



A SNOWMAN TO MELT YOUR HEART

Raymond Briggs' Snowman has been a Christmas favourite for many years – and now's your chance to knit this friendly character in perfect time to give as a present.

Materials Required – Of Sirdar Snowflake Double Knit, 1 x 50 gram ball in white; of Sirdar Country Style Tweed Double Knit, 1 x 50 gram ball in green; oddments of orange and black double knit; one pair of 3.75 mm knitting needles; washable toy stuffing. Quantities of yarn stated are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate.

For best results it is essential to use the recommended yarn. If you have difficulty in obtaining the yarn, write direct, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to the following address for stockists: Sirdar plc, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, Yorkshire WF2 9ND. Tel: 01924 371501.

Measurement – Approximately 34 centimetres, 13½ inches, high.

Tension – 22 stitches and 32 rows to 10 centimetres measured over stocking-stitch using Snowflake Double Knit and 3.75 mm needles.

Abbreviations – K – knit; P – purl; st.(s) – stitch(es); st.-st. – stocking-stitch; g.-st. – garter-stitch; tog. – together; m1 – make a stitch by picking up horizontal loop lying before next stitch and working into back of it; skpo. – slip 1, K1, pass slipped stitch over.

N.B. Figures in square brackets [] are worked the number of times stated.

RIGHT LEG

With white, cast on 20 sts.

1st row (wrong side) – Purl.

2nd row – Knit into front and back of every stitch – 40 sts.

3rd row – Purl.

4th row – K10, knit into front and back of next 10 sts., K20 – 50 sts. Beginning with a purl row, work 5 rows in st.-st.

10th row – K10, [K2 tog.] 10 times, K20 – 40 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, work 31 rows in st.-st.

Break off yarn and leave these sts. on a spare needle.

LEFT LEG

Work as for right leg, but working 4th row: K20, knit into front and back of next 10 sts., K10; and 10th row: K20, [K2 tog.] 10 times, K10.

Do not break off yarn.

BODY

Knit across 40 sts. of left leg already on needle, then 40 sts. of right leg – 80 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, work 24 rows in st.-st.

Divide For Arms

Next row – P16, cast off next 8 sts., P32 including st. left on needle after cast off, cast off next 8 sts., P15.

Left Back

Working on first 16 sts. only, continue, thus:

Next row – Decrease 1 st. at armhole edge – 15 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, work 3 rows in st.-st.

Decrease 1 st. at armhole edge on next and every following alternate row until 10 sts. remain.

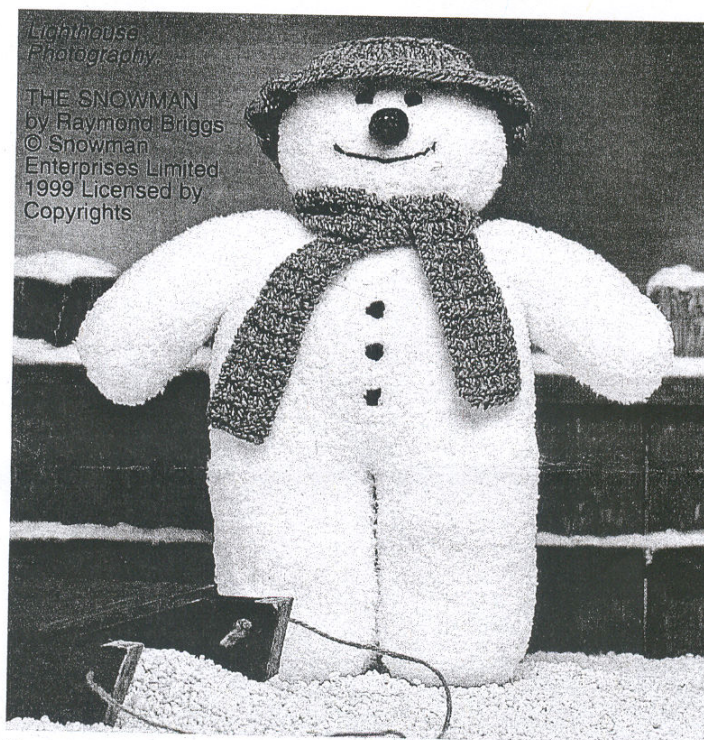
Next row – Purl.

Decrease 1 st. at armhole edge on every row until 4 sts. remain.

Cast off.

Front

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to centre 32 sts.



Next row – Decrease 1 st. at each end of 1st row – 30 sts.

Beginning with a knit row, work 3 rows in st.-st.

Decrease 1 st. at each end of next and every following alternate row until 20 sts. remain.

Next row – Purl.

Decrease 1 st. at each end of every row until 8 sts. remain.

Cast off.

Right Back

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 16 sts. and work as for left back.

ARMS (Both Alike)

With white, cast on 10 sts.

1st row (wrong side) – Purl.

2nd row – Knit into front and back of every stitch – 20 sts.

3rd row – Purl.

4th row – K1, m1, [K2, m1] 9 times, K1 – 30 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, work 25 rows in st.-st.

Cast off 4 sts. at beginning of next 2 rows – 22 sts.

Decrease 1 st. at each end of next and following 4th row – 18 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, work 3 rows in st.-st.

Decrease 1 st. at each end of next and every following alternate row until 12 sts. remain.

Next row – Purl.

Decrease 1 st. at each end of every row until 2 sts. remain. P2 tog. and fasten off.

HEAD

With white, cast on 9 sts.

1st row (wrong side) – Purl

2nd row – K1, *m1, K1; repeat from * to end.

Next row – Purl.

Next row – Knit.

Next row – Purl.

Next 2 rows – Knit.

Shape Crown

Next row – K1, *skpo., K3; repeat from * to end – 41 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, work 3 rows in st.-st.

Next row – K1, *skpo., K2; repeat from * to end – 31 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, work 3 rows in st.-st.

Next row – K1, *skpo., K1; repeat from * to end – 21 sts.

Next row – Purl.

Next row – K1, *skpo.; repeat from * to end – 11 sts.

Next row – P1, [P2 tog.] 5 times – 6 sts.

Break off yarn, thread through sts. and fasten off securely.

SCARF

With green, cast on 9 sts.

1st and 2nd rows – Knit.

3rd row – K2, [P1, K1] 3 times, K1.

4th row – K1, [P1, K1] 4 times.

These 4 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until scarf measures 54 cm, ending with a 2nd row.

Cast off knitwise.

NOSE

With orange, cast on 1 st. and knit 4 times into this st.

Next row – Purl.

Next row – K1, [m1, K1] 3 times – 7 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, work 7 rows in st.-st.

Next row – K1, [K2 tog.] 3 times – 4 sts.

Break off yarn, thread through sts. and fasten off securely.

TO MAKE UP

Join arms to body at raglan seams. Join leg, arm and back seams.

Stuff legs, body and arms, then complete sewing up at neck edge. Join back seam on head, leaving a gap open for stuffing. Fill and close the opening. Attach head to body placing back seam of head in line with centre back seam of body.

Using satin stitch and oddments of black yarn, embroider eyes, mouth and buttons as illustrated. Stuff nose and gather edges of nose around stuffing to enclose securely. Sew in place as illustrated.

Join back seam on hat and place on head, securing with stitches through crown to head. Fasten scarf around neck and sew in place at centre back neck. ■