4 sts remain.

Cast off.

Oversew cast off edges of wings together. Sew this seam to back of doll at upper body.

Bow

Make a 10cm [4in] single twisted red cord. Tie in a bow and sew under chin.

Mrs Claus

Make basic doll using red for legs and upper body and light pink for head. Add basic arms using red for sleeves.

Make skirt as for Fairy, but join on white after the red g-st rows and st-st 12 rows in two-row stripes of white and red alternately. Work the dec and cast off rows in white. Make up and sew in place as for Fairy.

Bonnet

Knit and make up as for Fairy's hair, using white for g-st rows and red for remainder. Place on head with the g-st rows around the face. Catch ends of cast on edge together under chin with a length of white yarn. Add bow under chin as for Fairy, using white. Sew row ends of bonnet to back of head above neck.

Muff



To keep little hands warm, make a cosy muff in the shape of a snow-covered log, then add a knitted robin and some holly for decoration. The muff has circular end-pieces for the hands to pass through, which provide extra warmth and protection.

Measurement: The muff is 20cm [8in] in length.

Materials for the muff: 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles; three different shades of brown yarn, total weight 60g [2oz]; 40g [1½oz] of white yarn.

Materials for the robin and holly trimming: Refer to page 23 [Little Robin Redbreast] for

the robin and page 20 [Garland ring] for the holly leaves and berries. Note that they are all worked on 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Tension for the muff: Working with three strands of yarn and 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles: 17 sts and 32 rows = 10cm [4in] square, measured over the g-st.

The muff

Using three strands of brown yarn together, cast on 34 sts.

Note that first row is right side. G-st 56 rows.

Break off brown and join on three strands of white for the snow.

G-st 29 rows, then cast off loosely.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together and leave wrong side out. For the neck strap, make a 1 metre [1½ yard] twisted cord using

six strands of white yarn. Lay centre of cord across centre of the snow and catch cord in place. Turn muff right side out. Knot ends of cord together, adjusting length to suit the child. Trim off yarn ends evenly.

End pieces [make two alike]

Using three strands of brown yarn as for muff, cast on 27 sts loosely.

1st row: K1, (inc K wise into next st, K1) to end — 40 sts. G-st 3 rows. Cast off loosely.

Oversew row ends of each piece together. Place one piece inside one end of muff and sew cast off edge in place just inside row ends of muff. Repeat at other end.

Make the robin [page 24], holly leaves and berries [page 20].

Work robin's feet on the snow before sewing robin and holly in place as illustrated.





Three Tea-cosies

These cosies will fit standard-shaped tea-pots in three sizes:- two cup, four cup or six cup. There are three designs to choose from, a Christmas pudding, robin in the snow and one decorated with holly and pine-cones. All the decorative ideas are interchangeable, so that each cosy can be made up in any of the three different sizes. A tea-pot, complete with knitted cosy, would make a delightful and useful Christmas gift.

Measurements: The cosies will fit small, medium and large standard-shaped tea-pots as mentioned above.

Materials for the basic cosies: 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles; for small cosy — oddment of main colour yarn and of white; for medium cosy — 40g [1½oz] total weight of main colour yarn and oddment of white; for large cosy — 50g [1¾oz] total weight of main colour yarn and oddment of white.

Materials for the decoration: Refer to page 23 [Little Robin Redbreast] for the robin and page 20 [Garland ring] for the holly leaves, berries and pine-cones. Note that they are all worked on 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Tension: Working with two strands of yarn and 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles: 18 sts and 35 rows = 10cm [4in] square, measured over the g-st.

Main pieces [make two alike]

Notes: The pieces are worked in *double* yarn

on 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles. Use light and dark brown for the Christmas pudding cosy; white and light green for the robin cosy; double red yarn for the decorative cosy.

Instructions for the smallest cosy are given first, followed by the medium and large sizes in { } brackets.

Begin at lower edge and cast on 20 {26 : 30} sts loosely.

G-st 2 rows for all sizes.

Next row: K2 {5 : 7}, (inc K wise into next st, K2) 6 times, K0 {3 : 5} — 26 {32 : 36} sts. G-st 25 {31 : 35} rows.

Next row: K2 {5 : 7}, (K2tog, K2) 6 times, K0 {3 : 5} — 20 {26 : 30} sts. Cast off loosely.

Top piece

Note: Use *double* white yarn and 5mm [No 6, USA 7] knitting needles. P side of st-st is right side.

For largest size cosy

Cast on 72 sts and K 1 row.

Begin shaping

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.

15th row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T tightly.

For medium size cosy

Cast on 64 sts and K 1 row.

Begin shaping

Shape as given for largest size cosy from ★ [3rd row] to end, noting that alternate rows will all be P rows.

For smallest size cosy

Cast on 56 sts and K 1 row.

Begin shaping

Shape as given for largest size cosy from ★★ [5th row] to end, noting that alternate rows will all be P rows.

To make up all cosies

Place the two main pieces together, matching cast on and cast off edges and row ends. Oversew the pieces together at one set of row ends for 1cm [½in] only, starting at cast on edge. Repeat at cast off edge. The gap at centre of this seam is for the tea-pot spout or handle.

Pin the cast off edges of main pieces just over the cast on edge of top piece, with wrong sides of both uppermost. Catch cast off edges of main pieces to the loops of first knitted row on wrong side of top piece as pinned.

Now oversew the row ends of top piece together. Oversew remaining row ends of main pieces together leaving a gap in seam in same way as for the other row ends. Turn cosy right side out.

To decorate the cosies

Refer to the illustration for the decoration on each cosy. Make the holly leaves, berries and frosted pine-cones as given for the Garland ring [page 20] then sew in place. Make the robin [page 24] then work the robin's feet on the knitted top piece before sewing robin in place.



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