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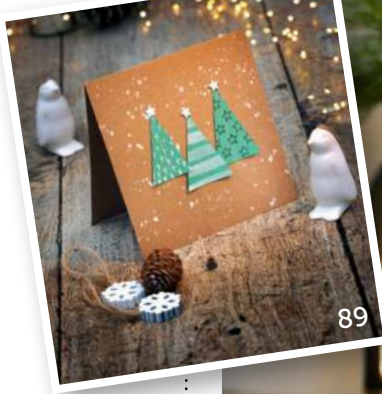
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CHRISTMAS ANGEL

Create an elegant, winged angel with a bell-shaped dress as the perfect Christmas décor or gift!

WHAT YOU NEED

❖ 2.75mm hook

❖ In this project we have used Caron Simply Soft, 100% acrylic, 170g, 288m (in 3 colours) and Red Heart Soft, 100% acrylic, 141g, 234m (in 1 colour). You will need to use any Aran (worsted weight) yarn in your chosen colours.
Colour 1: Peach; 1 ball
Colour 2: White; 1 ball
Colour 3: Blue; 1 ball
Colour 4: Brown; 1 ball

❖ Polyester fibre

❖ Safety pins

❖ Scissors

❖ White pipe cleaners

❖ Yarn needle

❖ Optional: flower applique or embellishment for hair

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 20 cm tall



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PATTERN

HEAD AND BODY

Note: The head and body are all worked in one piece from head to toe. Do not fasten off until instructed to do so.

Using 2.75mm hook, in col 1 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close, ss to first dc. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 1 (not counted as a st here and throughout), 2 dc in each st, ss to first dc. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times, ss to first dc. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times, ss to first dc. (24 sts)

Rnd 5: Ch 1, (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times, ss to first dc. (30 sts)

Rnds 6-11: Ch 1, 1 dc in each st, ss to first dc. (30 sts)

Rnd 12: Ch 1, (1 dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. (24 sts)

Rnd 13: Ch 1, (1 dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. (18 sts)

Fill head firmly with fibrefill, but be careful not to stretch the stitches.

Rnd 14: Ch 1, 1 dc in next 3 sts, (dc2tog) 6 times, 1 dc in next 3 sts, ss to first dc. (12 sts)

Continue with neck

Rnd 15: Ch 1, (dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first st. (6 sts)

Rnds 16-17: Ch 1, 1 dc in each

st, ss to first dc. (6 sts)

Continue with upper body

Rnd 18: Ch 1, 2 dc in each st, ss to first dc. (12 sts)

Rnd 19: Ch 1, (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times, ss to first dc. (18 sts)

Change to col 2.

Rnd 20: Ch 1, 1 dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 7 sts, ss to first dc. (20 sts)

Rnd 21: Ch 1, 1 dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next 2 sts, 1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next 2 sts, 1 dc in next 7 sts, ss to first dc. (24 sts)

Rnd 22: Ch 1, 1 dc in each st, ss to first dc. (24 sts)

Rnd 23: Ch 1, 1 dc in next 7 sts, (dc2tog) twice, 1 dc in next 2 sts, (dc2tog) twice, 1 dc in next 7 sts, ss to first dc. (20 sts)

Rnd 24: Ch 1, 1 dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog, 1 dc in next st, dc2tog, 1 dc in next 7 sts, ss to first dc. (18 sts)

Rnd 25: Ch 1, 1 dc in next 5 sts, (dc2tog) 4 times, 1 dc in next 5 sts, ss to first dc. (14 sts)

Rnds 26-28: Ch 1, 1 dc in each st, ss to first dc. (14 sts)

At this point, you can fold a pipe cleaner in

half and insert it up the neck to provide neck support and stability. Fill the upper body and chest firmly with fibrefill, but be careful not to stretch the stitches.

Rnd 29 (blo): Ch 1, (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 7 times, ss to first dc. (21 sts)

Note: The dress skirt will begin in the front loops of Rnd 29.

Continue with lower body

Rnd 30: Ch 1, (1 dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st) 3 times, ss to first dc. (24 sts)

Rnds 31-50: Ch 1, 1 dc in each st, ss to first dc. (24 sts)



Tree decorations

Fill the rest of body firmly with fibrefill.

Rnd 51 (blo): Ch 1, (1 dcblo in next 2 sts, dc2togblo) 6 times, ss to first dc. (18 sts)

Rnd 52: Ch 1, (1 dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. (12 sts)

Rnd 53: Ch 1, (dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. (6 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn and fasten off; weave in the ends.

DRESS SKIRT

To begin, hold the doll upside-down and facedown. Start with col 2. Attach yarn to the back

side of the doll, at a spare front loop of Rnd 29 of the body.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (not counted as a st), (1 tr in next st, 2 tr in next st) 7 times, ss to top of first tr. (21 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 3 (not counted as a st), (1 tr in next 6 sts, 2 tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of first tr. (24 sts)

Rnd 3: Ch 3 (not counted as a st), (1 tr in next 7 sts, 2 tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of first tr. (27 sts)

Rnd 4: Ch 3 (not counted as a st), (1 tr in next 8 sts, 2 tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of first tr. (30 sts)

Rnd 5: Ch 3 (not counted as a st), (1 tr in next 9 sts, 2 tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of first tr. (33 sts)

Rnd 6: Ch 3 (not counted as a st), (1 tr in next 10 sts, 2 tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of first tr. (36 sts)

Rnd 7: Ch 3 (not counted as a st), (1 tr in next 11 sts, 2 tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of first tr. (39 sts)

Rnd 8: Ch 3 (not counted as a st), (1 tr in next 12 sts, 2 tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of first tr. (42 sts)

Rnd 9: Ch 3 (not counted as a st), (1 tr in next 13 sts, 2 tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of first tr. (45 sts)

Rnd 10: Ch 3 (not counted as a st), (1 tr in next 14 sts, 2 tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of first tr. (48 sts)

Rnd 11: (Ch 3, miss next 2 sts, ss in next st) 16 times.

Cut yarn and fasten off; weave in the ends.

HAIR CAP

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnds 6-9: 1 dc in each st. (30 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn and fasten off with a long tail for sewing to the head later.

HAIR BUN

In col 4 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 4-5: 1 dc in each st. (18 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn and fasten off with a long tail for sewing to the hair cap later.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

In col 1 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 5 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close, ss to first dc. (5 sts)

Rnds 2-3: Ch 1 (not counted as a st here and throughout), 1 dc in each st, ss to first dc. (5 sts)
Change to col 2.

Rnds 3-12: Ch 1, 1 dc in each st, ss to first dc. (5 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn and fasten off with a long tail for attaching to the body later.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

In col 3, ch 5.

Row 1 (RS): 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in each remaining ch, turn. (4 sts)

Rows 2-5: Ch 1 (not counted as a st), 1 dc in each st, turn. (4 sts)

Row 6: Ch 1, 1 dc in next 4 sts, next, continue down the left side of the piece, making 5 dc evenly spaced along the row ends, turn. (9 sts)

Row 7: Ch 6, 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 4 sts, turn. (15 sts)

Row 8: Ch 1, dc2tog, 1 dc in next 13 sts, turn. (14 sts)

Row 9: Ch 5, 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in next 15 sts, dc2tog, turn. (17 sts)

Row 10: Ch 1, 1 dc in each st, turn. (17 sts)

Row 11: Ch 4, 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in next 17 sts, dc2tog. (19 sts)





Next, work 2 dc in the same st at the last dc, work 10 dc evenly along the left edge of the wing.

Cut yarn and fasten off with a long tail for attaching to the body later.

FINISHING

Stuff the hair bun lightly.

Position the hair bun over Rnd 3 of the hair cap. The stitches should match up, because Rnd 3 of the hair cap = 18 sts, and the opening of the hair bun = 18 sts. Using a yarn needle and the yarn tail from the hair bun, sew it securely onto the hair cap.

Position the doll's arms on both sides of the body, and

sew them using a yarn needle and the yarn tails from the arms.

Position the two wings back to back. Join them together by sewing the bottom 5 stitches together.

Position the joined wings in the middle of the doll's back, above her dress. Sew securely onto the doll's back.

Sew the hair cap onto the doll's head. For a more natural look, sew the fringe one strand at a time on the doll's head.

Optional: Add embellishment (eg, flower, applique) onto the doll's hair.



FELT SANTA & ANGEL

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Black, red and white embroidery thread
- ❖ Red, white, brown and skin-tone felt
- ❖ Gold button
- ❖ Lace trim
- ❖ Mini pompoms
- ❖ Stuffing
- ❖ Hand-sewing needle
- ❖ Matching thread
- ❖ Pink colouring pencil
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Templates photocopied by 100%
- ❖ Fabric glue

ANGEL

Cutting out

Following the photocopied templates, cut one of each hair piece from brown felt, cut one face from the skin-tone felt, cut two dresses from white felt, cut a pair of wings on the fold of the white felt and four sleeves from folded white felt.

Cut four hands and two pairs of feet from the skin-tone felt.

To make up

1 Using small running stitches, sew the face to the front hair piece, overlapping the hair over the face. Following the template, create two French knots for the eyes using three strands of black thread, and backstitch a mouth using two strands of the red.

2 Cut and stitch two lengths of lace to the top and

Hand-stitch these sweet Santa and angel felt decorations to hang on your Christmas tree or garland

bottom of the front dress. Sew the wings to the back dress down the middle of the fold line in matching white thread.

3 Pair up the feet and hands and blanket stitch all the way around the curved edges. Leave the tops open and fill with stuffing before stitching closed.

4 Repeat for the sleeves, leaving the cuffs open to stuff and finally fill with the stitched hands. Use a small stitch to keep the hands securely in place.

5 Using small tacking stitches, sew the arms and the feet to the front dress. Overlap the face with front dress, and running stitch the pieces together to form the completed front piece.

6 Overlap the back hair piece with the back dress, and running stitch the pieces together to create the full back piece. Pin the front and back pieces together and blanket stitch all the way around in matching thread, leaving the bottom of the dress open for stuffing. Stitch closed once stuffed.



TEMPLATES



TIPS

Add some rosy cheeks and mouth definition using a pink pencil.

This is a great project to try with little ones, to practise their hand-sewing skills on the angel – or they can glue the Santa pieces together if they're too young to use a needle.



SANTA

Cutting out

Following the photocopied templates, cut out two hats from folded red felt and hat bands from folded white felt. Cut one face and one nose from skin-tone felt and four hands from folded skin-tone felt. From white felt, cut one front beard, one back beard, two eyebrows, four cuffs, two waistbands and a moustache cut on the fold. Cut two bodysuits from red felt and four boots from black felt.

To make up

1 On the face piece, stitch two French knots for the eyes with three strands of black embroidery thread. Backstitch a belt buckle onto one of the white waistbands with two strands of black embroidery thread.

2 Overlap the hat pieces with the hat bands and glue in place. Overlap the face piece with the front beard and front hat piece,

glue together and allow to dry. Glue the front beard to the front bodysuit. Repeat for the back pieces, gluing the back beard to the back hat and back bodysuit.

3 Glue the eyebrows, nose and moustache to the face and beard. Glue the cuffs and waistbands to the front and back body suits.

4 Pair up the hands and boots and blanket stitch around the edge, leaving the tops open for stuffing. Fill with stuffing and stitch closed. Sew the hands and boots to the wrong side of the back piece with small tacking stitches.

5 Align the edges of the completed front and back pieces, and blanket stitch all the way around. Stuff as you sew to make it easier to fill the arms and legs.

6 Finish by gluing or stitching a mini pom-pom to the tip of Santa's hat.

TREE CHIC

Sew up a set of stylish decorations this Christmas

PATCHWORK ORNAMENTS

YOU WILL NEED

- ✦ Patterned fabric scraps
- ✦ Silver cotton fabric
- ✦ Twine
- ✦ Velvet ribbon
- ✦ Stuffing
- ✦ Cutting mat
- ✦ Quilter's ruler
- ✦ Rotary cutter
- ✦ Scissors
- ✦ Matching thread
- ✦ Hand sewing needle

NOTE: Use 1/4in seam allowances throughout and always sew with fabrics right sides together.

1 Using the cutting mat, quilter's ruler and rotary cutter, trim the patterned fabric scraps into 1 3/4 x 5in rectangles. For one tree, you will need two rectangles. Cut diagonally across the rectangles, remembering to cut in opposite directions on each colour so the triangles pair up.

2 Cut the silver fabric into 1in strips. Then cut into four 6in strips for the sides and two 4in strips for the bottom of the tree.

3 Pin one 6in strip to the diagonal edge of one of the triangles and sew them together. Press the seams open. Return to the cutting mat and rotary cut to neaten the edges. Repeat until you have four pieces.

4 Place two triangles together along the straight edge and sew. Press seams open and then neaten up the bottom edge.

5 Sew the last 4in strip onto the bottom edge and, again, neaten on the cutting mat.

6 Take a 6cm piece of ribbon and fold in half. Cut a 12cm piece of twine. Pin the two Christmas trees together, sandwiching the twine inside at the top and the folded ribbon at the bottom.

7 Sew all the way around, making sure to leave a small gap on one of the diagonal sides for turning through. Turn right sides out and press.

8 Fill the decoration with stuffing. Turn the raw edges of the gap under by 1/4in and slipstitch closed.



Patchwork projects are traditionally worked in inches



QUICK-SEW DECS

If you're short on time, these mini Christmas trees are a simple and speedy alternative.

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ **Patterned fabric scraps**
- ❖ **Thin wadding**
- ❖ **Twine**
- ❖ **Velvet ribbon**
- ❖ **Matching sewing thread**
- ❖ **Paper and pencil**
- ❖ **Scissors**

1 On a folded piece of paper, draw out one half of a Christmas tree shape and cut it out. Unfold it to

reveal the pattern template for this project.

2 Fold the patterned fabrics wrong sides together. Pin the template on top and cut out. Once all the fabric has been cut out, trim down the templates by 5mm and use to cut out the wadding.

3 Sandwich a piece of wadding in between the fabric layers, slip a folded 10cm piece of twine in the

top and pin. Fold a 5cm piece of velvet ribbon in half and pin in between the layers at the base.

4 Stitch all the way around the tree decoration, about 5mm from the edge. You can use a zigzag stitch if you have a little more time. Tie off the thread ends and trim the fabric edges to neaten.





DECK THE HALLS

Twas the night before Christmas and busy crafters are still working on their last-minute festive makes

RED HEART (MAKE 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Red, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1 (wrong side): K1, p1, k1.

Row 2: K1, yf, k1, yf, k1 – 5 sts.

Row 3: K2, p1, k2.

Row 4: K2, yf, k1, yf, k2 – 7 sts.

Row 5: K3, p1, k3.

Row 6: K3, yf, k1, yf, k3 – 9 sts.

Row 7: K4, p1, k4.

Row 8: K4, yf, k1, yf, k4 – 11 sts.

Row 9: K5, p1, k5.

Row 10: K5, yf, k1, yf, k5 – 13 sts.

Row 11: K6, p1, k6.

Row 12: K6, yf, k1, yf, k6 – 15 sts.

Row 13: K7, p1, k7.

Row 14: K7, yf, k1, yf, k7 – 17 sts.

Row 15: K8, p1, k8.

Row 16: K8, yf, k1, yf, k8 – 19 sts.

Row 17: K9, p1, k9.

Row 18: K9, yf, k1, yf, k9 – 21 sts.

Row 19: K10, p1, k10.

Row 20: K10, yf, k1, yf, k10 – 23 sts.

Row 21: K11, p1, k11.

Row 22: K11, yf, k1, yf, k11 – 25 sts.

Row 23: K12, p1, k12.

Row 24: K12, yf, k1, yf, k12 – 27 sts.

Row 25: K13, p1, k13.

Row 26: K13, yf, k1, yf, k13 – 29 sts.

Row 27: K14, p1, k14.

Divide for top: Next row: K13, skpo, turn and work on these 14 sts for first side.

First side: Next row: K to end.

Next row: K2tog, k to end – 13 sts.

Next row: K to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more

MATERIALS

- ❖ 1 x 50g (226m) ball of Sirdar Snuggly 4ply (55% nylon, 45% acrylic) in each of White (251) and Red (Rascal 472)*
- ❖ Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles
- ❖ 35 x 35cm piece of red and white gingham fabric
- ❖ Fabric stiffener;
- ❖ 8 buttons
- ❖ Tapestry needle
- ❖ Sewing needle
- ❖ Red and white sewing threads.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitch; tog, together; sl, slip; ss, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); p2togb, p2tog through back of sts; yf, yarn forward to make a st; up1, pick up loop lying between needles and k or p into back of it; skpo, sl1, k1, pass sl st over.

NOTE

Yarn amounts are approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

RED TREE (MAKE 2)

Heart approximately 6cm across; rose approximately 6cm across; snowflake approximately 8.5cm across.

TENSION

Is not critical for this project.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch, chain; dc, double crochet; st(s), stitch(es); tr, treble crochet; dtr, double treble crochet; dtr cl, double treble cluster thus: * [yrh] twice, insert hook in next st, yrh and pull loop through, [yrh pull through two loops] twice, repeat from * in each of next 2 sts, yrh and pull through all 4 loops on hook; htr, half treble crochet; slst, slip stitch; bd1, bead one thus: yrh, insert hook into ring then into bead, yrh again and pull it through the bead, at the same time pulling the bead through to the front of the ring, [yrh pull through first 2 loops on hook] twice to complete the beaded

treble crochet with the bead positioned at the base of the treble; yrh, yarn round hook.

NOTES

1 x 100g ball will make approximately 12-15 motifs. The hole in the bead needs to be large enough for your 2.5mm hook to pass through; typically this is approximately 10mm but it may be worth measuring the thickness of your hook before buying your beads. Beads can be omitted if desired by replacing the bd1 with a plain treble crochet. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.



then work first of these rows again – 10 sts.

Next row: K to last 2 sts, skpo – 9 sts.

Cast off working k2tog at beginning and skpo at end.

Second side: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 14 sts and k to end.

Next row: K to end.

Next row: K to last 2 sts, skpo – 13 sts.

Next row: K to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then work first of these rows again – 10 sts.

Next row: K2tog, k to end – 9 sts.

Cast off, working k2tog at beginning and skpo at end.

With wrong sides on the inside, place two pieces together and join around outer edges. Make

a twisted cord about 20cm long. Sew centre of cord to top of heart. Sew a button to each side at base of cord. Knot ends of cord together to secure



and trim ends, leaving a small tassel.

WHITE SNOWFLAKE

With 3¼mm needles and White, cast on 7 sts.

Row 1: P to end.

Row 2: K1, [yf, k1] 6 times – 13 sts.

Row 3: P1, [k1, p1] 6 times.

Row 4: K1, [yf, k1] 12 times – 25 sts.

Row 5: P1, [k3, p1] 6 times.

Row 6: K1, [yf, k3, yf, k1] 6 times – 37 sts.

Row 7: P1, [k2, p1] 12 times.

Row 8: K1, [yf, k2, yf, skpo, k1, yf,



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k1] 6 times – 49 sts.

Row 9: P1, [k2, p1, k1, p1, k2, p1] 6 times.

Row 10: K1, [yf, k1, k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k1, yf, k1] 6 times – 61 sts.

Row 11: P1, [k2, p1, k3, p1, k2, p1] 6 times.

Row 12: K1, [yf, k1, k2tog, yf, k3, yf, skpo, k1, yf, k1] 6 times – 73 sts.

Row 13: P1, [k2, p1, k5, p1, k2, p1] 6 times.

Row 14: K1, [yf, k1, k2tog, yf, k2, yf, skpo, k1, yf, skpo, k1, yf, k1] 6 times – 85 sts.

Row 15: P1, [k2, p1, k7, p1, k2, p1] 6 times.

Cast-off and picot tips: K into front of first st but do not drop st off left-hand needle, * for picot [yf, pass st just made over yf] 3 times, k into back of same st on left-hand needle and drop st off left-hand needle, pass first st over on right-hand needle, then cast off next 13 sts, k into front of next st but do not drop st off left-hand needle, pass first st over on right-hand needle, work from * 5 times more, casting off last st at end. Taking half a stitch from each edge into seam, join side edges to form snowflake. Gather in and secure centre to close hole. Treat with fabric stiffener and pull into shape as snowflake dries, making sure picot tips are defined. Make a twisted cord about 20cm long. Thread cord through loop of one picot tip. Knot ends of cord together to secure and trim ends, leaving a small tassel.

STOCKING

With 3¼mm needles and White, cast on 28 sts.

K 1 row White, 2 rows Red, 2 rows White, 2 rows Red and 2 rows White.

Continue in Red only, beginning with a k row, ss 18 rows.

WHITE STAR

With 3¼mm needles and White, cast on 10 sts.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: K into front and back of first st, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 10 sts.

3rd to 12th rows: Repeat last 2 rows, 5 times more – 10 sts.

13th row: K to end.

14th row: Cast off 9 sts – 1 st on right-hand needle, do not turn, pick up and k 9sts along side edge of last

13 rows worked – 10 sts.

Repeat last 14 rows, 4 times more, then work 1st to

13th rows again. Cast off.

Join cast-on and cast-off edge to form star shape. Gather and secure centre to close hole.

Using knitted star as a template and allowing 1cm for seam, cut star shape lining from gingham fabric. Snip lining at each inner corner on seam allowance. Fold points of each

– 44 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Shape sole: Next row: Cast off 6 sts – 1 st on right-hand needle, k11 sts more, skpo, sl1, k2, sl1, k2tog, k18 – 36 sts.

Next row: Cast off 6 sts – 1 st on right hand needle, p10 sts more, p2tog, sl1, p2, sl1, p2togb, p11 – 28 sts.

Next row: Cast off 6 sts – 1 st on right-hand needle, k 3 sts more, skpo, sl1, k2, sl1, k2tog, k10 – 20 sts.

Next row: Cast off 6 sts – 1 st on right-hand needle, p a

tip to wrong side, then fold seam allowance at each side of points and press. With wrong sides together, sew lining to outer edges of star. Sew a button to both sides at centre.

With matching yarn, make a twisted cord about 20cm long. Sew centre of cord at one tip of star. Knot ends of cord together to secure and trim ends, leaving a small tassel.

further 2 sts, p2tog, sl1, p2, sl1, p2togb, p3 – 12 sts.

Cast off, decreasing each side of 2 centre sts as before.

Using White, Swiss darn motif from chart below just under top edge on each side of centre, with motifs 4 stitches apart. Join centre back seam.

With Red, make a twisted cord 20cm long. Sew centre of cord inside top edge of centre back seam. Knot ends of cord together to secure and trim ends, leaving a small tassel.

MITTENS (MAKE 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Red, cast on 15 sts.

K 1 row Red, 2 rows White, 2 rows Red, 2 rows White and 2 rows Red.

Continue in White only.

Shape thumb: 1st row: K3, [up1, k2] 6 times – 21 sts.

2nd and every following

alternate row: P.

3rd row: K10, up1, k1, up1, k10 – 23 sts.

5th row: K10, up1, k3, up1, k10 – 25 sts.

7th row: K10, up1, k5, up1, k10 – 27 sts. 9th row: K17, turn, p7, turn and work on these 7 sts for thumb.

Thumb: K 1 row and p 1 row.

Next row: [K2tog] 3 times, k1 – 4 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off securely. Join thumb seam.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to inner edge at base of thumb and k to end – 20 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Shape top: Next row: [Skpo, k6, k2tog] twice – 16 sts. Next row: P.



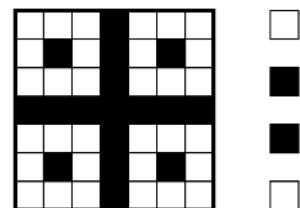
Next row: [Skpo, k4, k2tog] twice – 12 sts. Next row: P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2togb – 10 sts. Cast off.

Using Red, Swiss darn 7-stitch motif from chart (below) at centre of stitches at right of thumb on one mitten and left of thumb on other mitten. Join cast-off stitches and side seam.

With Red, make a twisted cord about 20cm long.

Knot ends and sew one end inside side seam on cuff of each mitten.

SWISS DARN MOTIF



RED AND WHITE STAR

With 3¼ needles and Red, cast on 10 sts. Twisting yarns together on wrong side when changing colours, continue thus:

Row 1: With Red, K to end.

Row 2: With Red, k into front and back of first st, with White,

k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 10 sts.

Row 3: With White, k8, with Red, k2.

Row 4: With Red, k into front and back of first st, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 5: With Red, k to end.

Rows 6-11: Repeat rows 2-5 once, then work rows 2 and 3 again – 10 sts.

Row 12: As row 4, weaving



in White along side of work as you go and leave in this position.

Row 13: As row 5.

Row 14: With Red, cast off 9 sts – 1 st on right-hand needle,

Deck the halls

do not turn, pick up and k9 sts along side edge of last 13 rows worked – 10 sts.

Repeat last 14 rows 4 times more, then work rows 1-13 again. Cast off. Complete as given with white star.



TO CROCHET

These three crochet makes, especially the snowflake, will give a wonderfully crisp, frosty look to your Christmas decorations



MATERIALS

- ❖ 1 x 100g (212m) ball of Sirdar Cotton DK (100% cotton) in White (Island White 501).
- ❖ 2.5mm crochet hook
- ❖ Approximately 45 large-holed clear plastic craft beads (5 beads per motif) approximately 10mm hole (see Notes)
- ❖ Tin of spray starch
- ❖ Fine florist's wire

MEASUREMENTS

Heart approximately 6cm across; rose approximately 6cm across; snowflake approximately 8.5cm across.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch, chain; dc, double crochet; st(s), stitch(es); tr, treble crochet; dtr, double treble crochet; dtr cl, double treble cluster thus: * [yrh] twice, insert hook in next st, yrh and pull loop through, [yrh pull through two loops] twice, repeat from *

in each of next 2 sts, yrh and pull through all 4 loops on hook; htr, half treble crochet; slst, slip stitch; bd1, bead one thus: yrh, insert hook into ring then into bead, yrh again and pull it through the bead, at the same time pulling the bead through to the front of the ring, [yrh pull through first 2 loops on hook] twice to complete the beaded treble crochet with the bead positioned at the base of the treble; yrh, yarn round hook.

NOTES

1 x 100g ball will make 12-15 motifs. The hole in the bead needs to be large enough for your 2.5mm hook to pass through; typically this is approximately 10mm but it may be worth measuring the thickness of your hook before buying your beads. Beads can be omitted if desired by replacing the bd1 with a plain treble crochet. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.



HEART

With 2.5mm hook and White, make a slip ring as follows, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yrh and pull a loop through, work first round into ring and over the tail end of yarn that sits to the left of the hook.

Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as first tr throughout), into ring work 2tr, bd1, [3tr, bd1] 4 times, pull on free yarn end to close ring, slst in 3rd of beginning 3ch – 20 sts.

Rnd 2: 3ch, 2tr in next st, [1tr in next st, 2tr in next st] 9 times, slst in 3rd of beginning 3ch – 30 sts.

Rnd 3: 3ch, 1tr in next tr, [2dtr in next tr, 1dtr in next tr] twice,

2tr in next tr, 1tr in next tr, 1htr in next tr, 1dc in each of next 3 tr, 1htr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, 2dtr in next tr, 2ch, 2dtr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, 1htr in next tr, 1dc in each of next 3 tr, 1htr in next tr, 1tr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, [1dtr in next tr, 2dtr in next tr] twice, 1tr in next tr, 3ch, slst in last tr.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Working on wrong side to avoid the beads, damp press, spray starch, iron and leave to dry flat. Attach length of florist's wire for hanging, by threading through stitches on the wrong side, twist the ends closed and trim.

SNOWFLAKE

With 2.5mm hook and White, make a slip ring as given for Heart, then work 1st round of Heart – 20 sts.

Rnd 2: 1ch (does not count as a st), 2dc in next st, [1dc in next st, 2dc in next st] 9 times, slst in beginning 1ch – 30 sts.

Rnd 3: 3ch, 1tr in next dc, [5ch, miss 3 dc, 1tr in each of next 2 dc] 5 times, 5ch, miss 3 dc, slst in 3rd of beginning 3ch.

Rnd 4: [6ch, 1dc in first of 6ch just made, slst in 2nd of 2tr] 3 times to form a picot, *5dc over 5ch, slst in 1st of 2tr, [6ch, 1dc in first of 6ch just made, slst in 2nd of 2tr] 3 times to form a picot; repeat from * 4 times more, 5dc over last 5ch, slst in base of first 6ch.

Fasten off and make up as given for Heart.



CHRISTMAS ROSE

With 2.5mm hook and White, make a slip ring as given for Heart, then work 1st and 2nd rounds of Heart – 30 sts.

Rnd 3: 4ch (counts as dtr), dtr cl over next 3 tr, 4ch, slst in next tr, [slst in next tr, 4ch, dtr cl over next 3 tr, 4ch, slst in next tr] 5 times, slst in slst of previous round – 6 petals.

Fasten off and make up as given for Heart.



MATERIALS

- ❖ 1 x 100g (280m) ball of DMC Petra 3 (100% cotton) in each of White (B5200) and Cream (54460)
- ❖ 1 x 25g (100m) ball of Twilley's Goldfingering (80% viscose, 20% metallised polyester) in each of Gold (02) and Silver (05)*
- ❖ 3mm crochet hook
- ❖ 3 wooden clothes pegs
- ❖ Glue

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch, chain; st, stitch; dc, double crochet; htr, half treble; tr, treble; dtr, double treble; ttr, triple treble; slst, slip st; chsp, chain space.

NOTE

Yarn amounts are approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Little angels

twice, miss last dc, 1tr in 3rd of 6ch, 2ch, 1tr in 6th of same 6ch – 12chsp.

Rnd 3: 5ch (counts as 1dtr and 1ch), work 1tr, 1ch, 1htr and 1dc all around post of first tr, * [work 1dc, 1htr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch, 1htr and 1dc all in next 3-chsp] twice, work 1dc, 1htr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch, 1dtr, 1ch, 1dtr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch, 1htr and 1dc all in next 5-chsp, repeat from * twice more, [work 1dc, 1htr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch, 1htr and 1dc all in next 3-chsp] twice, work 1dc, 1htr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1dtr all in 2-chsp, 1ch, slst in 4th of 5ch. Break off Cream.

Join in Gold.

Rnd 4: [Slst in next st] to end. Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Fold in diagonally two adjacent straight edges of dress motif to form cone shape with hem detail at wider edge and join to within 1cm of point. Place dress on peg with seam at centre back or front, fold over point to fit snugly around neck of peg and secure in position. Fold wing motif diagonally from corner to corner. Insert peg head through slip ring of wing, then tighten ring around neck and secure in position. Catch wing points at centre of front and back of dress.

Halo: With 3mmhook and Gold, make 10ch and slst in first ch to form ring. Fasten off.

Dab small amount of glue inside halo and place on top of peg head.

Hanging loop: Tie ends of length of Gold together and fold in half. Take folded edge around neck, then thread tied end through loop, pull up tightly to close.

Make one more angel, using Cream instead of White, White instead of Cream and Silver instead of Gold. Make another angel, using White for dress and working first 2 rounds of wing in White and Cream on 3rd round.

LITTLE ANGELS

These heavenly tree decorations are sure to make your Christmas shine

DRESS

Rnd 1: With 3mm hook and White, make slip ring, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 15tr in ring, slst in top of 3ch, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 16 sts.

Rnd 2: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in next tr, [work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in next tr for corner, 1htr in each of next 3tr] 3 times, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in next tr for corner, 1htr in last tr, slst in top of 2ch.

Rnd 3: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), [miss 1htr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss 1tr, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in corner chsp, 1ch, miss 1tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss 1htr, 1tr in next htr, 1ch] 3 times, miss 1htr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss 1tr, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in corner chsp, 1ch, miss 1tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss last htr,

slst in 3rd of 4ch – 28 sts.

Join in Cream.

Rnd 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [1tr in chsp, 1tr in next tr, 1tr in chsp, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in corner chsp, 1tr in each of next 2tr, [1tr in chsp, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, 1tr in chsp, 1tr in each of next 2tr, repeat from * twice more, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in corner chsp, 1tr in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next chsp, 1tr in next tr, 1tr in last chsp, slst in top of 3ch – 60tr.

Rnd 5: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [1tr in each tr to corner chsp, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in corner chsp] 4 times, 1tr in each tr to end, slst in top of 3ch – 76tr. Fasten off.

Hem detail: With right side facing and using 3mm hook, attach Gold to top of 2nd tr

before any corner chsp of motif, with yarn at back, work 1 row of slst along this tr, then between 4th and 5th rounds of next two sides of motif, ending with slst along 2nd tr after corner chsp. Fasten off.

WINGS

Rnd 1: With 3mm hook and Cream, make slip ring, ch 1 (does not count as a st), work 24dc in ring, slst in first dc, pull end of yarn slightly to bring ends together – 24dc.

Rnd 2: 6ch, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 3ch, 1tr in centre of post of ttr just made] twice, miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 5ch, 1tr in centre of post of ttr just made for corner, repeat from * twice more, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 3ch, 1tr in centre of post of ttr just made]



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Bring the festive spirit inside with these handmade candles, wreaths, cushions and more

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LIGHT IT UP

Knit your own Christmas tree to add some festive cheer to your home

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 30cm/11in tall and 13cm/5in in diameter.

MATERIALS

- ❖ 2 x 50g (130m) balls of Rico Design Essentials Cott on DK (100% cotton) in White (80)*.
- ❖ Pair of 3mm (No.9) knitting needles; one 2mm (No.12) double-pointed knitting needle
- ❖ 40 LED warm white battery-operated fairy lights, (3.9m-long string, £8.99, from lights4fun.co.uk);
- ❖ Stout card
- ❖ Double-sided sticky tape.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **yrn**, yarn round needle to make a st.

NOTE

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Figures in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

TO MAKE

With 3mm needles, cast on 89 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 4 rows.

Picot row: P1, [yrn, p2tog] to end.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

First fold: With right side facing and using 2mm needles, pick up 89 sts along cast-on edge, fold fabric to wrong side bringing picked up sts to back of work. Beginning about 25cm from battery box, lay lighting cable inside the fold.

Pick up row: [K next st with corresponding st on needle at back, enclosing the cable] to end.

Leave mm needle aside and carry lighting cable along side of work.

P 1 row.

1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k20]

4 times. (85 sts) Ss 2 rows.

Second fold: P 1 row and mark this row.

1st inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k20] 4 times. (89 sts) Ss 2 rows.

Work picot row. Ss 2 rows.

Work 1st dec row. (85 sts) P 1 row.

With wrong side facing and using 2mm needle, pick up 85 sts along marked row, fold fabric at picot row with wrong side on inside, bringing picked up sts to back of work. Lay lighting cable inside the fold.

Work pick up row.

Leave 2mm needle aside and carry lighting cable along side of work.

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k19] 4 times. (81 sts) Ss 2 rows.

Third fold: P 1 row and mark this row.

Next inc row: K to end, inc 4 sts evenly. Ss 2 rows.

Work picot row. Ss 2 rows.

Next row: K to end, dec 4 sts evenly. P 1 row.

With wrong side facing and using 2mm needles, pick up every st of marked row, fold fabric with wrong side on inside, bringing picked up sts to back of work.

Lay lighting cable inside the fold.

Work pick up row.

Leave 2mm needle aside and carry lighting cable along side of work.

P 1 row.

Next dec row: K to end, dec 4 sts evenly. Ss 2 rows. *

Work from * to * 16 times more. (13 sts)

Next dec row: P1, [p2tog, p1] 4 times. (9 sts) K 1 row.

Next dec row: P1, [p2tog] 4 times. (5 sts)

Break of yarn and thread end through remaining sts, place last light bulb through centre of remaining sts, pull yarn tightly and secure in position. Allowing tips of LEDs to show through eyelets, readjust light cable through all the folds. Keep any excess cable in top of tree.

Keeping lighting cable between folds on inside, join seam, joining rows on folds separately.

Make a cone with stout card to fit inside the tree, securing in position with double-sided sticky tape. The battery box fits inside.





TWINKLING LIGHTS

Add some festive flair to your lighting this Christmas

TWINE-TIED CANDLES

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Three glass candle holders
- ❖ Three candles
- ❖ Twine
- ❖ Pearl bead garlands
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Hot glue gun

1 Wash the glass candle holders with warm soapy water to remove any dust or sticky labels. Allow to dry completely.

2 For the design in the centre, wrap a length of twine around the middle of the candle holder about 15 times. Secure the twine at the back by knotting the ends. Trim off the excess and use a hot glue gun to dab a little glue on the knot to reinforce it. Over the top of the twine, wrap some ivory and silver pearl bead garlands. Tie at the back and glue to secure. Add the candle to the holder, and finish by trimming some beads from the garland and positioning around the base.

3 For the design on the left, wrap twine five times around the candle holder, about three-quarters of the way up, and repeat with a small space in between the two sections. Fill the gap with some silver and ivory pearl bead garlands. Glue to secure and add the candle.

4 For the design on the right, take a length of twine and a matching length of silver beaded garland, and twist the pieces together. Tie at the back and secure with a hot glue gun. Repeat twice with the ivory beads. Complete the look with some silver beads, cut from the garland, in the bottom of the candle holder.

Never leave a lit candle unattended

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Small, thin wooden tray
- ❖ Small and large pine cones
- ❖ White, silver and glitter spray paint
- ❖ Silver beads
- ❖ Three candles
- ❖ Hot glue gun
- ❖ Large silver beads



Make your own beaded garland by stringing beads onto beading wire

- 1 In a well-ventilated room, and with the work surface protected, lightly spray paint a couple of pine cones. Coat some completely and only spray the tips of others, to create some variety. Allow to dry completely.
- 2 Position the candles on the base of the tray at equal distances apart. Use a hot glue gun to secure each one in place when you're happy with their position.
- 3 Begin arranging the larger pine cones on the base of the tray, and glue in place once you're happy with their position. Continue to layer the display, working through the medium-size pine cones and finishing with the smallest.
- 4 Complete the look with a few large silver beads glued onto the pine cones.

Twinkling lights

GLITTERING ICICLES

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Two glass candle holders
- ❖ Four candles
- ❖ White glitter
- ❖ Glue
- ❖ Paintbrushes
- ❖ Newspaper

1 Wash the glass candle holders with warm, soapy water to remove any dust or sticky labels. Allow to dry completely.

2 Put down some newspaper to collect excess glitter and protect your work surfaces. Using the paintbrush, apply glue in the shape of icicles around the rims of the candle holders.

3 Shake the glitter carefully over the tacky glue, then allow to dry completely.

4 Once dry, use a clean, dry paintbrush to gently brush away any glitter that hasn't stuck to the glass. Fill with the candles.



FESTIVE CANDLES

Create these glowing candle displays with fresh foliage and festive berries

TIED WITH A RIBBON

If you are worried about lighting these, why not create the same design on an LED pillar candle instead?

WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ Marble coasters
- ❖ Two pillar candles
- ❖ Red velvet ribbon
- ❖ Leafy foliage
- ❖ Red berries
- ❖ Scissors

1 Cut the foliage into short sections of stem and leaf or use an entire twig of leaves left whole.

2 Tie the ribbon around the centre of the pillar candle and knot it into a bow.

3 Thread the foliage underneath the ribbon to secure it in place. Spread out the leaves to create a fan effect. Top the arrangement with some red berries.

4 Place the pillar candles on top of a marble coaster to avoid spoiling any surfaces when the candles are lit.

Never leave a lit candle unattended



FLOATING LIGHTS

Leave the lids of the jars closed during the day as a pretty display. Then open and light the candles in the evening.

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Kilner jars, or any old glass jars
- ❖ Floating tea lights
- ❖ Holly leaves and berries

1 Prepare the jars by washing with warm, soapy water to remove any labels.

2 Fill the jars with the holly and berries. Pour cool water on top to about three-quarters of the way up the jar.

3 Place one or two tea lights gently on top of the water and light.



BOTTLED UP

If you're using the bottles for a dinner-party table setting, a shorter candlestick will allow guests to see each other over the top.

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ 3 glass bottles
- ❖ 3 candlesticks
- ❖ Leafy foliage
- ❖ Rosemary
- ❖ Red berries
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Craft knife and cutting mat

1 Wash each glass bottle with warm soapy water to remove any dust or sticky labels. Allow to completely dry.

2 Cut the leaves, rosemary and berries to fit through the bottle opening. Push the foliage into the bottle. If you're worried that the bottle isn't sturdy enough, fill it with water.

3 Empty out water if you've filled the bottle. Turn the candlestick upside down to fit inside the bottle opening. Mark the candle where it sits in the bottle and remove from the bottle. Using the craft knife and cutting mat, cut away the candle 3cm down from the mark.

4 Leave the candlesticks long or trim them down to half the height like we have. Push the candles into the bottles and light.

Rather than spending a fortune at the florist, gather up foliage and berries from your garden for these super-speedy makes



COPPER CANDLES

Give your home a glow with these pretty metallic projects

GEOMETRIC TRIO

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Pillar candles in shades of red and pink
- ❖ Copper-leaf sheets
- ❖ Soft paintbrushes
- ❖ Masking tape
- ❖ Gilding adhesive

1 Remove any labels or wrappers from the pillar candles and brush with the soft paintbrush to remove any loose wax.

2 Apply the masking tape at an angle to the top of the candle to create a geometric shape left at the base.

3 Using one of the paintbrushes, apply some gilding adhesive to the base and allow to dry for as long as the manufacturer suggests.

4 Once tacky, delicately place a sheet of the copper leaf on top of the glue and gently lift away the paper backing. Continue, working around the candle until it's been completely coated in copper foil. Allow to dry.

5 With a dry paintbrush, buff away at the copper to remove any loose pieces. Collect and store any loose flakes for future projects.

6 Remove the masking tape, place the candle on a candleholder or stand, and light.



Copper candles

The wax flakes set to a white colour, so you'll need to add extra dye to create a vibrant coloured candle

TWINKLING LIGHTS

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Soy wax flakes
- ❖ Essential oils
- ❖ Wax candle dye or old coloured crayons
- ❖ Copper biscuit cutters
- ❖ Pre-waxed wicks with metal bases
- ❖ Saucepan
- ❖ Heatproof bowl
- ❖ Thermometer
- ❖ Baking tray
- ❖ Greaseproof paper
- ❖ Wooden skewer

1 Fill the saucepan with water and bring to the boil, before turning down the heat to a gentle simmer.

2 Place the heatproof bowl on top and pour in some wax flakes. Allow to melt and monitor the temperature with the thermometer.

3 Once the melted wax has reached 60C, add a couple of drops of essential oil and your wax dye or coloured crayons. Stir until combined.

4 Remove the bowl from the heat and

allow the wax to cool until it reaches 40C. At this point, it's ready to pour.

5 While the wax is cooling, put a sheet of greaseproof paper onto the baking tray and place the biscuit cutters on top. Position a wick in the centre of each one.

6 Carefully pour the wax into each mould, making sure to press down on the mould to create a seal around the base. Hold down firmly until the wax begins to harden. Prop up the wick in the centre with a wooden skewer rested across the top of the cutter.

7 Once set, remove the candles from the baking tray and trim the wicks. You can now pop the candles out of the mould or keep the copper frames in place. Put them on a heatproof dish or in a candleholder when burning.



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TOP TIP

When working intarsia, also read one row ahead so that you can carry yarns to the correct position ready for the next row



NOEL BUNTING

Deck the halls with this fun Intarsia bunting. A great way to use up oddments in your stash, this project makes a perfect introduction to this colourwork technique



WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ 4mm (US 6) needles
- ❖ 4mm (US 6) DPNS x 2 for making I-cord
- ❖ 24 x beads, size 6/0
- ❖ Sewing needle fine enough to easily pass through the hole of the bead
- ❖ Sewing thread
- ❖ Yarn bobbins for intarsia
- ❖ Yarn needle
- ❖ In this project we have used Rowan Felted Tweed, 175m (191yds) per 50g ball; 50% wool, 25% Alpaca, 25% viscose. You will need to use DK weight yarn in your chosen colours as follows:
Colour 1: Gold; 1 ball
Colour 2: Green; 1 ball
Colour 3: Red; 1 ball
Colour 4: White; oddment

TENSION

22 stitches and 30 rows = 10cm (4in) in stocking stitch using 4mm needles. Tension is not critical for this project but if you do not match tension, you may require more yarn.

MEASUREMENTS

Each bunting flag measures approx 13.5cm (5½in) wide and 13cm (5in) long, laid flat. Assembled bunting including cord measures 190cm (75in) wide.

PATTERN

TREE FLAG 1

Thread 12 beads onto col 2 bobbin before you begin.

With col 1 cast on 29 sts.

K 4 rows.

Continue in pattern:

Row 1: K3 with col 1, K23 sts of Row 1 from Chart 1, K3 with col 1. (29 sts)

Row 2: K3 with col 1, P23 sts of Row 2 from Chart 1, K3 with col 1. (29 sts)

These 2 rows set chart within gst border. Continue working flag until all 32 rows of Chart 1 have been completed.

Continue with col 1 only.

K 5 rows ending with a RS row.

Cast off knit-wise.

TREE FLAG 2

Work the same as for Tree Flag 1 switching col 1 for col 3, and col 2 for col 1.

N FLAG

With col 2 cast on 30 sts.

K 4 rows.

Continue in pattern:

Row 1: K3 with col 2, K24 sts of Row 1 from Chart 2, K3 with col 2. (30 sts)

Row 2: K3 with col 2, P24 sts of Row 2 from Chart 2, K3 with col 2. (30 sts)

These 2 rows set chart within gst border. Continue working flag until all 32 rows of Chart 2 have been completed.

Continue with col 2 only.

K 5 rows ending with a RS row.

Cast off knit-wise.

O FLAG

With col 3 cast on 30 sts.

K 4 rows.

Continue in pattern:

Row 1: K3 with col 3, K24 sts of Row 1 from Chart 3, K3 with col 3. (30 sts)

Row 2: K3 with col 3, P24 sts of Row 2 from Chart 3, K3 with col 3. (30 sts)

These 2 rows set chart within gst border. Continue working flag until all 32 rows of Chart 3 have been completed.

Continue with col 3 only.

K 5 rows ending with a RS row.

Cast off knit-wise.

SPECIAL STITCHES

PB = Place Bead: If working a RS row: Knit to where the bead needs to be placed, bring the yarn forward (as if to purl) and slide a bead up to the yarn close to your work. Slip the next stitch purl wise, return the yarn to the back of the work ready to knit the next stitch, leaving bead at front of work. Knit the next stitch firmly, making sure the bead stays positioned at the RS of the work.

If working a WS row: Purl to where the bead needs to be placed, take the yarn back (as if to knit) and slide a bead up the yarn close to your work. Slip the next stitch purl wise, return the yarn to the front of the work ready to purl the next stitch. Purl the next st firmly, making sure the bead stays positioned at the RS of the work.



Interior decorations

E FLAG

With col 4 cast on 30 sts.

K 4 rows.

Continue in pattern:

Row 1: K3 with col 4, K24 sts of Row 1 from Chart 4, K3 with col 4. (30 sts)

Row 2: K3 with col 4, P24 sts of Row 2 from Chart 4, K3 with col 4. (30 sts)

These 2 rows set chart within gst border. Continue working flag until all 32 rows of Chart 4 have been completed.

Continue with col 4 only.

K 5 rows ending with a RS row.

Cast off knit-wise.

L FLAG

With col 1 cast on 30 sts.

K 4 rows.

Continue in pattern:

Row 1: K3 with col 1, K24 sts of Row 1 from Chart 5, K3 with col 1. (30 sts)

Row 2: K3 with col 1, P24 sts of Row 2 from Chart 5, K3 with col 1. (30 sts)

These 2 rows set chart within gst border. Continue working flag until all 32 rows of Chart 5 have been completed.

Continue with col 1 only.

K 5 rows ending with a RS row.

Cast off knit-wise.

MAKE CORD

With col 1 and DPNs, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: K 4 sts, transfer needle to LH without turning, slide sts along to other end of DPN ready to begin knitting next row with the other needle. 4 sts.

Row 2: K1 pulling yarn taught across the back of the sts, K to end, transfer needle to LH without turning, slide sts along to other end of DPN ready to begin knitting next row with the other needle. 4 sts.

Rep Row 2 until i-cord measures 190cm (75in).

Break yarn and thread through all 4 sts and pull tight to fasten.

FINISHING

Weave in ends on WS, and pin and block bunting flags.

Place and pin bunting flags evenly along the i-cord, taking care not to twist the i-cord. Space the flags out approximately 6cm apart or as desired, and leaving enough i-cord at either end for hanging. Once you are happy with the spacing, using col 1 carefully stitch each flag on the WS along the top to the i-cord, being sure the stitches don't show through to the RS.



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ADD BEADS

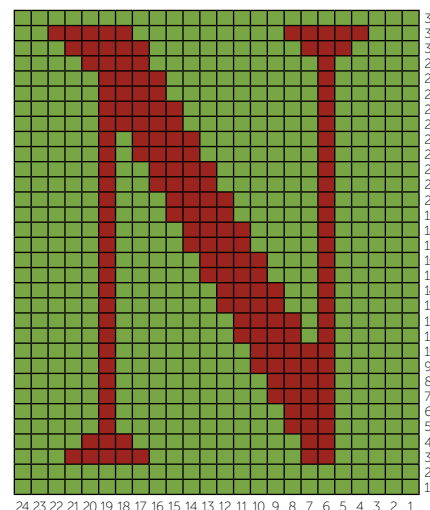
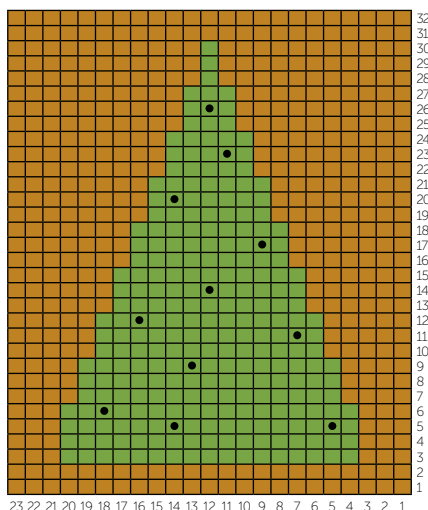
To thread beads onto yarn, use a sewing needle fine enough to pass through the beads, thread with approx 15cm (6in) of sewing thread and tie the ends together to make a loop. Hang the 'tail' of yarn through this loop. Pick up beads and slide them down the needle and along the sewing thread and onto the yarn.

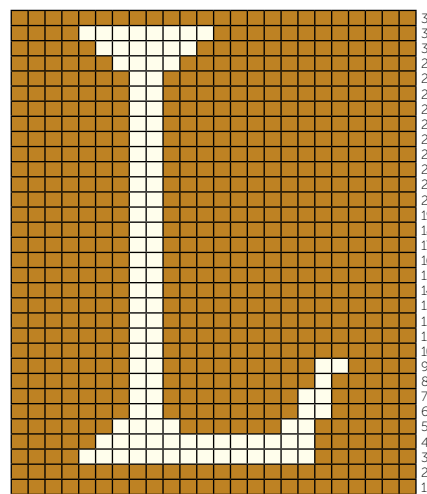
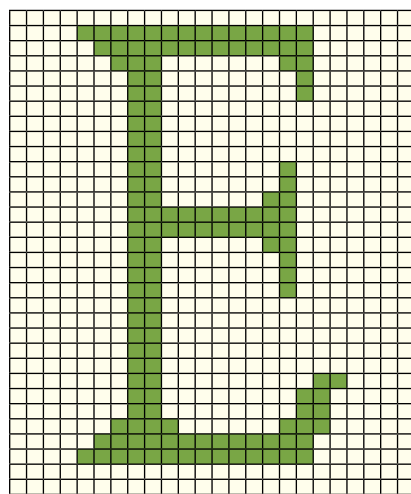
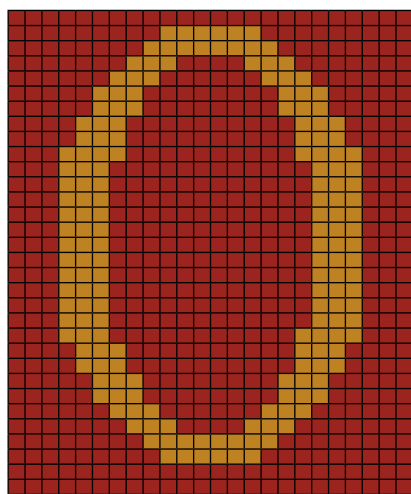
PATTERN NOTES

The bunting is made up of individual square 'flags' which are stitched to a length of i-cord.

When working from a chart, RS rows are read from right to left, and WS rows are read from left to right. Wind 2-3 bobbins of each colour yarn ready before you begin.

PATTERN CHART

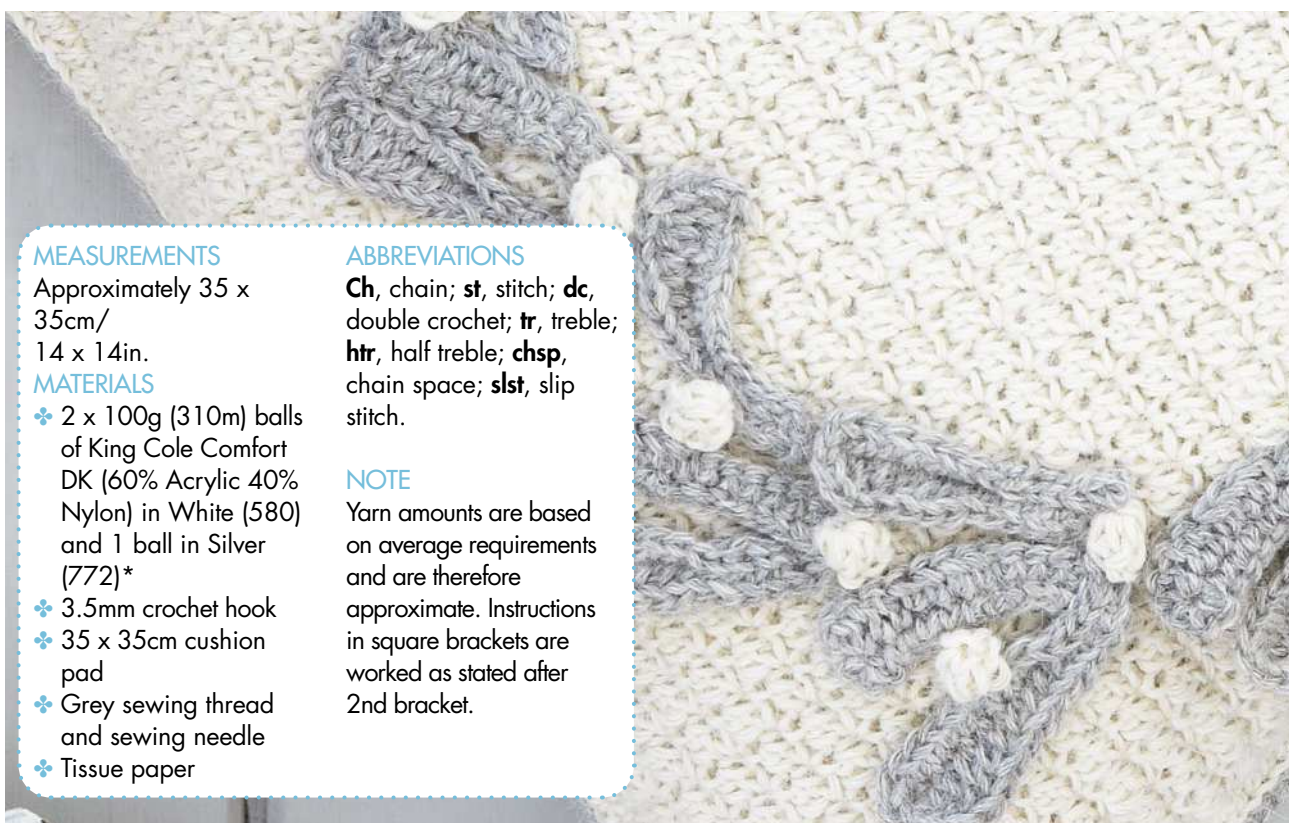




WHITE CHRISTMAS

Silver mistletoe on a snow-white cushion – the height of Christmas chic





MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 35 x 35cm/
14 x 14in.

MATERIALS

- ❖ 2 x 100g (310m) balls of King Cole Comfort DK (60% Acrylic 40% Nylon) in White (580) and 1 ball in Silver (772)*
- ❖ 3.5mm crochet hook
- ❖ 35 x 35cm cushion pad
- ❖ Grey sewing thread and sewing needle
- ❖ Tissue paper

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **htr**, half treble; **chsp**, chain space; **slst**, slip stitch.

NOTE

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

BACK

With 3.5mm hook and White, make 72ch.

Foundation row (right side):

1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1 st), [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 71 sts.

Row 1: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), [1dc in next dc, 1ch, miss next dc] to last dc, 1dc in last dc, turn – 35 chsp, 36 dc.

Row 2: 1ch, [1dc in next dc, 1tr in 1chsp] to last dc, 1dc in last dc, turn – 71 sts.

Row 3: 1ch, 1dc in next dc, [1ch, miss next tr, 1dc in next dc] to end, turn – 35 chsp, 36 dc.

The 2nd and 3rd rows form the pattern. Continue in pattern until back measures 35cm from beginning, ending with a 3rd row, turn.

1st edging round: 1ch, 1dc in first st for corner st, [1dc in next st] 69 times, 3dc in last st for corner, 69dc

evenly along side edge, 3dc in first ch along lower edge, [1dc in next ch] 69 times, 3dc in last ch, 69 dc evenly along side edge, 2dc in same st as first dc for corner sts, slst in first dc – 288 dc.

2nd edging round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), * [1htr in next dc] to 3 corner dc, 1htr in next dc, 3htr in next dc, 1htr in next dc, repeat from * 3 times more, ending last repeat to last 2 corner dc, 1htr in next dc, 3htr in last dc, slst in top of 2ch – 296 htr.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

FRONT

Work as given for back.

MISTLETOE LEAVES (MAKE 38)

With 3.5mm hook and Silver, make 15ch.

Rnd 1: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1 st), 1dc in each of next 6ch, 1htr in each of next 4ch, 1tr in each of next 2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 3dc in last ch, do not turn but work along opposite side of foundation ch, working 1dc in each of next 6ch, slst in each of next 7ch.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

BERRIES (MAKE 26)

With 3.5mm hook and White, leaving a long end, make 4ch and work 4tr in 4th ch from hook, remove hook from loop, insert hook from front to back in 4th of 4ch at beginning, then insert hook in free loop and pull through. Fasten off leaving a long end. Tie ends together

and pull up tightly to form bobble shape, leaving ends free to sew berry to cushion.

TO MAKE UP

Cut a circular tissue paper template approximately 18cm across and pin to centre of front. Using photo as a guide, pin mistletoe leaves around template and sew leaves in place with sewing thread. Arrange berries and sew in place. Remove template.

With wrong sides of back and front together, using 3.5mm hook and Silver, join pieces together by working 1dc through back loop only of both set of sts evenly around outer edges, at the same time, working 3dc in each corner st as before and insert cushion pad before joining 4th side. Fasten off and neaten ends.



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SNOWFLAKE CUSHION COVER

Bring a winter flourish to your sofa this year with this easy to follow snowflake chart cushion

WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ 4.5mm (US 7) needles
- ❖ 40cm x 40 cm cushion pad
- ❖ 6 buttons
- ❖ Yarn needle
- ❖ In this project we have used Designer Yarns DY Choice Aran With Wool. 200m per 100g ball; 75% acrylic, 25% wool. You will need to use Aran weight yarn in your chosen colours as follows:

- ❖ Colour 1: Cranberry; 2 balls
- ❖ Colour 2: Ecru; 1 ball

TENSION

17 sts and 24 rows = 10cm (4in) over st st using 4.5mm needles.

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 38cm x 38cm to snugly fit cushion insert 40cm x 40 cm

PATTERN NOTES

When working from chart, right side rows are knitted and worked from right to left. Wrong side rows are purled and worked from left to right.

PATTERN

Made in 1 piece

BACK

With col 2, cast on 72 sts.

Row 1: (K1, P1) to end.

Row 2: (P1, K1) to end.

These 2 rows form moss st patt. Work 3 rows more in patt. Change to col 1.

Beg with a K row, work in st st, until work measures 30 cm from the cast on edge, ending with a K row.

Next Row (WS): Knit, making garter ridge.

FRONT

Work 20 rows in st st, inc 1 st on the first row. 73 sts

Start chart.

Row 1: K18, K37 sts of chart row 1, K18.

Row 2: P18, P37 sts of chart row 2, P18.

Cont the chart, working 18 sts before and after the chart on each row, until all 47 rows have been worked.

Beg with a P row work 20 rows in st st, dec 1 st at the end of the last row and ending with a P row. (72 sts)

Next Row (RS): Purl, making garter ridge.

OVERLAP

Beg with a P row cont in st st until overlap measures 10cm,

ending with a P row.

Fold over to the back, and check that the last row on the needles sits just above the cast on edge. If it does not, adjust so that it does.

Change to col 2.

K 1 row.

Row 1: (K1, P1) to end.

Row 2: (P1, K1) to end.

Row 3 (eyelet row): K5, (k2tog, yo, K10) 5 times, k2tog, yo, K5.

Row 4: (K1, P1) to end.

Row 5: (P1, K1) to end.

Cast off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

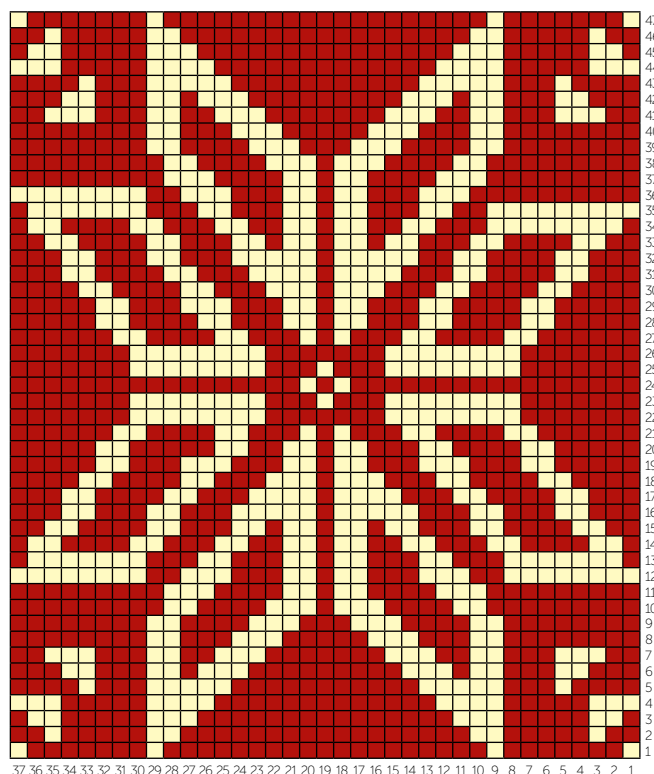
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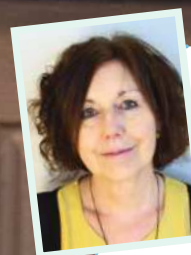
Pin and sew the side seams. Sew on the buttons to correspond with the buttonholes.

PATTERN CHART

■ Col 1

■ Col 2





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FIR TREE CUSHION

Give your home a modernist holiday feel with this simple, but effective, fir tree colourwork

WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ 4.5mm (US 7) needles
- ❖ 40cm x 40cm cushion insert
- ❖ 6 x buttons
- ❖ Yarn needle
- ❖ In this projects we have used Rico Merino Aran, 100m per 50g ball; 100% Merino Wool and Rooster Almerino Aran, 94m per 50g ball; 50% Baby Alpaca, 50% Merino Wool. You will need to use aran weight yarn in your chosen colours as follows:
- ❖ Colour 1: Natural; 3 balls
- ❖ Colour 2: Gooseberry; 1 ball

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 38cm x 38cm (15in x 15in) to snugly fit cushion insert 40cm x 40cm (16in x 16in)

TENSION

21 sts and 26 rows = 10cm (4in) over stocking stitch using 4.5mm needle

PATTERN

BACK

With col 2, cast on 79 sts.

Row 1: *K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.

This row forms moss st. Rep this row a further 4 times.

Change to col 1.

Beg with a K row, work in st st, until work measures 30cm (11 3/4in) from the cast on edge, ending on a WS row.

Next row (RS): Purl, making garter ridge for fold.

FRONT

Beg with a P row, work 7 rows st st, ending with a P row.

Start chart

Row 1 (RS): (K7, K17 sts of Row 1 of Chart) 3 times, K7.

Row 2: (P7, P17 sts of Row 2 of Chart) 3 times, P7.

These 2 rows set position of motifs across row.

Working in st st throughout and cont to follow chart until all 24 rows have been worked.

Beg with K row, work 7 rows in st st, ending with a K row.

Work 24 rows of chart.

Beg with P row, work 7 rows in st st, ending with a P row.

Work the 24 rows of chart once more

Beg with K row, work 7 rows in st st, ending with a K row.

Next row (WS): Knit, making garter ridge for fold.

OVERLAP

Beg with a K row work in st st until overlap measures 10cm (4in), ending with a P row.

Fold over to the back, and check that the last row on the needles sits just above the cast on edge. If it does not, adjust so that it does.

Change to col 2.

K 1 row.

Row 1: *K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 2: As Row 1.

Row 3 (eyelet row): K8, (k2tog, yo, K10) x 5, k2tog, yo, K9.

Row 4: K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.

Cast off.

PATTERN NOTES

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FINISHING

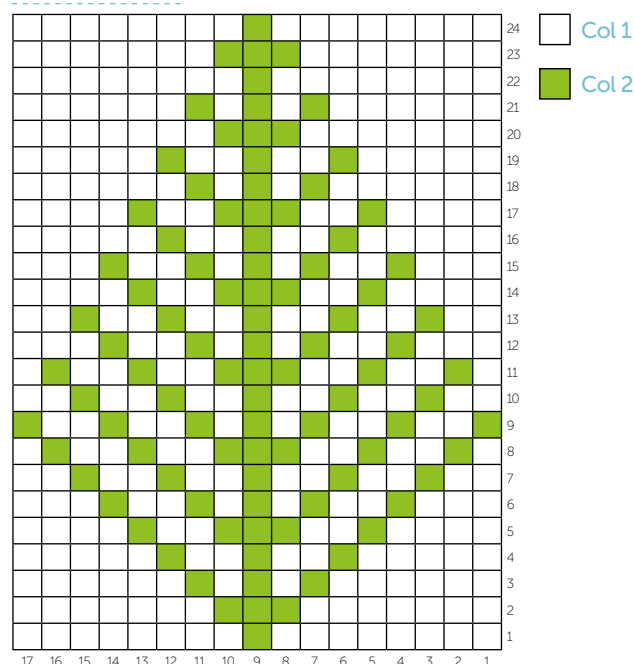
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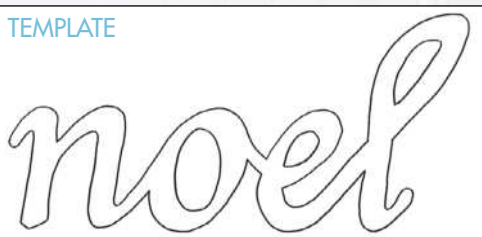
PATTERN CHART



BON NOËL

This stylish blanket-stitch cushion is a great way to add a festive touch to a sofa or dining chairs

TEMPLATE



YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Christmas fabric, 44 x 88cm
- ❖ A4 sheet of red felt
- ❖ 36cm red zip
- ❖ White embroidery thread
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Pins
- ❖ Embroidery needle
- ❖ Seam ripper
- ❖ Cushion pad, 43cm square

1 Cut out two 44cm squares from the Christmas fabric. Enlarge the template below to your preferred size, trace onto the red felt and cut out.

2 Pin the felt appliqué to the front of one of the Christmas fabric squares. With three strands of white thread, blanket stitch around the edge of the felt, making sure to stitch the inner edges of the o, e and l.

3 Position the zip in the centre along one edge of a fabric square and mark the zip's ends. Pin the two fabric squares with right sides facing along the edge. Sew up to the marking with a normal-length straight stitch, then stitch the length of the zip in a tacking stitch and return to a normal-length straight stitch, all with 1cm seam allowance. Press the seam open and pin the zip along the tacking line with zipper teeth facing down.

4 Using a zipper foot, topstitch around the zip on the right side of the cushion and 5mm from the seam line. Use a seam ripper to remove tacking stitches and open the zip. Pin and sew the rest of the cushion's sides with right sides facing and 1cm seam allowance. Turn right sides out, press, and stuff with a cushion pad.



PRETTY PRESENTS

Pop stocking fillers or sweets in these decorative hangers as an alternative to your regular wrap

YOU WILL NEED:

- ❖ Wrapping paper
- ❖ Washi tape or double-sided tape
- ❖ String or twine
- ❖ Festive sticker

1 Cut out a square of paper – ours measures about 20cm. With the pattern side of the paper showing outermost, curl and shape into a cone, making sure the pointed end has no gaps and the outer edge of the paper finishes at the back.

2 Stick in place with either decorative tape or double-sided tape for neatness. Before adding the gift, fold down the top corner to enclose the gap, then fold back and put the gift inside.

3 Place a length of string or decorative twine inside across the top, securing in place with tape. Fold the top down and keep in place with a festive sticker. Finally, hang up, knotting and tying off the string at the desired length.



RUSTIC WREATH

This Scandi-style decoration will give any door a chic Christmas look



YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Rattan wreath base
- ❖ Spruce and pine
- ❖ Eucalyptus cinerea or Baby Blue
- ❖ Eucalyptus parvifolia
- ❖ Sea holly or thistles
- ❖ Pine cones
- ❖ Two mini silver baubles
- ❖ Florist's wire
- ❖ Florist's scissors
- ❖ Wire cutters
- ❖ 1m green velvet ribbon
- ❖ Buckets
- ❖ Flower food (optional)

CONDITION THE FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE BEFORE USE

1 Fill the buckets with some fresh water and add a little flower food if needed.

2 Remove all packaging and ties from the foliage and flowers. Snip away the bottom of the stems by about 5cm.

3 Strip any leaves from the bottom half of the stems, so that no foliage or flowers are left sitting in the water.

4 Place the foliage and flowers in the buckets of water and leave to acclimatise.

5 If the pine and spruce is kept cool and dry, you don't need to store the foliage in water.

TIP Try to condition cut flowers in the morning and in cool temperatures.

MAKE THE FESTIVE WREATH



1 Beginning with the spruce and pine cuttings, snip them down to 15cm-length pieces and remove leaves from the bottom 5cm. Thread the spruce and pine into the weave of the rattan wreath, focusing on one area and spray out pieces either side of this. Build on the foliage with eucalyptus clippings to cover bare areas of rattan on show.



2 Taking two sea holly flowers or thistles, snip down their stems to 10cm and remove leaves from the base. Thread the flower into the centre of the arrangement, pushing the stem through the rattan to the back of the wreath. Secure on the reverse with a piece of florist's wire, tying the stem securely to the rattan.

TIP For a more traditional look closer to Christmas Day, remove the blue-toned blooms and add some red roses or berries instead.

Rustic wreath



3 Wire a pair of pine cones by wrapping the wire around the top of the cone and weaving down past the scales. Twist the wire at the base of the pine cones base to secure. Twist about five times, and leave two long tails of wire. Position in the centre of the flowers, pushing the wires through the wreath and twisting to secure at the back. Trim away the excess wire.

4 Thread some wire through the hanging loop of a silver bauble and twist to secure. Push the wires between the pine cones to create a cluster in the centre to draw the eye. Fix the baubles at the back of the wreath by twisting the tails of wire around the rattan wreath. Trim away the ends. Repeat with the second bauble.



5 Attach a length of ribbon to the top of the rattan wreath, making sure the arrangement hangs slightly off-centre to the left. Tie the ribbon in a bow at the top to a door-knocker, or pin to an internal door. The foliage should last a couple of weeks without water, but keep it looking fresh by adding new blooms every couple of days.

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FLORAL WREATH

Greet guests with a Christmas wreath of fresh flowers hung on your front door

YOU WILL NEED

- ✦ Buckets
- ✦ Oasis wreath ring (31cm)
- ✦ Craft knife
- ✦ Green florist's wire
- ✦ Wire cutters
- ✦ Spruce and pine
- ✦ Eucalyptus parvifolia
- ✦ Myrtle or pistache foliage
- ✦ Ivy or holly or ruscus
- ✦ Florist's scissors
- ✦ Five large red roses
- ✦ Spray roses
- ✦ Red berries, large and small
- ✦ Mini gold baubles
- ✦ Cut-flower food (optional)

MAKING THE WREATH



1 Fill a large bucket with water and place the Oasis ring on top, allowing it to soak up the water for two minutes. Remove from the water and, using a craft knife, cut away the edge of the inner and outer ring. This will help soften the arrangement. If hanging the wreath, knot florist's wire in a loop at the top.



2 Begin with the spruce and pine cuttings. Snip them down to 15cm-length pieces and remove any leaves from the bottom 5cm. Push the spruce and pine sprigs into the foam, spacing them out so that there are plenty of gaps in-between each of the pieces.



3 Working with small pieces of leafy foliage, like the eucalyptus, ivy or myrtle, fill the gaps in-between the spruce and pine. Vary the size of the leaves to add some interest, making sure to cover the outer sides and inner ring too.



4 Take five large roses and arrange where you'd like the big blooms to go by placing them evenly around the wreath. Once happy with the position, cut the stems right down to about 8cm and push into the foam.



5 Cut the spray roses to a similar length and push clusters of one, two or three buds into the foam in-between each of the larger roses. Use a mixture of fully bloomed and closed rose heads for variety.

Tip
If you can't find the foliage we've used, have a hunt in your garden. Privet hedge cuttings work well as a filler, or why not use some clippings from the back of your Christmas tree?





Floral wreath



6 Arrange a mixture of large and small berries all the way round the wreath. Keep the larger berries in the centre of the ring and dot the smaller berries around the edges to add colour to the foliage.



7 Thread some florist's wire through the hanging loops of the gold baubles and twist to secure. Position the baubles among the spray roses, pushing the wires into the Oasis foam to secure.

8 Attach the hanging wire to your front door knocker or add a piece of ribbon to the top for a traditional look.

CONDITIONING THE FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE

1 Remove all packaging and ties from the foliage and flowers.

2 Snip away the bottom of the stems by about 5cm and remove any outer petals from the roses that are looking lacklustre.

3 Fill a couple of buckets with some water and a little cut-flower food if needed.

4 Strip any leaves from the bottom half of the stems, so no foliage or flowers sit in the water.

5 Place the foliage and the flowers in the water and leave them to acclimatise.

6 As long as the spruce and pine are kept cool and dry, you don't need to put them into the buckets.

Tip
The foliage on this wreath should last a couple of weeks if you keep the Oasis foam in the arrangement well watered.



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CHUNKY CABLED WREATH

Quick and easy to make, this pretty wreath uses chunky yarn to create a textured Christmas decoration that can be embellished or left plain

WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ 6.5mm (US 10 ½) needles
- ❖ Cable needle
- ❖ A selection of felted balls or 4–6mm beads
- ❖ Yarn needle
- ❖ In this project we have used Drops Eskimo, 50m per 50g ball; 100% wool. You will need to use chunky weight yarn in your chosen colour as follows:
- ❖ Colour: Light Green, sh 35; 100g/100m

TENSION

Tension is not critical – just make sure that your knitted piece measures approximately 15cm (6in) wide and will fit around the ring when slightly stretched.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit a wreath that is 25cm across

SPECIAL STITCHES

C4F: Cable 4 front – slip next 2 stitches on a cable needle and hold at front of work, knit next 2 stitches from left needle, knit 2 stitches from cable needle

PATTERN

WREATH

Using 6.5mm needles, cast on 20 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K7, P1, K4, P1, K7.

Row 2: P7, K1, P4, K1, P7.

Row 3: As Row 1.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: K7, P1, C4F, P1, K7.

Row 6: As Row 2.

Rows 1–6 form the pattern.

Rep Rows 1–6 until your piece, when slightly stretched, will fit

around the wreath. Cast off.

FINISHING

First, sew the cast on and cast off edges together using mattress stitch for a flat seam.

Place the knitted piece around the wreath and bring the long edges together. Slip stitch or mattress stitch the long edges together, and make sure that the seam sits at the back of the wreath.

Wrap a short length of ribbon once around the seam to

cover and slip stitch in place.

Make a hanging loop of approximately 5cm (2in) and slip stitch the end of the ribbon to the back of the wreath. Make a bow from a shorter length of ribbon and sew it in place at the front of the ribbon loop.

If desired, add beads or felted balls to the centre of every alternate cable.





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CHRISTMAS PUDDING TEA COSY

Add a bit of fun to your Christmas table with this quick fair isle
and instarsia knitting project

PATTERN NOTES

When working from the chart, RS rows are K and worked from
right to left; WS rows are P and worked from left to right.
The chart begins with the intarsia method, using separate balls
of yarn for the chart sections.

As the chart progresses and the colourwork is over a wider
area, fairisle knitting can be used, stranding yarn not used
loosely across the back of work.

PATTERN

FRONT/BACK (MAKE 2)

With col 1 and 4.5mm needles,
cast on 40 sts.

K 5 rows.

P 1 row, increasing 2 sts evenly
across row. (42 sts)

Starting with a K row, work 16

rows in stocking stitch.

Start chart.

Row 1 (RS): K across Row 1 of
chart, using intarsia. (42 sts)

Row 2: P across Row 2 of
chart, using intarsia. (42 sts)

Continue to follow chart until
all 14 rows have been worked
and change to Fair Isle knitting

Christmas pudding tea cosy



WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ 4.5mm (US 7) needles
- ❖ 4mm (US 6) needles
- ❖ Yarn needle
- ❖ In this project we have used Rico Essentials Soft Merino Aran, 100m (109yds) per 50g ball; 100% merino wool. You will need to use Aran weight yarn in five colours as follows:
- ❖ Colour 1: Brown; 1 ball
- ❖ Colour 2: Cream; 1 ball
- ❖ Colour 3: Green; oddment
- ❖ Colour 4: Red; oddment
- ❖ Colour 5: Black; oddment

TENSION

18 stitches and 28 rows = 10cm (4in) over stocking stitch using 4.5mm needles.

MEASUREMENTS

22cm wide x 18cm deep

from Row 5.

Work 2 rows stst in col 2.

SHAPING

With col 2 only, shape top as follows:

Row 1: K5, (k2tog, K5) to last 2 sts, k2tog. (36 sts)

Row 2 and every other alternate row: P.

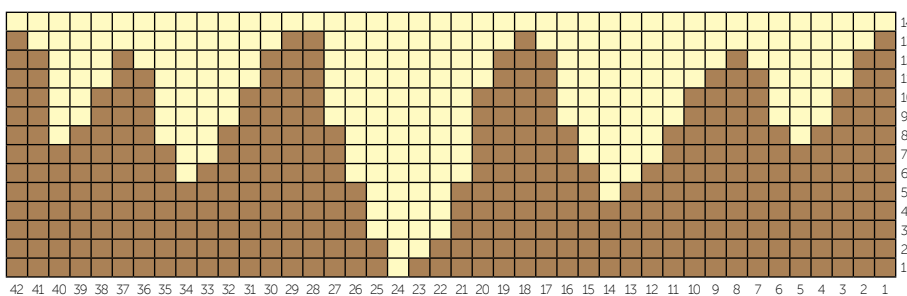
Row 3: K4, (k2tog, K4) to last 2 sts, k2tog. (30 sts)

Row 5: K3, (k2tog, K3) to last 2 sts, k2tog. (24 sts)

Row 7: K2, (k2tog, K2) to last 2 sts, k2tog. (18 sts)

PATTERN CHART

■ Col 1 ■ Col 2



Row 8: P2tog to end. (9 sts)

Row 9: (K2tog) to last st, K1. (5 sts)

Cast off remaining sts.

HOLLY LEAVES (MAKE 3)

With col 3 and 4mm needles, cast on 3 sts.

K 3 rows.

Row 4: K1, m1, K1, m1, K1. (5 sts)

Row 5: K1, m1, K3, m1, K1. (7 sts)

Row 6: K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. (9 sts)

Row 7: K. (9 sts)

Row 8: Ssk, K to last 2 sts,

k2tog. (7 sts)

Row 9: Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. (5 sts)

Rows 10-11: K. (5 sts)

Row 12: K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. (7 sts)

Row 13: K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. (9 sts)

Row 14: Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. (7 sts)

Row 15: Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. (5 sts)

Rows 16-17: K. (5 sts)

Row 18: Ssk, K1, k2tog. (3 sts)

Row 19: K. (3 sts)

Row 20: Ssk, K1. (2 sts)

Row 21: K2tog. (1 st)

Fasten off.

BERRIES (MAKE 3)

With col 4 and 4mm needles, cast on 6 sts.

K 7 rows.

Cast off, leaving a long length of yarn.

FINISHING

Block and press the main cosy pieces.

With col 5, embroider currants using French knots.

Pin the sides of the tea cosy onto your teapot, marking the gaps for the handle and spout. Sew side seams.

Pin the three holly leaves onto the top of the cosy and sew in place.

Thread the yarn around the edges of the berries and pull to form a berry shape.

Place at the centre of the leaves and sew in place.



BRANCHING OUT

With just a handful of twigs and a little imagination, you can create beautiful decorations for your home

YOU WILL NEED

For one pot:

- ❖ 2 long, sturdy twigs
- ❖ 10 twigs (to be cut down)
- ❖ Thin wire
- ❖ Hot glue gun
- ❖ Oasis/florist foam
- ❖ Pot
- ❖ Hessian
- ❖ Moss and berries

TOP TREES

These rustic-style trees look great on a side table or even grouped together as a centrepiece. Either keep them au naturel or spray them with metallic paint for a more contemporary feel.

1 Take the two longer twigs and join them using a hot glue gun. Twist lengths of thin wire around them for extra support.

2 For the crosswise twigs, cut two short twigs of equal length and lay side by side. Repeat with two more twigs, making them slightly longer. Continue cutting twigs slightly longer each time.

3 Fix the twigs to the trunk with a hot glue gun, placing one either side, and wrapping with wire. Continue gluing the twigs, remembering to leave enough trunk to push into the pot.

4 Place some Oasis into the pot, then push in the tree. Top the pot with moss and berries, finally, decorate the twigs with twine.





IN THE FRAME

Adorn this charming twist on a traditional wreath with a friendly robin, or use it to showcase your favourite festive decorations.

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Square vine wreath (or make your own with strong florist wire and a grapevine garland)
- ❖ Twigs, including willow-whip twigs
- ❖ Hot glue gun
- ❖ Pine cones, berries, rosehips
- ❖ Ribbon

1 Make your own square wreath by forming a frame shape with strong florist wire, then wrap and glue a grapevine garland round it. Secure with twine, if desired.

2 Attach long lengths of willow-whip twigs around the edge of the frame with wreath wire. Then place two long twigs to form a cross in the centre of the frame. Secure with the hot glue gun and twine.

3 Add finer twigs, criss-crossing them and gluing them to the frame. Finally add some cones, berries and rosehips, and tie up with a decorative ribbon.



SUPER STARS

These look lovely all lined up in a row hanging from a mantelpiece. You could make one big star with chunkier sticks, then wrap it with fairy lights and prop it in a window.

1 Cut the twigs to equal lengths, around 10cm. Tie two of them together at one end with twine or thin wire, to create a 'V' shape – you can use a hot glue gun first to make the stars much stronger. Repeat to make a second 'V' shape.

2 Criss-cross the two 'V' shapes, one on top of the other, so an open end of one meets an open end of the other to make a third point. Secure with glue and twine.

3 Attach the last twig across the gap to complete the star shape. Use a hot glue gun to attach on a selection of berries. Once the glue had dried, tie on a loop of ribbon and use to hang from a tree or mantel.

YOU WILL NEED

For each star:

- ❖ 5 twigs of equal size
- ❖ Twine or thin wire
- ❖ Hot glue gun
- ❖ Berries (real or artificial)
- ❖ Ribbon



RUSTIC MAKES

These natural decorations are so quick to make and you can even find some of the materials in your own back garden

Have a hunt around your garden for wooden twigs and sticks you can use for this project. Make sure it's all completely dried out before you begin.



YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Red twine
- ❖ Two sizes of wooden beads
- ❖ Wooden star decorations with hanging hole in top
- ❖ Bodkin or large tapestry needle
- ❖ Scissors

BEADED GARLAND

- 1 Cut the red twine to your chosen garland length. Knot one end to create a hanging loop.
- 2 Thread the other end through the bodkin or needle and begin pushing the beads onto the twine.
- 3 Once you've threaded on three beads, continue with a star, then another three beads, then another star, and then six beads. Continue in this pattern until you reach the last 15cm of the twine.
- 4 Knot the end to form a hanging loop and spread out the beads and stars evenly along the garland.



TWIG TREES

1 Drill a 5mm hole into the base of the log slice. Slip the 4mm thick wooden dowel into the hole.

2 Fill the hole with glue from a hot glue gun and allow to dry. Make sure to hold the dowel upright as the glue sets.

3 Taking the thick wooden twigs and coping saw, chop off a 5cm length piece. Drill a 5mm hole through the very centre lengthways, sand down the ends and slip onto the dowel. Push the twig all the way down to the bottom of the base to create the trunk of the tree.

4 For the horizontal twigs, use the coping saw to cut the thick twigs into smaller and smaller pieces. Start at 15cm and graduate down to 4cm. Sand the rough edges.

5 Once cut, drill a 5mm hole through the centre widthways. Slip onto the central dowel, stacking up the pieces in size order.

6 At the top, hot glue gun a small wooden star to either side of the empty dowel to hide the raw dowel end.

7 Repeat to create the smaller tree, cutting the central dowel down to 18cm before gluing to the base.

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Wooden star decorations
- ❖ Hot glue gun
- ❖ Drill and 5mm drill bit
- ❖ 30cm 4mm-thick wooden dowel
- ❖ 8cm-wide log slice
- ❖ 1.5cm-thick wooden twigs
- ❖ Small coping saw
- ❖ Sandpaper
- ❖ Ruler



WOODLAND STAR

1 Using our photograph as a guide, position the five twigs into a star.

2 Heat up the glue gun and stick the ends together with a small amount of glue. Allow to dry completely.

3 Wrap the twine over the top of the glue to secure the joins. Thread the bodkin or needle with the twine and slip in between the wrappings to secure the ends. Trim off the excess.

4 Cut three short lengths of twine and thread the jingle bells onto the ends. Knot to secure. Use the bodkin or needle again to slip the twine through the wrapped joint and hold the bells in place.

5 Wrap a short length of twine around the top and knot to create a hanging loop. Hang your new decoration up.

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Five 1.5cm-thick wooden twigs cut to 25cm long
- ❖ Hot glue gun
- ❖ Red twine
- ❖ Bodkin or large tapestry needle
- ❖ Jingle bells
- ❖ Scissors



BOWLED OVER

Crochet an elegant centrepiece for your Christmas table

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 20cm/8in in diameter and 9cm/3in deep.

MATERIALS

- ❖ 1 x 100g (355m) ball of Sirdar Cotton 4ply (100% cotton) in Grey Dawn (520)*
- ❖ 3mm crochet hook
- ❖ Granulated sugar for stiffening

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **slst**, slip stitch; **chsp**, chain space; **tr2tog**, work 2tr together as follows: [yarn round hook, insert hook in next chsp, yarn round hook and pull through, yarn round hook and pull through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops on hook; **tr3tog**, work 3tr together as follows: [yarn round hook, insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through, yarn round hook and pull through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yarn round hook and pull through all 4 loops on hook; **tr4tog**, work 4tr together as follows: [yarn round hook, insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through, yarn round hook and pull through 2 loops on hook] 4 times, yarn round hook and pull through all 5 loops on hook.

NOTE

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.



PATTERN

Rnd 1: With 3mm hook, make slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 5ch (count as 1tr and 2ch), work [1tr, 1ch] 7 times into ring, slst in 3rd of 5ch, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring. (8 chsp)

Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [4tr in next chsp, 1tr in next tr] 7 times, 4tr in last chsp, slst in top of 3ch. (40 sts)

Rnd 3: Slst in next st, 3ch (counts as 1tr), [1dc in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, miss 1tr, 1tr in next tr] 7 times, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, slst in top of 3ch. (8 chsp)

Rnd 4: 2ch, tr3tog, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, tr4tog] 7 times, 5ch, 1dc in last chsp, 5ch, slst in top of tr3tog.

Rnd 5: 8ch (counts as 1tr and 5ch), [1dc in next chsp, 1dc in next dc, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1tr in top of tr4tog, 5ch] 7 times, 1dc in next chsp, 1dc in next dc, 1dc in last chsp, 5ch, slst in 3rd of 8ch.

Rnd 6: 8ch (counts as 1tr and 5ch), [miss 1dc, 4tr in next dc, 5ch, tr2tog, 5ch] 7 times, miss 1dc, 4tr in next dc, 5ch, 1tr in last chsp, slst in 3rd of 8ch.

Rnd 7: 1ch, 1dc in base of 1ch, 5ch, [1tr in next tr, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, 1dc in top of tr2tog, 5ch] 7 times, 1tr in next tr, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, slst in first dc.

Rnd 8: 1ch, 1dc in base of 1ch, 1dc in first chsp, [6ch, tr4tog, 6ch, 1dc in next chsp, 1dc in next dc, 1dc in next chsp] 7 times, 6ch, tr4tog, 6ch, 1dc in last chsp, slst in first dc.

Rnd 9: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr in base of 3ch, [6ch, 1tr in top

of tr4tog, 6ch, miss 1dc, 4tr in next dc] 7 times, 6ch, 1tr in top of tr4tog, 6ch, slst in top of 3ch.

Rnd 10: 3ch, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next tr, 7ch, [tr2tog, 7ch, 1tr in next tr, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next tr, 7ch] 7 times, tr2tog, 7ch, slst in top of 3ch.

Rnd 11: 2ch, tr3tog, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, tr4tog] 7 times, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, slst in top of tr3tog.

Rnd 12: 6ch (counts as 1tr and 3ch), 1dc in first chsp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 3ch, 1tr in top of tr4tog, 3ch, 1dc in next chsp] 7 times, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp] twice, 3ch, slst in 3rd of 6ch.

Rnd 13: 1ch, 1dc in base of 1ch, 5ch, miss first chsp, [1dc in next chsp, 3ch, 4tr in next dc, 3ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next tr, 5ch, miss next chsp] 7 times, 1dc in next chsp, 3ch, 4tr in next dc, 3ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, slst in first dc.

Rnd 14: 6ch (counts as 1tr and 3ch), 1dc in first chsp, [5ch, 1tr in next tr, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, miss next chsp, 1dc in next chsp, 3ch, 1tr in next dc, 3ch, 1dc in next chsp] 7 times, 5ch, 1tr in next tr, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, miss next chsp, 1dc in last chsp, 3ch, slst in 3rd of 6ch.

Rnd 15: 8ch (counts as 1tr and 5ch), miss first chsp, 1dc in next chsp, [5ch, tr4tog, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, miss next chsp, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, miss next chsp, 1dc in next chsp] 7 times, 5ch, tr4tog, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, miss last chsp, slst in 3rd of 8ch.

Rnd 16: 10ch (counts as 1tr



and 7ch), miss first chsp, 1dc in next chsp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 7ch, miss next chsp, 1tr in next tr, 7ch, miss next chsp, 1dc in next chsp] 7 times, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 7ch, miss last chsp, slst in 3rd of 10ch.

Rnd 17: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr in base of 3ch, 3ch, 1dc in first chsp, [5ch, 1tr in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 3ch, 4tr in next tr, 3ch, 1dc in next chsp] 7 times, 5ch, 1tr in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in last chsp, 3ch, slst in top of 3ch.

Rnd 18: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, miss first chsp, 1dc in next chsp, [3ch, 1tr in next tr, 3ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, miss next chsp, 1tr in next tr, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, miss next chsp, 1dc in next chsp] 7 times, 3ch, 1tr in next tr, 3ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, slst in top of 3ch.

Rnd 19: 2ch, tr3tog, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, miss next chsp, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, miss next chsp, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, tr4tog] 7 times, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, miss next chsp, 1tr in next tr, 5ch, miss next chsp, 1dc in last chsp,

5ch, slst in top of tr3tog.

Rnd 20: 1ch, 1dc in base of 1ch, [5dc in next chsp, 1dc in next dc, 5dc in next chsp, 1dc in next tr, 5dc in next chsp, 1dc in next dc, 5dc in next chsp, 1dc in top of tr4tog] 7 times, 5dc in next chsp, 1dc in next dc, 5dc in next chsp, 1dc in next tr, 5dc in last chsp, slst in first dc. Fasten off and neaten ends.

Place 2tbsp granulated sugar for every 15ml boiling water into a pan and place solution over low heat until sugar has dissolved. Do not allow the solution to caramelize into a darker-coloured syrup.

Dip item into the clear sugar solution, making sure all is well saturated, squeeze excess, taking care not to scald your fingers. Place damp item over bowl of same dimensions and leave until dry.

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HOLLY AND POINSETTA NAPKIN HOLDERS

Add cheer to your Christmas dinner table with these beautiful napkin holders

WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ 4.5mm (US 7) needles
- ❖ 4mm (US 6) needles
- ❖ Yarn needle
- ❖ 7 x 4mm beads
- ❖ In this projects we have used Rico Creative Cotton Aran. You will need to use an aran weight yarn, 85m per 50g ball; 100% cotton. You will need to use the following amounts in your chosen colours:
Colour 1: Mustard; 1 ball
Colour 2: Cherry; 1 ball
Colour 3: Green; 1 ball

TENSION

16 sts and 25 rows = 10cm (4in) over moss stitch using 4.5mm needles and with yarn held double

FINISHED DIMENSIONS

17.5cm wide x 8cm deep.

PATTERN (HOLLY AND BERRIES)

Base

Using 4.5mm needles and col 1 yarn held double, cast on 30 sts.

Row 1: (K1, P1) to end.

Row 2: (P1, K1) to end. Rep these 2 rows until work measures approx 8cm deep. Cast off.

HOLLY LEAVES (MAKE 3)

Using 4mm needles and col 3 yarn held single, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: K1, m1, K1, m1, K1. (5 sts)

Row 5: K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. (7 sts)

Row 6: K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. (9 sts)

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. (7 sts)

Row 9: Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. (5 sts)

Row 10: Knit.

Row 11: Knit.

Row 12: K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. (7 sts)

Row 13: K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. (9 sts)

Row 14: Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. (7 sts)

Row 15: Ssk, K to last 2 sts,

k2tog. (5 sts)

Row 16: Knit.

Row 17: Knit.

Row 18: Ssk, K 1, k2tog. (3 sts)

Row 19: Knit.

Row 20: Ssk, K1. (2 sts)

Row 21: Knit.

Row 22: K2tog.

Fasten off.

BERRIES. (MAKE 3)

Using 4mm needles and col 2 with yarn held single, cast on 6 sts.

K 7 rows.

Cast off, leaving a length of yarn.

FINISHING

Sew the base seam.

Pin the three holly leaves

together at the centre of the base opposite the seam. Sew in place. Pin the berries to the centre of the leaves and sew in place.

PATTERN (POINSETTA)

Make the base as for Holly and Berries. Petals and leaves (make 5 of each in cols 2 and 3 with yarn held single).

Using 4mm needles and col 2 for petals, and col 3 for leaves, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: K1, m1, K1, m1, K1. (5 sts)

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. (7 sts)

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: Ssk, K to last 2 sts, K2tog (5 sts).

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: Ssk, K1, K2tog. (3 sts).

Row 11: P1, P2tog (2 sts).

Row 12: K2tog.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew the base seam. Pin the five petals of the flower together with a small gap at the centre and sew together.

Pin the five leaves together as for the flower.

Place the flower over the leaves and sew together. Sew the beads onto the centre of the flower. Sew the completed flower onto the base, on the opposite side to the seam.



MAKE IT PERSONAL

Spell out a festive word or even your name with these hanging decorations



ESME

Create unique decorations for your tree or make initials and give them as gifts to friends and family.



ESME'S TIP

Try painting the letters in your favourite Christmas colours or opt for neutrals like white, grey and cream so the decorations can be used all year round.



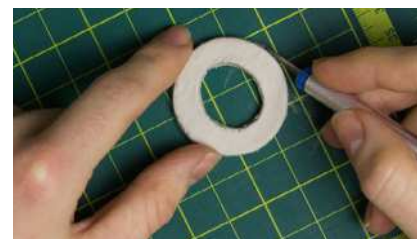
YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Alphabet cutters
- ❖ White air-drying clay
- ❖ Watercolour or acrylic paint
- ❖ Small paintbrush
- ❖ Wooden skewer
- ❖ Craft knife
- ❖ Thin ribbon or twine
- ❖ Rolling pin
- ❖ Rolling pin guide rings (to get an even thickness when rolling)
- ❖ Cutting mat
- ❖ Paper
- ❖ Old newspaper

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Make it personal



3 Gently smooth out any markings on the surface with your fingertips, and use a craft knife to neaten up the edges.

4 Use the skewer to pierce a hole through the top of the letters for hanging. Allow the clay to dry for at least 24 hours.



5 Once dry, use the paintbrush and either watercolour or acrylic paint to colour and detail your letters. Place old newspaper down to protect your surfaces and get creative! We've chosen to paint ours with festive greenery like mistletoe, pine cones and holly in a mixture of blues, greens and reds. Use our templates as a guide to trace your design on the clay decorations using a pencil. Apply a small amount of paint and allow to dry.



1 Take a small piece of clay from the block and begin rolling it out on a clean surface. Use the rolling pin guide rings to get an even thickness of approximately 8mm, depending on how thick you want your decorations to be.



2 Pick out the alphabet cutters you'd like to use; we chose to spell the word JOY with our decorations. Push the alphabet cutters into the clay and carefully push the clay cutouts free of the moulds. Alternatively, cut out the letters freehand using a craft knife or print out your chosen word on a computer, cut out, place over the clay and trace around using a craft knife.



6 Thread thin ribbon or twine through the hole, trim and tie into a loop. Now your decorations are ready to hang.



FELT CUSHION

Create this grey and white cushion to add a festive feel to your living room

WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ 45 x 108cm cream cotton fabric
- ❖ Three A4 sheets grey felt
- ❖ White pompom trim
- ❖ Matching sewing thread
- ❖ Hand-sewing needle
- ❖ Small side plate
- ❖ Cricut machine (optional)
- ❖ Sewing machine
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ 43cm square cushion pad



1 From the cream fabric, cut two 31.5cm x 45cm rectangles and one 45cm square. Turn one of the long edges on each rectangle under by 1cm and then another 1cm. Pin and top stitch in a matching thread to secure.

2 From the grey felt sheets, cut out 60 small leaf shapes using the Cricut Maker. If you don't have one, cut the leaves out freehand instead.

3 With right sides up, place a side plate in the centre of the cream fabric square and begin positioning and pinning the leaves into your preferred pattern. You can use our photograph as a guide.

4 In a grey or cream thread, top stitch the leaves into place and knot

the loose ends on the reverse of the cushion front.

5 Cut the trim into clusters of one, two or three pompoms and arrange them on top of the leaves at random. With a hand-sewing needle and matching cream thread, sew the pompoms to the cushion front.

6 With right sides facing, pin the cushion backs to the cushion front with the raw edges matching. Sew all the way around the edge with a 1.5cm seam allowance. Turn the cushion right sides out and press.







STOCKING BUNTING

Use up your oddments of 4ply yarn to create this cute mini-socking bunting. Choose Christmas colours or opt for brights or pastels then fill with sweets or hand-written notes

WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ 3mm hook
- ❖ You will need to use 4ply weight (sport) yarn in nine chosen colours. In this project we have used DMC Natura Just cotton, 100% cotton, 50g/155m/70yds. You will need oddments each of:
 Colour 1: White
 Colour 2: Red
 Colour 3: Orange
 Colour 4: Light green
 Colour 5: Bright green
 Colour 6: Yellow
 Colour 7: Blue
 Colour 8: Lilac
 Colour 9: Dark green
- ❖ 2m of twine or thick yarn
- ❖ Mini wooden pegs – one for each stocking
- ❖ Stitch marker
- ❖ Wool needle

MEASUREMENTS
 Each stocking is approx 10cm long (excluding hanging loop)

PATTERN

STOCKING

Using chosen main colour and 3mm hook, make a magic loop or ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 dc in the centre of the magic loop, or into 2nd ch from hook. (6 sts)
 Pull yarn end gently to close up the magic loop.

Place marker to show the start of the rnd and move it up as you work.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in every st to end. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: *1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st; rep from * to end. (18 sts)

Rnds 4-10: 1 dc in every st to end, changing to col 1 during the last dc of Rnd 10.

Now work in rows for heel.

HEEL

Row 1: 1 dc in next 11 sts, turn and continue in rows (leaving remaining sts unworked).

Rows 2-4: 1 ch (not counted as a st), 1 dc in each st to end,-- turn. (11 sts)

Row 5: Miss st at base of loop on hook, 1 dc in next 8 sts, miss next st, 1 dc in next st, turn. (9 sts)

Row 6: Miss st at base of loop on hook, 1 dc in next 6 sts, miss next st, 1 dc in next st, turn. (7 sts)

Row 7: Miss st at base of loop on hook, (dc2tog) twice, miss next st, 1 dc in last st, do not turn. (3 sts)

Fasten off and keep RS facing.

LEG

Worked in a continuous spiral.

Rnd 1: Make a slip knot onto hook with main colour and join with a ss to the centre stitch of Row 7 of Heel. 1 ch (not counted as a st), 1 dc in same st, work 5 dc evenly along the heel edge, work 1 dc in each of the 7 sts of the stocking, work 5 dc evenly along the next edge of heel. (18 sts)
 Continue in a spiral.

Rnds 2-11: 1 dc in every st to end, changing to col 1 during the last dc of Rnd 11. (18 sts)

Rnds 12-14: In col 1, 1 dc in back loop only of every st to end.

At the end of Rnd 14, ss in next 2 sts so that you are at the centre back of stocking.

HANGING LOOP

Ch 18, ss in next st. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Weave in all ends and trim.

FINISHING

When you have made all 8 stockings (or more if desired), gently steam them flat and leave to dry. Cut a 2m length of twine or thick yarn and fix each stocking to the twine with a tiny wooden peg.

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PATTERN NOTES

- ❖ Stockings are worked in a continuous spiral (without joining rounds) from the toe up
- ❖ The heel is worked in rows
- ❖ Your finished size may vary depending on your yarn weight, hook size and tension
- ❖ Always use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of the round



STOCKINGS

Make Christmas morning that bit more exciting with these handmade stockings

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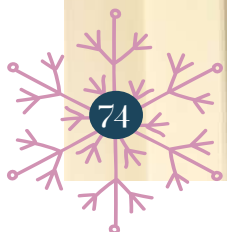
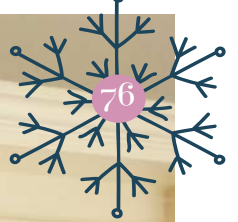
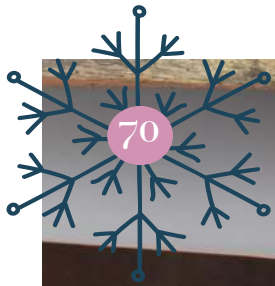
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BRICK CHIMNEY STOCKING

Make your own jolly, festive chimney stocking complete with Father Christmas

MEASUREMENTS

Santa: Approximately 25cm/10in tall.

Chimney stocking:

Approximately 34cm/13in long and 21cm/8in wide across foot.

MATERIALS

Santa:

- ❖ 1 x 100g (280m) ball of Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic) in each of Signal Red (977) and Flesh Tone (963); 1 x 50g (140m) ball of Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic) in each of White (961) and Black (965)*.
- ❖ Pair of 3mm (No.11) knitting needles
- ❖ Washable toy stuffing;
- ❖ Red colouring pencil.

Chimney stocking:

- ❖ 1 x 100g (236m) ball of Sirdar Supersoft Aran (100% acrylic) in each of Red Poppy (824) and White (830)*.
- ❖ Pair of 4mm (No.7) knitting needles.

TENSION

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3mm needles and DK yarn.

19 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles and Aran yarn.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice in same st); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **rss**, reverse stocking st (p on right side and k on wrong side).

NOTE

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

SANTA BODY AND HEAD

Base: With 3mm needles and Signal Red, cast on 12 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: Inc kwise in each st – 24 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 36 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 48 sts. P 2 rows.

Body: Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Change to White.

K 2 rows and p 1 row.

Change to Signal Red.

Beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows.

1st dec row: [K4, k2tog] to end – 40 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 32 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 16 sts.

Head: Change to Flesh Tone. P 1 row.

Next inc row: Inc in every st – 32 sts. Ss 17 rows.

Next dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 16 sts. P 1 row.

Next dec row: [K2tog] to end – 8 sts. P 1 row.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure.

Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together leaving an opening.

Stuff firmly and close opening.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

With 3mm needles and Black, cast on 18 sts for centre of sole.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Shape instep:

Next row: K4, cast off next 10 sts, k to end – 8 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Change to White.

K 2 rows and p 1 row.

Change to Signal Red.

Beginning with a p row, ss 18 rows.

Cast off.

Fold each leg in half and join cast-off sts together on top of instep. Join sole and back leg seam, stuffing as you sew. Sew open tops to body base.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

With 3mm needles and Black, cast on 4 sts.

Next row: [Inc kwise in next st] to end – 8 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 2 rows.

Change to White.

P 2 rows and k 1 row.

Change to Signal Red.

Beginning with a k row, ss 16 rows.

Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends, stuffing as you sew. Flatten open edge on each arm and attach arms to sides of body, sewing through both layers of arms.

HAT

With 3mm needles and White, cast on 40 sts. K 1 row and p 1 row.

Change to Signal Red.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

1st dec row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 32 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 16 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: [K2tog] to end – 8 sts. P 1 row.

Change to White for bobble.

5th dec row: [K2tog] to end – 4 sts.

Inc row: Inc kwise in each st – 8 sts. Beginning with a p row, rss 3 rows.

Next dec row: [K2tog] to end – 4 sts.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together.

Stuff bobble firmly. Run a gathering thread at base of bobble, pull up tightly and secure. Place hat on head and sew in position.

FACIAL FEATURES

Beard: With 3mm needles and White, cast on 20 sts. Beginning with a k row, rss 2 rows.

Dec row (wrong side): K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 6 times more, then work dec row again – 4 sts.

Cast off pwise.

With cast-on edge uppermost, sew beard to front of face.

Nose: With 3mm needles and Flesh Tone, cast on 3 sts. Ss 2 rows. Cast off.

Gather round outer edges of nose, pull up to form ball. Sew ball to centre of face just above top of beard.

With Black, embroider single chain stitch for each eye and two straight stitches in a V-shape for mouth.

With red pencil, lightly colour the cheeks.

With White, embroider couple of single chain stitches for buttons on front of body.

CHIMNEY STOCKING

With 4mm needles and White, cast on 76 sts for centre of sole.

Inc row: Inc in first st, k35, inc in each of next 2 sts, k36, inc in next st, k1 – 80 sts.

1st row (wrong side): With Red Poppy, [p5, with yarn at front, sl1pwise] to last 2 sts, p2.

2nd row: With Red Poppy, k2, [with yarn at back, sl1pwise, k5] to end.

3rd row: With White, p.

4th row: With White, k.

5th row: With Red Poppy, p2, [with yarn at front, sl1pwise, p5] to end.

6th row: With Red Poppy, [k5, with yarn at back, sl1pwise] to last 2 sts, k2.

7th row: With White, p.

8th row: With White, k.

These 8 rows form brick pattern.

Pattern another 22 rows.

Shape instep: Keeping pattern correct, cast off 15 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 50 sts.

Pattern another 47 rows.

With White and beginning with a p row, rss 14 rows.

Cast off.

With 4mm needles and White, cast on 32 sts for hanging loop. Cast off.

Fold stocking in half and join seam along cast-on sts of sole, row-ends of front of foot, cast-off sts of instep and row-ends of front of leg.

Fold hanging loop in half. With ends on top of each other, sew them to inside at back of leg.

WHITE STOCKING

This luxurious cable-knit stocking is the perfect addition to your festive decorations this season



MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 37cm/14½in long by 16.5cm/6½in wide at the top.

MATERIALS

- ❖ 3 x 50g (100m) balls of Sublime Extra Fine Merino Worsted (100% wool) in Alabaster 003*
- ❖ Pair each of 4.5mm (No. 7) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles
- ❖ Cable needle
- ❖ 5cm pompom maker.

TENSION

18 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4.5mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **c4b**, cable 4 back (slip next 2 sts onto cable needle, leave at back, k next 2 sts, then k 2 sts from cable needle); **c4f**, cable 4 front (slip next 2 sts onto cable needle, leave at front, k next 2 sts, then k 2 sts from cable needle); **2tog**, decrease 1 st (by working 2 sts together); **inc**, increase 1 st (by working into same st twice).

NOTE

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

FIRST SIDE

** With 4.5mm needles, cast on 34 sts.

Row 1: K2, [p2, k2] to end.

Row 2: P to end.

Last 2 rows form broken rib. Rib until cuff measures 9cm from cast-on edge, ending with a 1st row.

Change to 5mm needles.

Work in pattern as follows:

Row 1: [K2, p2] 3 times, k10, [p2, k2] 3 times.

Row 2: [P2, k2] 3 times, p10, [k2, p2] 3 times.

Row 3: [P2, k2] twice, p4, c4f, k2, c4b, p4, [k2, p2] twice.

Row 4: [K2, p2] twice, k4, p10, k4, [p2, k2] twice. These 4 rows form the cable panel with double moss st pattern.

Pattern straight until work measures 34cm from cast-on edge, ending with a wrong side row. **

Shape for foot: Next row: Inc in first st, pattern to end – 1 st increased.

Next row: Pattern to last 2 sts, inc in next st, pattern 1 – 1 st increased.

Repeat the last 2 rows, twice more – 40 sts.

Next row: Pattern to last 2 sts, work 2tog – 1 st decreased.

Next row: Pattern to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows, 4 times more – 35 sts.

Next row: Work 2tog, pattern to last 2 sts, work 2tog – 2 sts decreased.

Next row: Work 2tog, pattern to end – 1 st decreased.

Repeat the last 2 rows, 6 times more – 14 sts.

Cast off.

SECOND SIDE

Work as given for first side from ** to **.

Shape for foot: **Next row:**

Pattern to last 2 sts, inc in next st, pattern 1 – 1 st increased.

Next row: Inc in first st, pattern to end – 1 st increased. Repeat the last 2 rows, twice more – 40 sts.

Next row: Work 2tog, pattern to end – 1 st decreased.

Next row: Pattern to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows, 4 times more – 35 sts.

Next row: Work 2tog, pattern to last 2 sts, work 2tog – 2 sts decreased.

Next row: Pattern to last 2 sts, work 2tog – 1 st decreased. Repeat the last 2 rows, 6 times more – 14 sts. Cast off.

LOOP

With 4.5mm needles, cast on 30 sts.

K 1 row.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join seam, reversing seam for cuff. Fold cuff to right side. Fold loop in half and attach to back of sock.

Make two 5cm pompoms and a 35cm long twisted or plaited cord (see below).

Attach one pompom to each end of cord and join centre of cord to back of sock.

TWISTED CORD

Cut two strands of Alabaster in lengths of 105cm (this is three times longer than the desired length of 35cm). If you'd like a thicker cord, you can use more strands but they must be divisible by two. Note that the final cord will be a double thickness of the amount of strands you use.

Knot the lengths of yarn together at each end. Slip a knitting needle between the strands at each end so they're both resting at each knot and standing upright. Hold one needle steady and twist the other until the lengths of yarn are twisted tightly. You can ask a friend to help with this, or you can anchor one end of the yarn over a door handle. Find the middle of the twisted yarn and remove the needles, but keep hold of each end to stop them untwisting too soon.

Bring both ends of yarn together, keeping the length taut and release the hand that is holding the middle. The cord should automatically twist up. Smooth out any uneven lumps with your fingers and knot both ends together.

PLAITED CORD

We used the twisted cord method, but if you are struggling, then this is an easier, alternative method. Cut three strands of Alabaster in lengths of 50cm (this is one third longer than the desired length of 35cm). If you would

White stocking



like a thicker cord then you can use more strands but they must be divisible by three.

Knot the strands together at one end and secure this end. Ask a friend to hold it, or tape/pin it to a suitable surface. Plait the strands in the same way that you would plait hair (right over centre, left over centre, etc) to the end of the strands and tie a knot to secure.

5CM POMPOM (MAKE 2)

Cut two circles of card 6cm in diameter and make a hole in the middle of each. Put the two pieces of card together and wind lengths of Alabaster (use more than one length stranded together for speed) around the card until the ring is covered. Continue until you can no longer poke the lengths through the centre. You may need a darning needle for when the centre gets smaller.

Using a pair of sharp scissors, cut through the lengths around the outer edge of the ring. Tie a length of yarn tightly and securely around the middle of the two rings and remove the cardboard. Fluff up the ends and trim to an even round shape using scissors. Be sure to leave a length of the tie to attach to cord.

QUICK-SEW STOCKING

Quick to make but certainly not short on style, this personalised Christmas stocking will complete your festive mantelpiece perfectly

YOU WILL NEED

- ✦ 50cm x 60cm hessian fabric
- ✦ 50cm x 60cm neutral cotton fabric
- ✦ 22cm x 22cm red stripe fabric
- ✦ 1m cream ricrac
- ✦ Red felt
- ✦ Red twine
- ✦ Matching sewing thread
- ✦ Hot glue gun
- ✦ Cricut maker (optional)

Note: Use 1.5cm seam allowances throughout

1 Photocopy the template by 375%. Using the template, cut out two stocking shapes from the hessian and two from the ivory lining fabric. For the cuff, cut out two from the red ticking fabric.

2 Stack the two hessian stockings with the lining fabric stockings on top. Pin all the way around the edge and stitch, making sure not to sew the opening. Sew the cuff pieces along the two short sides.

3 Turn the stocking with the lining on the outside and slip the cuff with wrong sides

facing over the top of the stocking. Sandwich a piece of twine in between the cuff and stocking to make a hanging loop. Line up the top raw edges and the side seams, and sew along the top edge to secure.

4 Turn the stocking right sides out and fold the cuff fabric to the outside of the stocking. Turn the raw cuff edge under by 1cm and slipstitch or hot glue gun into place.

5 Using our image as a guide, hot glue gun the ricrac to the cuff edge, toe and heel.

6 To personalise the stocking, use a Cricut maker to cut out your chosen letter from red felt. If you don't have a Cricut maker, simply cut out a letter freehand. Hot glue gun the letter in the centre and allow the glue to cool.

Use felt and fabric in colours to match your Christmas decorations, or try metallics with a hint of glitter for a special finish.





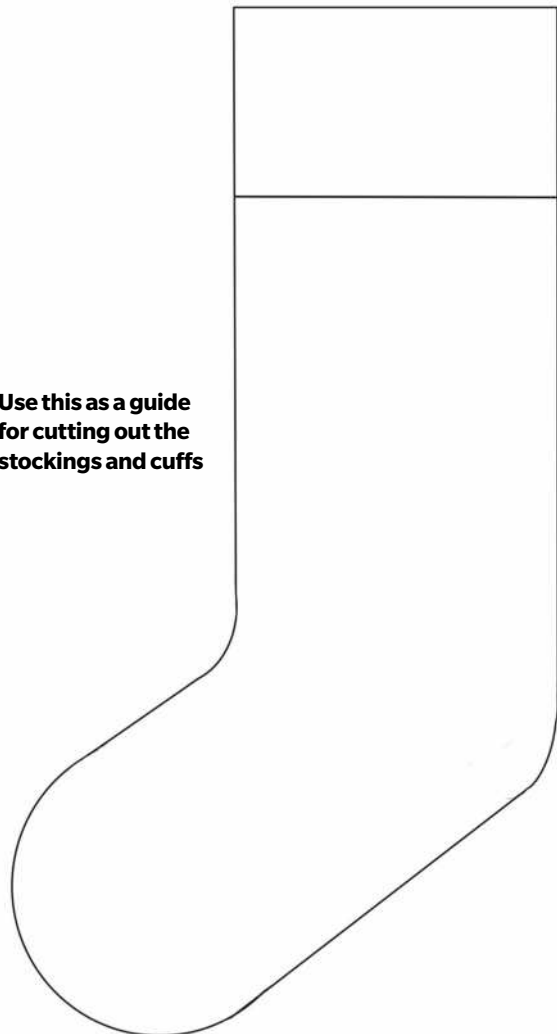
Quick-sew stocking

If you don't want to personalise the stocking with a letter, use a snowflake or star



TEMPLATE

Use this as a guide for cutting out the stockings and cuffs



STYLISH STOCKING

Sew a loved one this striking personalised stocking ready to be filled with presents

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ 60x80cm cream cotton fabric
- ❖ 20x40cm white wool felt
- ❖ Yellow embroidery thread
- ❖ Red, white and peach yarn
- ❖ Pompom maker
- ❖ Tassel maker
- ❖ Embroidery needle
- ❖ Small embroidery hoop
- ❖ Matching thread

1 Using our photograph as a guide, cut out two stocking shapes from the cream cotton fabric, measuring about 30x40cm each. For the cuff, cut out two 10cm-long rectangles from the white wool fabric to the same width as the stocking.

2 Trace the name of the person you're giving the stocking to in the centre of one cuff with a pencil. Place inside the embroidery hoop and stitch along the letters with six strands of yellow embroidery thread in stem stitch.

3 To stem stitch, work from left to right (reverse if you are left-handed). Bring the needle up at the end of the line and make a short stitch, bringing the needle up again adjacent to the first stitch and about halfway down its length, make another stitch the same length as the first and repeat to make a line of stepped stitches.

4 Pin the two cream cotton stockings with right sides facing and sew around the edge with a 1.5cm seam allowance,

leaving the top edge open. Turn the stocking right sides out and press.

5 Using six strands of yellow embroidery thread, blanket stitch the edges of the stocking, but not the top opening. To blanket stitch, bring the thread up below the edge of the fabric, take a diagonal stitch to the right, 1cm in from the edge. Bring the needle out directly below and loop the thread around the needle, pull taut and repeat.

6 Sew the cuff pieces together along the two short sides with a 1.5cm seam. Trim the seam allowance and turn right sides out. Slip the cuff over the top of the stocking and pin in place. Blanket stitch the top edge of the cuff to the top of the stocking, and the bottom edge of the cuff.

7 Using a pompom maker, make three pompoms in peach, white and red yarn. Trim into a spherical shape and stitch to the side of the stocking. Repeat for the tassels, using a tassel maker with peach and red yarn, hanging slightly lower than the pompoms.

8 Plait together a 30cm length of red, peach and white yarn. Knot into a loop and stitch to the side of the stocking to hang.



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ALL SET FOR FATHER CHRISTMAS

Stash your little one's goodies in this handmade sack fit for Santa himself

YOU WILL NEED

- ✦ 70cm x 1m rectangle of Christmas fabric
- ✦ Measuring tape
- ✦ Fabric scissors
- ✦ Iron
- ✦ Pins
- ✦ Sewing machine
- ✦ Matching sewing thread
- ✦ Safety pin or bodkin
- ✦ 15mm-wide red grosgrain ribbon

Our easy-to-follow project requires only basic sewing skills and is the perfect way to keep costs down this Christmas by using up leftover fabric

1 Cut the Christmas fabric in half so that you have two pieces of fabric measuring 70cm long by 50cm wide.



2 Take the first piece and fold the two long sides over by 1cm. Press, fold again and press to hide the raw edges. Pin and stitch in place. Repeat for the other piece of fabric.

3 Fold one short edge in by 1cm and press. Then fold the same edge in by 4cm and press – this will be the casing for the ribbon. Pin and topstitch in place as close to the folded edge as possible. Repeat for the other piece of fabric.

4 Pin the two pieces of fabric together with right sides facing and, starting at the bottom of the casing, sew down one side, along the bottom and up the other side, making sure to stop at the bottom of the casing. Turn the sack right side out and press.



5 Attach the safety pin or bodkin to the end of the length of ribbon and thread through the drawstring casing at the top of the sack. Once you've gone all the way

through to the other end, hold both ends of the ribbon and pull the sack closed. Tie the ribbon ends together in a knot to finish, and trim off any frayed strands.

You can also use the same pattern to create a toy storage sack or a drawstring laundry bag that can be used all year round





STRANDED STAG STOCKING

This is a festive stocking that pairs traditional and contemporary stranded motifs perfect for hanging on the fireplace

WHAT YOU NEED

❖ 4mm, set of 2 x 40cm (16in) Circular Needles – or size needed to obtain gauge. A second circular needle is used for toe decreases

❖ Stitch marker

❖ Yarn needle

❖ In this project we have used Knit Picks Wool of the Andes, (50g/100m). You will need to use worsted weight yarn, in your chosen colours. You will need approximately 252m in total.

❖ Colour 1: White; 2 balls

❖ Colour 2: Sapphire

❖ Heather; 1 ball

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 50.75cm (20in) long (cuff to toe) and approximately 33cm (13in) in circumference.

TENSION

Work 22 sts and ?? rows in stocking stitch to measure 10x10cm/4x4in using 4mm (US 6) needles, or size required to obtain correct tension.

PATTERN RIM

Using col 2, and 4mm circular needles, cast on 72 sts, place marker, and join for knitting in the round, taking care not to twist the stitches.

RIBBING

Rnd 1: *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rep Row 1 another 9 times, slipping the marker as you come to it for the remainder of the stocking.

Next Round: Knit.

LEG

Attach col 1 and knit according to the Stranded Leg Chart (left) for Rounds 1-47.

Note: the chart shows half of the total number of stitches – each row of the chart is knitted twice to complete 1 full round of the stocking. Each square of the chart represents one stitch to be knitted in the colour indicated.

STRANDED LEG CHART

Break off col 2, leaving approx 12.5cm (5in) for weaving in. Next, using only col 1, knit 5 rounds.

HEEL

The heel for this stocking uses German Short Rows

Part 1: 'wrapping' the stitches
Set-up row: K18, turn.

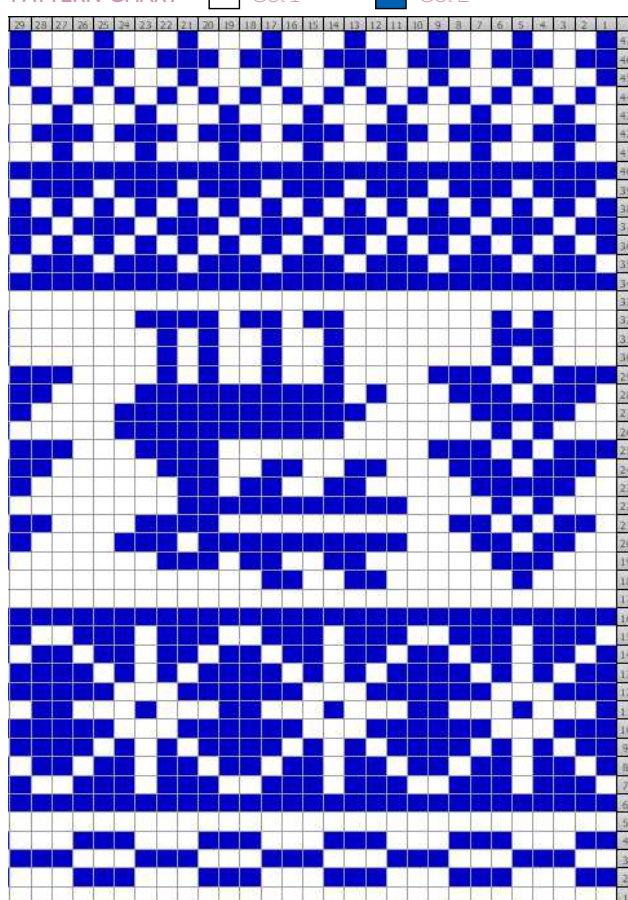
PATTERN CHART



Col 1



Col 2



Row 1: Bring the yarn to the front of the work. To 'wrap' the first stitch, slip the first stitch purl-wise and bring the yarn up and to the back of that stitch and then back around to the front of the work (similar to making a yarn over) so you can begin to purl; this gives the slipped stitch 2 'legs'. Purl to the marker, slip marker, P18, turn.

Row 2: Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing the working yarn up and around to the back of the needle. Knit to marker, slip marker, K17, turn.

Row 3: Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing

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the working the yarn up and to the back of that stitch and then back around to the front of the work. Purl to the marker, slip marker, P17, turn.

Row 4: Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing the working yarn up and around to the back of the needle. Knit to marker, slip marker, K16, turn.

Row 5: Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing the working the yarn up and to the back of that stitch and then back around to the front of the work. Purl to the marker, slip marker, P16, turn.

Continue as so, adding one 'wrapped' stitch to either side until you finish Row 23 of the heel. At this point, the RS of the work should be facing you and you should be ready to wrap the last stitch on the right side of the heel flap. Looking at your heel left to right with the RS facing you, you will see there are 12 'wrapped' sts on the left side of the heel, 6 unwrapped stitches, the marker, 7 unwrapped stitches, and 11 'wrapped' stitches on the right side of the heel.

Part 2: Knitting the 'wraps'

Note: the 'wrapped' sts will have what appears to be 2 legs instead of 1. For the remainder of the heel section only: when the pattern says to 'k2tog', knit both legs of the 'wrapped' stitch together. The same follows for WS rows – when the pattern says to 'p2tog', purl both legs of the 'wrapped' stitch together. Do not knit (or purl) 2 separate stitches together.

Set-up row: We are 'wrapping' the 12th stitch on the right side of the heel and knitting the first 'wrapped stitch' from Part 1 of the heel section – knit this row as follows:

Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing the working yarn up and around to the back of the needle. Knit to marker, slip marker, K6, K2tog, K2tog, turn.

Row 1: Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing the working the yarn up and to the back of that stitch and then back around to the front of the work. Purl to the marker, slip marker, P6, P2tog,

P2tog, turn.

Row 2: Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing the working yarn up and around to the back of the needle. Knit to marker, slip marker, K7, K2tog, K2tog, turn.

Row 3: Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing the working the yarn up and to the back of that stitch and then back around to the front of the work. Purl to the marker, slip marker, P7, P2tog, P2tog, turn.

Repeat Rows 2-3 until all stitches of heel have been worked.

Row 4: Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing the working yarn up and around to the back of the needle. Knit to marker, slip marker, K8, K2tog, K2tog, turn.

Row 5: Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing the working the yarn up and to the back of that stitch and then

back around to the front of the work. P to the marker, slip marker, P8, P2tog, P2tog, turn.

Continue to knit in this fashion, knitting 2 'wrapped' stitches and adding one 'wrapped' stitch to either side of the heel until you have 1 wrapped stitch on the left side of the heel (if you're looking at the RS) and you are getting ready to 'wrap' the final stitch on the right side of the heel.

Finish the heel portion of the stocking by knitting the next two rows as follows:

Row 1: Bring the yarn to the front of the work and slip the first stitch as if to purl. 'Wrap' the slipped stitch by bringing the working yarn up and around to the back of the needle. Knit to marker, slip marker, K17, K2tog, M1 (to close the gap), knit around until you reach the gap just before the last 'wrapped stitch', M1 (to close the gap), K2tog, knit to marker.

Note: For the remainder of the sock, K2tog (and P2tog) means to knit 2 individual stitches together, as standard decreases

Row 2: K17, K2tog (to remove extra stitch), knit to 19 sts



before marker, K2tog (to remove extra stitch), knit to marker.

INSTEP

Continue to knit using only col 1 and knit 13 rows.

Attach col 2 and knit according to the following chart for a total of 1 pattern repeat ending with Row 5 of the chart.

STRANDED STOCKING TOE CHART (ABOVE)

Next, knit 1 row using col 1. Break col 1, leaving approximately 12.5cm (5in) for weaving in at the end and knit the next row using only col 2

as follows: Knit 54 sts, knit the next 36 sts onto the second circular needle, removing the stitch marker as you come to it, because the start of the round will move.

At this point there are 36 sts on both circular needles and the beginning of the round is now at the side of the work. Continue to knit the toe, using only col 2.

TOE

Decrease rounds are knit on each needle as follows: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Rnd 1: Decrease. (34 sts per needle).

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: Decrease. (32 sts per needle).

Rnd 4: Knit.

Rnd 5: Decrease. (30 sts per needle).

Rnd 6: Knit.

Rnd 7: Decrease. (28 sts per needle).

Rnd 8: Knit.

Rnd 9: Decrease. (26 sts per needle).

Rnd 10: Knit.

Rnd 11: Decrease. (24 sts per needle).

Rnd 12: Knit.

Rnd 13: Decrease. (22 sts per needle).

Rnd 14: Knit.

Rnd 15: Decrease. (20 sts per needle).

Rnd 16: Knit.

Rnd 17: Decrease. (18 sts per needle).

Rnd 18: Decrease. (16 sts per needle).

Rnd 19: Decrease. (14 sts per needle).

Rnd 20: Decrease. (12 sts per needle).

FINISHING

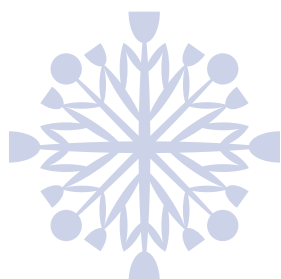
Cut yarn leaving 50cm (20in) tail and weave through remaining sts using the Kitchener technique.

Weave in all ends. Wash and block as desired.



CARDS

Add some individuality to your Christmas cards this year by making them yourself



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WATERCOLOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our simple watercolour techniques will help you create unique Christmas cards for family and friends

YOU WILL NEED

- ✦ Card blanks – ours measure 15cm square
- ✦ Watercolours in a selection of colours
- ✦ Fine paintbrush
- ✦ Mixing dish – we used an old plate
- ✦ Tracing paper
- ✦ Ruler
- ✦ Pencil and an eraser
- ✦ PVA glue
- ✦ Glitter
- ✦ Kitchen towel

Trace off the triangle and pot templates, far right, using a pencil and ruler. Position on the front of the card and lightly trace off. Don't press too hard – it will be rubbed off later.

TRIANGLE TREES

Using red, green and yellow paint, decorate the tree with scallops, zigzags, baubles, lines and dots. You can try out different shapes and patterns. Try watering down the paint or mixing up different shades. Finish with a glitter shape on top.

At this point, you might like to trace off triangles and pots on to a few cards, as you can work on multiple cards at the same time



Watercolour Christmas cards



4 Dip the paintbrush in the red paint and apply some to the top of the pot, below left. Rinse off most of the paint on the brush in the water, dab off excess, then use the brush to drag the colour down the pot.



2 Squeeze a small amount of paint on to the dish – we started with green. Dip the brush into the water, then into the paint to water it down. Dab off any excess water on to the kitchen towel. Start painting green stars around the inside of the triangle, in different sizes. Don't worry that they're not symmetrical or neat – in fact, the more random they are in shape, the more interesting your card.



3 Continue painting stars of different sizes, completing one colour and then moving on to the next, until the triangle is filled.



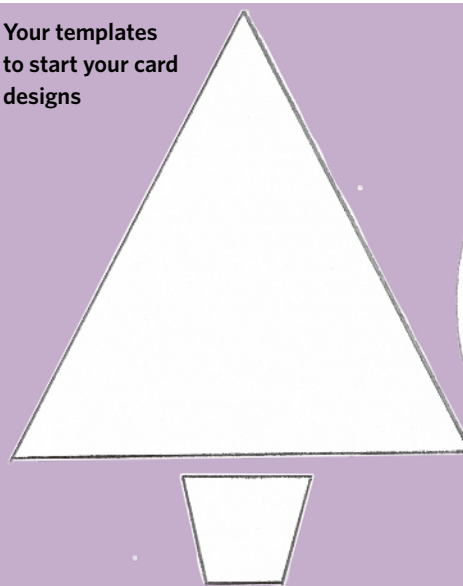
5 When the card is completely dry, carefully rub out the pencil marks. At the top of the tree, draw a star shape with the brush and some PVA glue, then pour on a little glitter. Once the glue has dried, tip off the excess glitter.



HOLLY DAY

Fill the tree with green painted holly leaves – you can draw these out with pencil first if you don't feel confident. Then add dots of red paint for the berries. Add a sprig at the top of the tree and paint the pot, as for the star tree.

Your templates to start your card designs



MERRY AND BRIGHT

Use eight equally sized card blanks (or cut from thin card). Using an alphabet stencil, spell out 'Merry Christmas', adding a star at the end of each word. Paint in bright colours. Once dry,

draw a line of PVA glue around the edge of each letter and tip on some glitter. Once the glue has dried, tip off the excess glitter and use sticky tape at the back of the cards to join them up.



NAME GAME

Lightly trace off the template (on the previous page) on to the front of a blank card, then add the recipient's name in pencil. Paint the holly leaves green and add red dots for the berries. Using a fine paintbrush, go over 'Season's Greetings' and the name in a bright red - have a practice on a piece of paper first if you prefer.



OH CHRISTMAS TREE, OH CHRISTMAS TREE

The stitched 3D effect of the trees gives this card the wow factor

YOU WILL NEED:

- ✦ Star punch
- ✦ White card
- ✦ Green patterned paper
- ✦ Hot glue gun
- ✦ White sewing thread
- ✦ Sewing machine
- ✦ White watercolour paint
- ✦ Paintbrush
- ✦ Kraft card blanks

TOP TIP

If you don't have any green patterned paper, design your own with paints and stamps.

1 Water down the white watercolour paint to a runny consistency. Working on a protected surface, splatter the paint on to the card blank by tapping the end of the paintbrush. Allow to dry completely.

2 Cut three triangles from patterned green paper – these can be a variety of sizes depending on your preferred design.

3 Position the three triangles on a card blank and stitch each one down the centre to secure in place.

4 Using the star punch, cut three identical star shapes out of the white card.

5 With the hot glue gun, stick the stars to the tops of the trees and allow the glue to cool.



WHAT YOU NEED

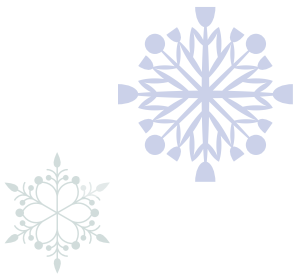
- * Card blanks and envelopes
- * Lino cutter and blades
- * Safety hand guard
- * Lino printing blocks
- * 2.5in and 4in lino rollers
- * Block-printing inks in blue, yellow, red, green and white
- * Tracing paper
- * Palette
- * Pencil
- * Permanent marker pen
- * Scissors
- * Newspaper
- * Cutting mat



TOP TIP

Always protect your hands with a safety guard when using the cutter and blades – they're very sharp





LINOCUT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Create some colourful cards to send out to friends and family this year

1 Create bauble templates by printing them or by drawing your own festive designs. Make sure they fit the size of your card and transfer them onto the lino printing stamps using tracing paper and pencil.



2 Using a permanent marker, colour over the parts of the bauble designs that you want to be printed onto your card. Place a cutting mat where you are going to cut the lino, to protect the surface. With the cutter, blades and safety guard, carefully gouge out the areas of the motif that are not coloured in. Use the small and narrow blades to start with and then use the larger ones for around



the design. Take your time and be careful when cutting around the edges of the design. Once it has been cut away, use scissors to cut around the design, to make it a more manageable size.



3 Place some newspaper down to protect your surface. Squeeze a small amount of ink onto the palette and run the small roller steadily over it until coated. Mix ink colours to get the colours you desire.

4 Roll the ink across the lino-cut stamp so the design is evenly inked. Make sure not to get any ink on the cut-away sections. If you do, carefully wipe it away with some kitchen roll.



5 Place one of the bauble stamps onto your card blank and press down to transfer the design. Using the large roller, press evenly across the stamp, so that the whole design is printed.



6 Peel the stamp carefully away from the paper to reveal the print. Repeat for all the bauble stamps until you're happy with the design. Finish by stamping the beaded chain designs above the baubles.

7 Allow the ink to dry completely, ensuring the card stays flat during the drying process.



8 Once you feel confident with the printing process, use a paintbrush to dab the ink onto separate sections to create a multicoloured print.





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Make it a Christmas to remember with these handmade presents for friends and family

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DEER FRIENDS

Our miniature deer family will make the perfect Christmas display or perhaps one or two or all four could end up in a lucky child's stocking.



LARGE DEER

BODY

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 11 sts for tail-end of body.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st increase row: [K1, up1] 9 times, k2 – 20 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: [K1, up1, k1] to end – 30 sts. P 1 row.

3rd increase row: [K2, up1, k1] to end – 40 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 25 rows.

1st decrease row: [K1, k2tog, k1] to end – 30 sts. P 1 row.

2nd decrease row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 20 sts. P 1 row.

3rd decrease row: [K2tog] 10 times – 10 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Thread yarn through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Work a gathering thread through the cast-on stitches, pull up tightly and fasten off. Using mattress stitch, join the seam, adding stuffing as you go.

NECK

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 8 sts for base of neck.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows

Next row: Increase row: K1,

up1, k to last st, up1, k1 – 2 sts increased.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then repeat increase row again – 16 sts.

Thread a length of contrast yarn through first and last stitch on row – these will act as a marker.

Beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows. Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Thread yarn through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Using mattress stitch, join seam as far as the markers, leaving shaped edge of neck open, and stuff. Remove scrap yarn and pin the shaped opening of the neck to the body so that the cast-on edge of the neck covers the gathered cast-on edges of the body. Sew neck in place, adding extra stuffing if necessary.

TAIL

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 16 sts for base of tail. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st decrease row: K1, k2tog, k10, ssk, k1 – 14 sts. P 1 row.

2nd decrease row: K1, k2tog, k8, ssk, k1 – 12 sts. P 1 row.

3rd decrease row: [K2tog] 6 times – 6 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Thread yarn through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Using mattress stitch, join seam, adding stuffing as you go and leaving the cast-on edge open. Pin tail to back of body and sew in place.

LEGS

(make 4)

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 12 sts for top of leg.

Beginning with a k row, ss 14 rows.

Change to Cream and k 1 row. Change to C/G and ss 2 rows.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Thread yarn through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Using mattress stitch, join seam, adding stuffing as you go and leaving the cast-on edge open. Pin legs to underside of body, making sure that the body can stand unaided. Sew legs in place.

HEAD

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 13 sts for back of head.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows

1st increase row: [K1, up1] 11 times, k2 – 24 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: [K1, up1, k1] to end – 36 sts. P 1 row.

1st decrease row: K1, k2tog, k12, ssk, k2, k2tog, k12, ssk, k1 – 32 sts. P 1 row.

2nd decrease row: K1, k2tog, k10, ssk, k2, k2tog, k10, ssk, k1 – 28 sts. P 1 row.

3rd decrease row: K1, k2tog, k8, ssk, k2, k2tog, k8, ssk, k1 – 24 sts. P 1 row.

4th decrease row: K1, k2tog, k6, ssk, k2, k2tog, k6, ssk, k1 – 20 sts. P 1 row.

5th decrease row: K1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k2, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1 – 16 sts.

P 1 row.

Change to Buttermilk or Cream.

6th decrease row: K1, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k1 – 12 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Thread yarn through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Work a gathering thread through the cast-on stitches, pull up tightly and fasten off. Using mattress stitch, join seam, adding stuffing as you go.

MEASUREMENTS

Large deer approximately 15.25cm/6in tall.

Small deer approximately 12cm/4¾in tall.

MATERIALS

- ❖ 1 x 100g (295m) ball of Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic) in each of Gold (1709), Camel (1420), Buttermilk (1835) and Cream (1005)*
- ❖ Oddments of Black DK yarn
- ❖ Pair of 2.75mm (No. 12) knitting needles
- ❖ Short length of contrast yarn to use as markers
- ❖ Large-headed pins for sewing up
- ❖ Toy stuffing
- ❖ Tweezers for filling small areas

ABBREVIATIONS

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **up1**, pick

up loop lying between needles and k into back of it (to increase 1 st); **ssk**, slip 1 st, slip next st, k these 2 sts together through the back loops (to decrease 1 st); **G/C**, Gold or Camel; **C/G**, Camel or Gold.

TENSION

23 stitches and 35 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over unstuffed ss, using 2.75mm needles.

NOTE

Use colours as follows: for large deer with antlers, main colour is Camel; hooves and antlers Gold; muzzle and stripe above hooves Cream. For large deer without antlers, main colour is Gold; hooves Camel; muzzle Buttermilk; stripe above hooves Cream. Make one small deer in each colour scheme, minus the antlers. Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.



EARS

(make 2)

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 9 sts for base of ear. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Next row: Increase row: [K1, up1] 7 times, k2 – 16 sts. P 1 row.

1st decrease row: [K1, k2tog, k1] to end – 12 sts. P 1 row.

2nd decrease row: K1, k2tog, k6, ssk, k1 – 10 sts. P 1 row.

3rd decrease row: [K2tog] 5 times – 5 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Thread yarn through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Using mattress stitch, join seam, leaving the cast-on edge open. No stuffing is required.

Pin ears to head but do not sew in place yet. When adding features, all yarn ends should be secured at the top of the head, where they will eventually be hidden by the ears.

The eyes and nose are created by making a large knot in the centre of a 50cm length of Black yarn. To do this, twist the yarn as you would to make a single knot but, before pulling it tight, wrap the yarn around five more times. Pull the ends gently to create an oval knot. Thread one end of yarn on to needle and take it from the eye position, through the head to the ear on the opposite side. Then do the same with the other end of the yarn. Repeat for the second eye on opposite side of head and for the nose.

Once eyes and nose are in position, knot yarn ends so that the features are snug against the head. Sew ears in place. Massage the neck into a slight S-shape and then sew the head in place, making sure the deer can stand unaided.

ANTLERS

Main antler section (make 2):

With 2.75mm needles and Gold, cast on 6 sts for base. Beginning with a k row, ss 14 rows.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Thread yarn through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Using mattress stitch, join seam. No stuffing is required.

Medium antler section (make 2):

With 2.75mm needles and Gold, cast on 6 sts for base. Beginning with a k row, ss 7 rows.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Thread yarn through the stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Using mattress stitch, join seam. No stuffing is required.

Small antler section (make 2):

With 2.75mm needles and Gold, cast on 6 sts for base. Beginning with a k row, ss 5 rows.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Thread yarn through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Using mattress stitch, join seam. No stuffing is required.

Each antler is made using one main, medium and small antler section. Using mattress stitch, sew the medium and small antler sections to one side of main antler section, as pictured. Sew antlers between ears of large Camel-coloured deer, before bending antlers into desired shape.

SMALL DEER

BODY

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 10 sts for tail-end of body. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st increase row: [K1, up1] 8 times, k2 – 18 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: [K2, up1, k1] to end – 24 sts. P 1 row.

3rd increase row: [K2, up1, k2] to end – 30 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 19 rows.

1st decrease row: [K2, k2tog, k1] to end – 24 sts. P 1 row.

2nd decrease row: [K1, k2tog, k1] to end – 18 sts. P 1 row.

3rd decrease row: [K2tog] 9 times – 9 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Finish as for large deer.

NECK

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 6 sts for base of neck. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Next row: Increase row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1 – 2 sts increased.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more, then repeat Increase row again – 12 sts.

Thread a length of scrap yarn through first and last stitch on row – these will act as a marker. Beginning with a p row, ss 6 rows. Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up.

Finish as for large deer.

TAIL

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 12 sts for base of tail. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st decrease row: K1, k2tog, k6, ssk, k1 – 10 sts. P 1 row.

2nd decrease row: [K2tog] 5 times – 5 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up.

Finish as for large deer.

LEGS

(make 4)

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 10 sts for top of leg. Beginning with a k row, ss 10 rows. Change to Cream and k 1 row. Change to C/G and ss 2 rows.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Finish as for large deer.

HEAD

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 11 sts for back of head.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st increase row: [K1, up1] 10 times, k1 – 21 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: [K2, up1, k1] to end – 28 sts. P 1 row.

1st decrease row: K1, k2tog, k8, ssk, k2, k2tog, k8, ssk, k1 – 24 sts.

P 1 row.

2nd decrease row: K1, k2tog, k6, ssk, k2, k2tog, k6, ssk, k1 – 20 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd decrease row: K1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k2, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1 – 16 sts.

P 1 row.

Change to Buttermilk or Cream.

4th decrease row: K1, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k1 – 12 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up. Finish as for large deer.

EARS

(make 2)

With 2.75mm needles and G/C, cast on 8 sts for base of ear. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st increase row: [K1, up1, k1] to end – 12 sts. P 1 row.

1st decrease row: K1, k2tog, k6, ssk, k1 – 10 sts. P 1 row.

2nd decrease row: [K2tog] 5 times – 5 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing up.

Finish as for large deer minus antlers.



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MEASUREMENTS

To fit ages 6-9 (9-12) (12-18) (18-24) months.

Actual chest 61 (64.5) (68) (72) cm/24 (25¼) (26¾) (28¼) in.

Length to shoulder 36 (39) (43) (50) cm/14¼ (15½) (17) (19¾) in.

Side seam 25 (28) (31) (37) cm/9¾ (11) (12¼) (14½) in.

Sleeve seam 16 (18) (20) (23) cm/6¼ (7) (8) (9) in.

MATERIALS

- ❖ 3 (3) (4) (4) 50g (165m) balls of Sirdar Snuggly DK (55% nylon, 45% acrylic) in Red (Flamenco 242) and 1 (1) (2) (2) balls in Cream (303)*
- ❖ Pair each of 3.25mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles
- ❖ 2 buttons
- ❖ Stitch holders
- ❖ Safety pins or contrast thread

TENSION

22 stitches and 30 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

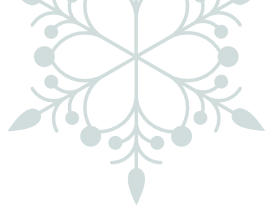
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up1, pick up loop lying between needles and k into back of it (to increase 1 st).

NOTE

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions are given for small size. Where they vary, work figures in round brackets for larger sizes. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.



SANTA BABY

Your little helpers will look utterly adorable in these festive knits
as well as being warm and snug

BACK

With 3.25mm needles and Cream, cast on 103 (109) (115) (121) sts.

K 11 rows.

Change to 4mm needles and Red.

Starting with a k row, ss until back measures 16 (18) (21) (27) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a wrong side row.

Decrease row: K1, [k2tog, k1] to end – 69 (73) (77) (81) sts.

Next row: P to end.

Change to 3.25mm needles and Cream.

K 12 rows.

Change to 4mm needles and Red.

Starting with a k row, ss until back measures 25 (28) (31) (37) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape armholes: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 59 (61) (63) (65) sts.

Ss straight until back measures 36 (39) (43) (50) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next 4 rows and 10 (10) (10) (11) sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 19 (21) (23) (23) sts. Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

With 3.25mm needles and Cream, cast on 52 (55) (58) (61) sts.

K 11 rows.

Change to 4mm needles and Red.

Row 1: K to end.

Row 2: K5, p to end.

These 2 rows form pattern of ss with gst edging.

Pattern straight until front measures 16 (18) (21) (27) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a wrong side row.

Decrease row: K1, [k2tog, k1] to last 6 sts, k6 – 37 (39) (41) (43) sts.

Next row: K5, p to end.

Change to 3.25mm needles and Cream.

K 12 rows.

Change to 4mm needles and Red.

Row 1: K to end.

Row 2: K5, p to end.

These 2 rows form pattern.

Pattern straight until front measures 25 (28) (31) (37) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape armhole: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next row – 32 (33) (34) (35) sts.

Continue straight until front measures 32 (35) (39) (46) cm from cast-on edge,

ending with a wrong side row.

Shape neck: Next

row: K to last 10 sts, turn and leave these 10 sts on a st holder – 22 (23) (24) (25) sts.

Next row: P to end.

Next row: K to last 2 sts, skpo – 1 st decreased.

Repeat the last 2 rows, 1 (2) (3) (3) times more – 20 (20) (20) (21) sts.

Ss a few rows straight until front measures same as back to shoulder, ending at side edge.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next and following alternate row – 10 (10) (10) (11) sts.

Work 1 row. Cast off.

Using safety pins or contrast thread, mark positions for buttons, the first on the 9th row above gst band and the second 8 rows below neck shaping.

RIGHT FRONT

With 3.25mm needles and Cream, cast on 52 (55) (58) (61) sts.

K 11 rows.

Change to 4mm needles and Red.

Row 1: K to end.

Row 2: P to last 5 sts, k5.

These 2 rows form pattern of ss with gst edging.

Pattern straight until front measures 16 (18) (21) (27) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a wrong side row.

Decrease row: K7, [k2tog, k1] to end – 37 (39) (41) (43) sts.

Next row: P to last 5 sts, k5.

Change to 3.25mm needles and Cream.

K 12 rows.

Change to 4mm needles and Red.

Row 1: K to end.

Row 2: P to last 5 sts, k5.

These 2 rows form pattern. Pattern 6 further rows.

Next row: Buttonhole row: K1, k2tog, [yrn] twice, skpo, k to end.

Next row: K to end, working double yrn from previous row as 2 sts.

Next row: P to last 5 sts, k5.

Pattern straight until front measures 25 (28) (31) (37) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a right side row.

Shape armhole: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next row – 32 (33) (34) (35) sts.

Working buttonhole row as before when you reach marker position, pattern straight until front measures 32 (35) (39) (46) cm from



MEASUREMENTS

To fit ages 3-6 (6-9) (9-12)
(12-18) months.

Actual measurements 50 (56)
(62) (68) cm/19¾ (22) (24½) (26¾) in.

Length to shoulder 60 (64) (69.5) (74)
cm/23¾ (25¼) (27½) (29¼) in.

Sleeve seam 15 (17) (20)
(24) cm/6 (6¾) (8) (9½) in.

MATERIALS

- ❖ 3 (4) (4) (4) 50g (116m) balls of Sirdar Snuggly DK (55% nylon, 45% acrylic) in Cream (303) and 3 (3) (3) (3) balls in Red (Flamenco 242)*
- ❖ Pair of 3.25mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles
- ❖ Stitch holders
- ❖ Stitch markers
- ❖ 6 small buttons

TENSION

22 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **p2tog**, p 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **inc**, increase 1 st (by working into the same st twice); **dec**, decrease 1 st, by working k2tog on a k row and p2tog on a p row; **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **beg**, beginning.

NOTE

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions are given for small size. Where they vary, work figures in round brackets for larger sizes. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

cast-on edge, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape neck: Next

row: K10, leave these 10 sts on a st holder, k to end – 22 (23) (24) (25) sts.

Next row: P to end.

Next row: Skpo, k to end – 1 st decreased.

Repeat the last 2 rows, 1 (2) (3) (3) times more – 20 (20) (20) (21) sts.

Ss a few rows straight until front measures same as back to shoulder, ending at side edge.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next and following alternate row – 10 (10) (10) (11) sts.

Work 1 row. Cast off.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

With 3.25mm needles and Cream, cast on 31 (33) (37) (39) sts.

K 11 rows.

Change to 4mm needles and Red.

Starting with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Increase row: K3, up1, k to last 3 sts, up1, k3 – 2 sts increased.

Work 5 rows.

Repeat the last 6 rows, 3 (5) (7) (8) times more, then repeat the increase row, once more – 41 (47) (55) (59) sts. Ss straight until sleeve measures 16 (18) (20) (23) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a wrong side row.

Mark each end of last row with safety pins or contrast thread.

Ss a further 6 (6) (8) (8) rows. Cast off.

COLLAR

Join shoulder seams.

With right side facing, and with 4mm needles and Red, k10 sts from right front holder,

pick up and knit 13 sts up right front neck, 19 (21) (23) (23) sts across back neck, 13 sts down left front neck, and k10 sts from left front holder – 65 (67) (69) (69) sts.

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, k to end – 60 (62) (64) (64) sts.

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, p to end – 55 (57) (59) (59) sts.

Change to Cream.

Shape collar: Next

2 rows: K to last 20 sts, turn,

p to last 20 sts, turn.

Next 2 rows: K to last 14 sts, turn, p to last 14 sts, turn.

Next 2 rows: K to last 8 sts, turn, p to last 8 sts, turn.

Next row: K to end.

Next row: P to end.

Next row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1 – 2 sts increased.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows, 4 times more – 65 (67) (69) (69) sts.

Next row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 63 (65) (67) (67) sts.

Next row: P to end.

With right side facing, and with 3.25mm needles and a short length of Cream, pick up and knit 13 sts along row-ends of collar, then using main ball of Cream, k2tog, k59 (61) (63) (63), skpo across sts of collar, then pick up and knit 13 sts along row-ends of collar – 87 (89) (91) (91) sts.

Next row: K to end.

Next row: K11, up1, k2, up1, k to last 13 sts, up1, k2, up1, k11 – 91 (93) (95) (95) sts. Cast off.

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MAKE UP

Sew on sleeves. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons.

BACK (FIRST LEG)

With 3.25mm needles and Cream, cast on 22 (26) (30) (30) sts.

1st rib row: K2, [p2, k2] to end.

2nd rib row: P2, [k2, p2] to end.

Rib another 7 rows.

Decrease row: P6 (4) (1) (4), p2tog, [p6 (6) (3) (3), p2tog] 1 (2) (5) (4) time(s), p6 (4) (2) (4) – 20 (23) (24) (25) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Join Red and ss 4 rows.

Ss another 12 rows, working in stripes of 4 rows in Cream, 4 rows in Red.

Continue in stripes throughout. **

Shape leg: Ss another 19 (7) (19) (9) rows, inc 1 st at beg of next and every following 6th (6th) (6th) (4th) row – 24 (25) (28) (28) sts.

For 2nd, 3rd and 4th sizes only: Ss another (16) (16) (30) rows, inc 1 st at beg of every following (8th) (8th) (6th) row – (27) (30) (33) sts.

For all sizes: Ss until first leg measures 18 (20) (23.5) (26) cm, ending with a wrong side row, keeping a note of how many rows you have knitted.

Slip these sts onto a st holder.

BACK (SECOND LEG)

Work as given for first leg to **.

Shape leg: Ss another 19 (7) (19) (9) rows, inc 1 st at end of next and every following 6th (6th) (6th) (4th) row – 24 (25) (28) (28) sts.

For 2nd, 3rd and 4th sizes only: Ss another (16) (16) (30) rows, inc 1 st at end of every following (8th) (8th) (6th) row – (27) (30) (33) sts.

For all sizes: Ss until second leg measures 18 (20) (23.5) (26) cm, ending with a wrong side row, same number of rows as for first leg.

Next row: Joining

legs: K24 (27) (30) (33), cast on 7 (7) (9) (9) sts, with right side facing, k across 24 (27) (30) (33) sts from first leg st holder – 55 (61) (69) (75) sts. ***

Beg with a p row, ss until work measures 40 (42) (44) (46) cm from joining row, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts at beg of next 2 (4) (4) (4) rows – 45 (37) (41) (43) sts.

Cast off 6 (7) (8) (9) sts at beg of next 4 (2) (2) (2) rows – 21 (23) (25) (25) sts.

Slip remaining 21 (23) (25) (25) sts onto a st holder for back neck.

FRONT

Work as given for back to ***.

Beg with a p row, ss 7 rows.

Divide for front

opening: K25 (28) (32) (35), turn and slip remaining 30 (33) (37) (40) sts onto a st holder for right front.

Left front: Working on these 25 (28) (32) (35) sts only, beg with a p row, ss until left front measures 36 (38) (40) (41) cm from joining row, ending with a right side row.

Shape left neck: Next row: Cast off 2 sts, place a marker on last cast-off st, cast off 2 (3) (4) (4) sts, p to end – 21 (23) (26) (29) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 rows – 17 (19) (22) (25) sts.

Ss until left front measures same as back to shoulder,

ending with a wrong side row.

Shape left shoulder:

Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts on next row, then cast off 6 (6) (7) (8) sts on following alternate row – 6 (7) (8) (9) sts.

P 1 row. Cast off remaining 6 (7) (8) (9) sts.

Right front: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 30 (33) (37) (40) sts from right front st holder, cast off 5 sts, k to end – 25 (28) (32) (35) sts.

Beg with a p row, ss until right front measures 36 (38) (40) (41) cm from joining row, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape right neck:

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, place a st marker on last cast-off sts, cast off 2 (3) (4) (4) sts, k to end – 21 (23) (26) (29) sts. P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 rows – 17 (19) (22) (25) sts.

Ss until right front measures same as back to shoulder, ending with a right side row.

Shape right shoulder:

Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts on next row, then cast off 6 (6) (7) (8) on following alternate row – 6 (7) (8) (9) sts. K 1 row. Cast off.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

With 3.25mm needles and Cream, cast on 34 (34) (38) (38) sts.

Rib 9 rows as given for Back.

Decrease row: P6, p2tog, [p8 (8) (4) (4), p2tog] 2 (2) (4) (4) times, p6 – 31 (31) (33) (33) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Ss 2 rows.

Continue in ss and stripe sequence as given for back thus:

Ss another 23 (27) (35) (45) rows, inc 1 st at each end of next and 1 (5) (4) (5) following 6th (4th) (4th) (4th) rows, then on 2 (1) (3) (4) following 8th (6th) (6th) (6th) row – 39 (45) (49) (53) sts.

Ss until sleeve measures 15 (17) (20) (24) cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape sleeve top: Cast off 3 (2) (2) (2) sts at beg of next 4 (6) (2) (4) rows – 27 (33) (45) (45) sts.

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 6 (8) (12) (12) rows – 9 sts. Cast off.

HOOD

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing, and with 4mm needles and Cream, beg at marker at right side of neck, pick up and k12 (13) (14) (16) sts evenly up right side of neck, knit across 21 (23) (25) (25) sts from back neck st holder, and pick up and k12 (13) (14) (16) sts evenly down left side of neck, ending at marker – 45 (49) (53) (57) sts.

Inc row: P3 (5) (7) (9), inc in next st, [p1, inc in next st] 19 times, p3 (5) (7) (9) – 65 (69) (73) (77) sts.

Ss 2 rows.

Continue in ss and stripe sequence as given for back thus:

Ss until hood measures 17 (18) (19) (20) cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape top: Next row:

Cast off 21 (23) (24) (26) sts, leaving one loop on right needle, k22 (22) (24) (24), cast off remaining 21 (23) (24) (26) sts – 23 (23) (25) (25) sts.

With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 23 (23) (25) (25) sts, and ss until hood measures 10 (10.5) (11.5) (11.5) cm from shape

top cast-off sts, ending with a wrong side row. Cast off. Join side edges at top of hood to shape top cast-off sts. Sew in hood evenly all round neck edge.

GUSSET

With 3.25mm needles and Cream, cast on 7 (7) (9) (9) sts.

Ss 4 (6) (8) (8) rows, inc 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row – 11 (13) (17) (17) sts.

Inc 1 st at each end of next and following 4th row – 15 (17) (21) (21) sts.

P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next and following 4th row – 11 (13) (17) (17) sts.

P 1 row. Ss 4 (6) (8) (8) rows, dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row – 7 (7) (9) (9) sts. Cast off.

RIGHT FRONT BORDER

With right side facing, and with 3.25mm needles and Cream, beg at 5 cast-off sts of front opening, pick up and k90 (94) (102) (106) sts up opening edge. Begin with row 2 of rib as given for back, rib 2 rows.

1st buttonhole row: Rib 3 (3) (4) (4), cast off 2 sts, [rib 13 (14) (15) (16), cast off 2 sts] 5 times, rib 4 (3) (5) (4).

2nd buttonhole row:

Rib 5 (4) (6) (5), cast on 2 sts, [rib 14 (15) (16) (17), cast on 2 sts] 5 times, rib 3 (3) (4) (4).

Rib another 3 rows.

Cast off in rib.

LEFT FRONT BORDER

With right side facing, and with 3.25mm needles and Cream, and beg at neck edge of front opening, pick

up and k90 (94) (102) (106) sts evenly down opening edge. Beg with row 2 of rib as given for back, rib 7 rows. Cast off in rib.

HOOD BORDER

With right side facing, and with 3.25mm needles and Cream, pick up and k37 (39) (43) (45) sts evenly up right side of hood, pick up and k22 (22) (26) (26) sts across top of hood, and pick up and k37 (39) (43) (45) sts evenly down left side of hood – 96 (100) (112) (116) sts.

1st rib row: K1, p2, [k2, p2] to last st, k1.

2nd rib row: P1, [k2, p2] to last 3 sts, k2, p1. These 2 rows form rib. Rib another 5 rows.

Cast off in rib.

TO MAKE UP

Mark points along side seam edges 11 (12) (13) (14) cm either side of shoulder seams and sew in sleeves between these marked points. Join sleeve seams. Join inside leg seams, pin gusset cast-off/cast-on sts to leg joining row cast-on sts and sew gusset evenly in position. Join side seams. Placing right front border over left front border for a girl, and left front border over right front border for a boy, sew in position at 5-st centre front cast-off. Join hood borders to front borders. Sew on buttons to match buttonholes. Press according to ball band.

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GINGERBREAD BOY

Discover how to create these super-cute and forever fun children's toys using this pattern

WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ 3.5mm (US 4) double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- ❖ For this project you will require a DK yarn. For the example Red Heart Super Saver yarn was used in Carrot, Café and Buff. You shall need about 90m (100yd)
- ❖ 4 stitch markers
- ❖ Tapestry needle
- ❖ A length of scrap yarn in a contrasting colour for use as stitch holders
- ❖ Stuffing
- ❖ Decorating notions of knitter's choice such as ric-rac, buttons, fabric squeeze paint, etc
- ❖ Hot glue gun/glue stick (optional)

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rounds = 10cm (4in) in stocking (stockinette) stitch

Note that tension (gauge) is not very important with toys. Changing yarn weight or needle size will make your finished object smaller or larger. You should work the fabric more densely than you would for a scarf or a garment, so that it holds the stuffing in.

MEASUREMENTS

28cm (11in) tall

PATTERN

BODY AND LEGS

Cast (bind) on 30 sts onto a single needle. Distribute across 3 DPNs, placing 10 on each needle, and join for working in the round.

Rnd 1: K5, PM, K5, PM, K10, PM, K5, PM, K5

Rnd 2 (inc): (K to 1 st before marker, M1, K1, sm, M1) four times, K to end. 8 sts increased.

Rnd 3: Knit all sts.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 six more times, until there are a

total of 86 sts. They should be divided up as follows: separated between the markers as 12 sts, marker, 19 sts, marker, 24 sts, marker, 19 sts, marker, 12 sts.

Next round, divide body and arms: K12, slip the next 19 sts onto a piece of scrap yarn, K24, slip the next 19 sts onto a piece of scrap yarn, K12. 48 sts on the needles.

Following round: Knit.

Next round: K11, M1, K2, M1, K22, M1, K2, M1, K11. (52 sts)

Next round: Knit.

Next round: K12, M1, K2, M1,

K24, M1, K2, M1, K12. (56 sts)

Next 8 rounds: Knit.

Next round, divide for first leg: K28, slip next 28 sts onto a piece of scrap yarn, using the backwards loop method, cast (bind) on 2 stitches. (30 sts)

Next 20 rounds: Knit.

Next round, first decrease: (K1, k2tog) around. (20 sts)

Next round: Knit.

Next round, final decrease: k2tog 10 times. (10 sts)

Cut yarn, thread end onto a darning needle, and thread through remaining live sts.





Pull tightly closed and secure. Return the 28 sts from scrap yarn onto the needles, distributing them as evenly as possible. With RS facing, rejoin yarn and knit across the stitches, then using the backwards loop method, cast (bind) on 2 sts at end of last needle. Join for working in the round.

Starting with 20 knit rounds, finish as for the first leg.

To seam hole between the legs, turn your Gingerbread Boy inside out and hold sides of hole together. Make one seam from front to back (or back to front). Turn RS out.

ARMS

Return the first set of 19 sts from scrap yarn onto the needles, distributing them as evenly as possible. With RS

facing, rejoin yarn and knit across the 19 stitches, then pick up and knit 2 sts in the gap under the arm. 21 sts.

Knit 10 rounds.

Next round, decrease: (K1, k2tog) around. (14 sts)

Next round: Knit.

Final round: k2tog 7 times. (7 sts)

Cut yarn, thread end onto a darning needle, and thread through remaining live sts. Pull tightly closed and secure.

Repeat for other arm.

Darn small holes beneath the arms.

HEAD

Beginning just to the right of the first cast (bind) on st, (centre of your Gingerbread Boy's chest), rejoin yarn and pick up and knit 30 sts around

the cast (bind) on edge, placing 10 sts on each of three needles.

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: K7, M1, K2, M1, K12, M1, K2, M1, K7. (34 sts)

Rnd 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: K8, M1, K2, M1, K14, M1, K2, M1, K8. (38 sts)

Rnd 5: Knit.

Rnd 6: K9, m1, K2, m1, K16, m1, K2, m1, K9. (42 sts)

Rnds 7-14: Knit.

Rnd 15: K7, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K16, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K7. (38 sts)

Rnd 16: Knit.

Rnd 17: K6, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K14, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K6. (34 sts)

Rnd 18: Knit.

Rnd 19: K5, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K12, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K5. (30 sts)

Rnd 20: Knit

Rnd 21: K4, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K8, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K4. (26 sts)

Rnd 22: K3, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K8, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K3. (22 sts)

Rnd 23: K2, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K6, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K2. (18 sts)

Rnd 24: K1, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K1. (14 sts)

Cut yarn, thread end onto a darning needle, and thread through remaining live sts. Do not pull closed yet. Stuff your Gingerbread Boy beginning at the bottom of his legs and working upward to the top of his head – you can use a needle to help spread the stuffing evenly through the body and to the ends of arms and legs.

Pull closed and secure.

MAKING UP

Your gingerbread boy can be embellished using any materials you like. This is a chance to show off your creativity!

Buttons, ric-rac, ribbon, etc can be sewn on, or attached with a tiny bit of hot glue. You can even try some fabric paint. Have fun!





PIP THE PENGUIN

Stitch up this sweet little toy in time for Christmas morning

Finished size: 24 x 15cm

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Access to a photocopier
- ❖ Tracing paper and pencil
- ❖ 20cm of 152cm-wide dark grey short pile fur fabric
- ❖ 25 x 25cm square of white short pile fur fabric
- ❖ 25 x 25cm square of gold smooth cuddle plush fabric
- ❖ Two 12mm black safety eyes
- ❖ Matching sewing thread
- ❖ Toy filling
- ❖ Small amount of DK yarn in red (optional)
- ❖ Pair of 4½mm knitting needles (optional)

MAKING PAPER PATTERNS

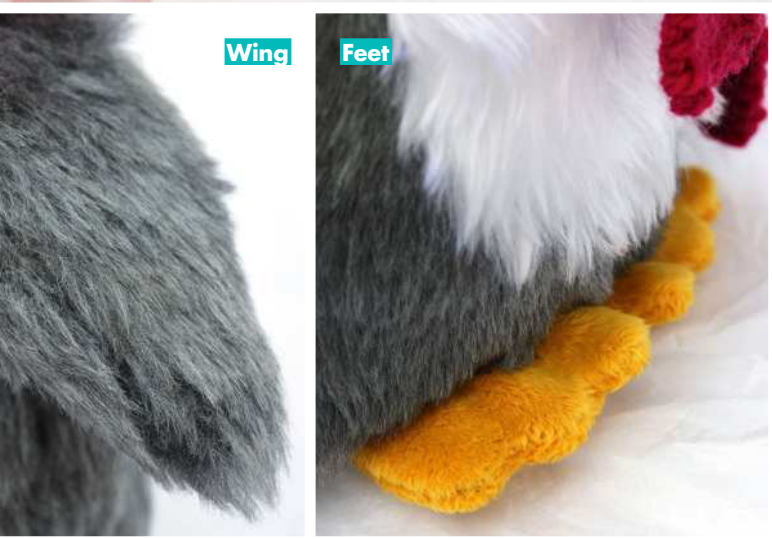
On a photocopier, enlarge the patterns to 215%. Trace the patterns onto tracing paper, placing the upper face, front body, tummy, base, wing, upper beak and lower beak on folded tracing paper, matching the broken lines to the fold. Mark the arrows, notches, crosses and dots. Cut out the patterns and open out flat.

CUTTING OUT

Ensure that the arrows run in the direction of the downward stroke of the fabric. Cut through the backing fabric only. Cut one upper face, front body and base, one pair of back heads and back bodies and two pairs of wings from dark grey fur fabric. Cut one tummy and one pair of side faces from white fur fabric. Cut one upper beak and lower beak and two pairs of feet from gold fabric. Snip the notches and mark the crosses and dots on the wrong side of the pieces with a pencil.

Beak

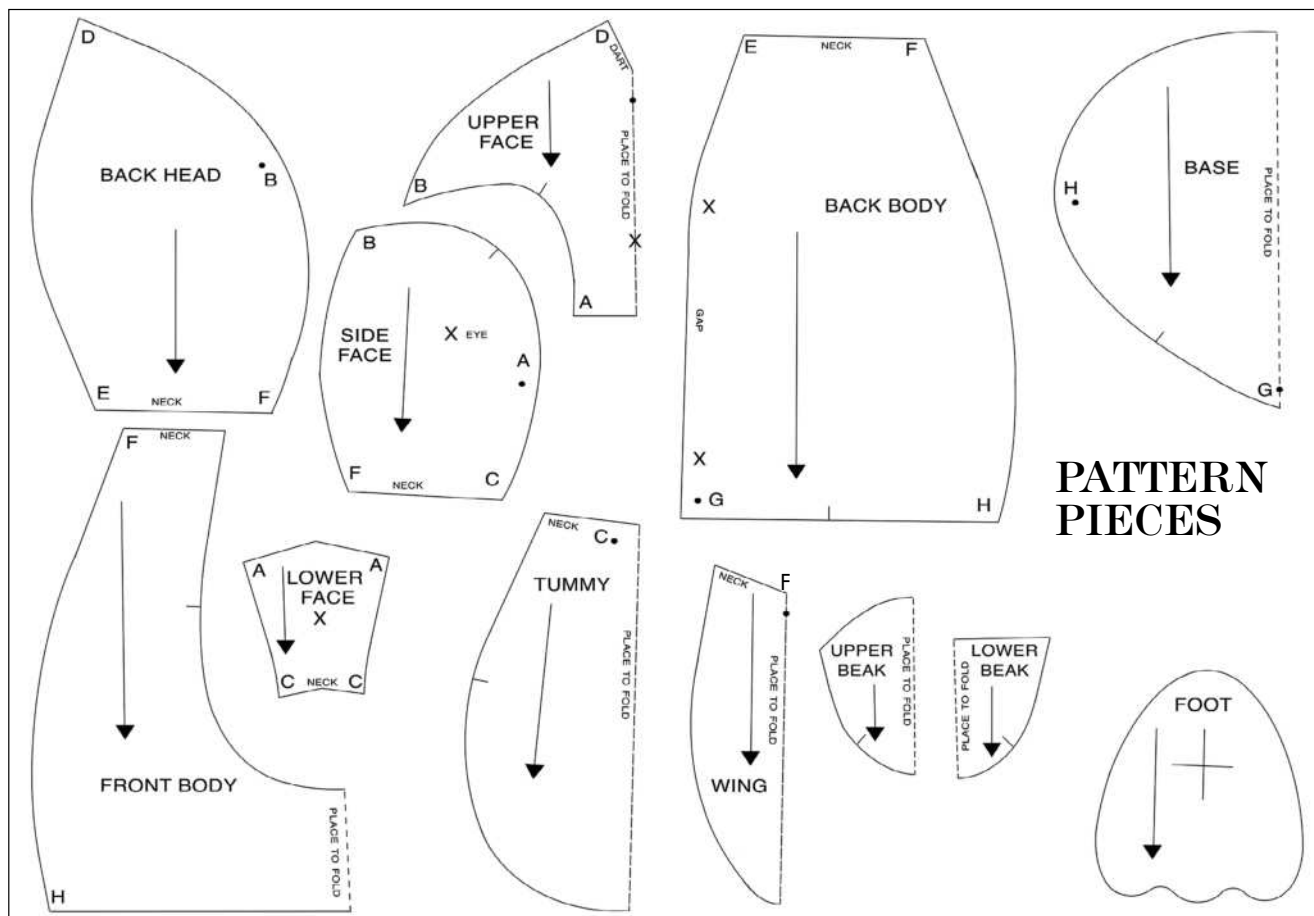




MAKING THE PENGUIN

Note: Take a 6mm seam allowance. Join pieces with right sides together and edges level, matching notches and dots. After stitching, snip the curves along the seam then on the right side use a pin to release any fur caught in the seam.

1 Stitch the lower face to the upper face A-A. Stitch the side faces to the upper face and lower face B-A-C. Fold the upper face in half, stitch the dart from D to the dot. Make a tiny hole at the eye crosses on the side faces. Insert the shank of the toy eyes through the hole from the



PATTERN PIECES

right side. Fix in place on the wrong side with its locking washer, pushing it down as far as it will go.

2 Stitch the back heads together D-E. Stitch the face to the back head F-B-D-B-F. Snip the curves, then turn the head right side out.

3 Stitch the tummy to the front body along the notched edges. Stitch the back bodies together from E to the dot at G, leaving a gap between the crosses.

4 Stitch the front and back bodies together F-H.

5 Pin and stitch the base to the lower edge of the body. Stitch G-H-H-G.

6 Stitch the wings together in pairs, leaving the short upper edge open. Turn right side out.

7 Slip the wings into the body. Pin the wings to the body at the neck edges, matching point F. Slip the head into the body. Tack and stitch E-F-C-C-F-E.

8 Turn the penguin right side out and stuff it evenly. Slipstitch the gap closed.

9 Press under 6mm on the unnotched edges of the upper and lower beaks, tack in place. Pin the beaks together. Stitch the notched edge. Turn the beak right side out. Stuff the beak evenly.

10 With the upper beak uppermost, pin the

beak to the face, matching the centres to the crosses. Pin the tacked edges to the face, use the tips of a pair of scissors to poke in a little more stuffing, if necessary. Hand sew the beak to the face with small, neat stitches, repeat to secure. Remove the tacking. Carefully and sparingly, trim the fur around the top of the eyes.

11 Cut the cross on one pair of feet. Pin each foot with a cross to a plain foot. Stitch the outer edges. Turn right side out. Lightly stuff the front half of the feet. Pin the feet under the

penguin with the cross facing the base and the claws poking out from under the front body. Sew the feet securely to the base.

MAKING THE SCARF

Using 4½mm needles and red wool, cast on 8 sts. Knit every row until the scarf measures 50cm long. Cast off.



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MARTIN THE LIGHT-HEARTED SNOWMAN

A life-like snowman with charcoal buttons, branches as arms and an old bucket like hat

WHAT YOU NEED

- ❖ 3mm hook
- ❖ In this project we have used BBB Filati Full, 100% merino wool, 50g/90m. You will need to use any Aran (worsted weight) yarn, in the following colours: Colour 1: White; 2 balls Colour 2: Orange; oddments Colour 3: Light Grey; oddments Colour 4: Dark Grey or Black; oddments Colour 5: Blue; oddments
- ❖ 8mm toy safety eyes, 1 pair
- ❖ Black thread for stitching the mouth
- ❖ Buttons
- ❖ Pink felt and thread for the cheeks
- ❖ Polyester fibrefill
- ❖ Stitch marker
- ❖ Yarn and embroidery needles

MEASUREMENTS
Approx 22cm tall

PATTERN

HEAD

Crocheted from top to bottom.

Using 3mm hook, in col 1 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 6: (1 dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 7: (1 dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 8: (1 dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (48 sts)

Rnds 9-13: 1 dc in each st. (48 sts)

Rnd 14: (1 dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (54 sts)

Rnds 15-19: 1 dc in each st. (54 sts)

Place the safety eyes between

Rnds 13 and 14. Insert the first eye between 2 stitches, then count 5 holes to the left and insert the second eye in the next hole. Fix the safety eyes with the washers supplied, on the inside of the work.

Rnd 20: (1 dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (48 sts)

Rnd 21: (1 dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 22: (1 dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (36 sts)

Fill about half of the head with fibrefill. Add more fibrefill as the work progresses and make sure it's stuffed quite heavily.

Rnd 23: (1 dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 24: (1 dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 25: (1 dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (18 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn and fasten off.

CARROT NOSE

In col 2 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 1 dc in each st. (6 sts)

Rnd 3: 1 dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st. (7 sts)

Rnd 4: 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts. (8 sts)

Rnd 5: 1 dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st. (9 sts)

Rnd 6: 1 dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 4 sts. (10 sts)

Rnd 7: 1 dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st. (11 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn and fasten off. Add just a tiny bit of fibrefill to the nose and sew it to the face. Cut small round pieces of pink felt and sew them as cheeks to the face. Stitch a mouth using black thread.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

In col 1, make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 6: (1 dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 7: (1 dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 8: (1 dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (48 sts)

Rnd 9: (1 dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (54 sts)

Rnd 10: (1 dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (60 sts)

Rnd 11: (1 dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (66 sts)

Rnds 12-26: 1 dc in each st. (66 sts)

Rnd 27: (1 dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (60 sts)

Rnd 28: (1 dc in next 8 sts,



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dc2tog) 6 times. (54 sts)

Rnd 29: (1 dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (48 sts)

Rnd 30: (1 dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (42 sts)

Fill about half of the body with fibrefill. Add more fibrefill as the work progresses and make sure it's stuffed quite heavily.

Rnds 31-40: 1 dc in each st. (42 sts)

Rnd 41: (1 dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 42: (1 dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 43: (1 dc in next 3 sts,

dc2tog) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 44: (1 dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (18 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn and fasten off. Sew the head and body together.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

In col 1 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in

next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnds 5-8: 1 dc in each st. (24 sts)

Rnd 9: (1 dc in each of next 6 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. (21 sts)

Rnd 10: 1 dc in each st. (21 sts)

Rnd 11: (1 dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 12: 1 dc in each st. (18 sts)

Rnd 13: (1 dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 14: 1 dc in each st. (15 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn and fasten off. Add only a small amount of fibrefill to keep the legs quite soft. Attach the legs to the body, approx 10 stitches apart, at the

same time skipping 11 rounds of the starting point at the bottom of the body.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

The arm starts with making two branches which are later joined into one.

In col 3 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2-4: 1 dc in each st. (6 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn leaving a tail about 10 cm long and fasten off.

Put the piece aside until you prepare the second branch. To

Martin the light-hearted snowman

Rnd 10: 1 dc in each st. (9 sts)

Rnd 11: (1 dc in next st, dc2tog) 3 times. (6 sts)

Rnds 12-13: 1 dc in each st. (6 sts)

Change to col 1.

Rnd 14: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 15: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 16-18: 1 dc in each st. (18 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn and fasten off. Fill the white part of the arm with fibrefill.

Sew the arms to the body leaving enough room for the scarf.

HAT

In col 4 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5 (blo): 1 dcblo in each st. (24 sts)

Rnd 6: 1 dc in each st. (24 sts)

Rnd 7: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 8: 1 dc in each st. (30 sts)

Rnd 9: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 10: 1 dc in each st. (36 sts)

Rnd 11: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 12: 1 dc in each st. (42 sts)

Rnd 13 (flo): 1 dcflo in each st. (42 sts)

Stitch an edging using col 3. Work double crochet around the edge stitches skipping every second stitch of the last round.

Fill the hat with fibrefill and sew onto the head using the back loops left unworked on the last round.

SCARF

Work in rows and in the back loops throughout the piece.

In col 5 ch 4.

Row 1: 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in each of next 2 ch, turn. (3 sts)

Row 2 (blo): Ch 1 (not counted as a st, 1 dcblo in next 3 sts. (3 sts)

Repeat Rnd 2 until the scarf is long enough to tie around your snowmans neck.

Cut yarn and fasten off. Weave in ends.

do this, rep Rnds 1-4. Without cutting the yarn continue on the second piece:

Rnds 5-7: 1 dc in each st. (6 sts)

Rnd 8: Now join the pieces together. Continuing with the second piece, 1 dc in each of next 6 sts. Continue around the first piece starting with the first st in what would have been the next round and work 1 dc in the each of next 6 sts. You should now have 12 sts. Continue to work in a spiral without joining each round.

Rnd 9: (1 dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. (9 sts)







Sweet Christmas buddies

SWEET CHRISTMAS BUDDIES

Spend a fun afternoon making these unique ornaments to decorate your home, to give them as a gift or make someone happy!

WHAT YOU NEED

- In these project we have used Red Heart Super Saver and Lion Brand Vanna's Choice. See each project for colours needed.
- 6mm toy safety eyes; 1 pair per project
- Embroidery thread: pink, black, white, brown, dark brown.
- Fibrefill
- Pipe cleaner for candy canes
- Yarn needle

MEASUREMENTS

Gingerbear Boy & Girl: 14 x 10 cm
Hot Chocolate with Marshmallow: 9 x 7.5 cm
Christmas Pudding: 9 x 5 cm
Candy Cane: 11.5 x 6 cm

GINGERBEAR BOY AND GIRL

YARN YOU NEED

Colour 1: Brown; 1 ball
Colour 2: Beige; oddment
Colour 3: White; 1 ball
Colour 4: Light Blue; oddment
Colour 5: Light Green; oddment
Colour 6: Red; oddment

PATTERN (GINGER BEARS)

HEAD AND BODY

Using 2.75mm hook, in col 1 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnds 6-9: 1 dc in each st. (30 sts)

Fix safety eyes (6mm) in Rnd 7, 2-3 stitches apart.

Rnd 10: (1 dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 11: (1 dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 12: (1 dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 13: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 14: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 15: 1 dc in each st. (24 sts)

Rnd 16: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnds 17-19: 1 dc in each st. (30 sts)

Rnd 20: (1 dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 21: (1 dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (18 sts)

Add fibrefill before closing.

Rnd 22: (1 dc in next st, dc2tog)

6 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 23: (dc2tog) 6 times. (6 sts)

Ss in next st, fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

In col 1 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Ss in next st, fasten off.

No fibrefill is needed.

SNOUT

In col 2 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 1 dc in each st. (6 sts)

Ss in next st, fasten off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

In col 1 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 3: 1 Puff st in the next st, 1 dc in next 8 sts. (9 sts)

Change to col 3.

Rnd 4: 1 dc in each st. (9 sts)

Change to col 1.

Rnds 5-8: 1 dc in each st. (9 sts)

Ss in next st, fasten off.

No fibrefill is needed.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

In col 1 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 3: 1 dc in each st. (9 sts)

Change to col 3.

Rnd 4: 1 dc in each st. (9 sts)

Change to col 1.

Rnds 5-8: 1 dc in each st. (9 sts)

Ss in next st, fasten off.

Fill the legs with fibrefill before sewing.

BUTTON (MAKE 2)

In col 4 or col 5 (make one in each colour) make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 4 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (4 sts)



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GINGERBEAR GIRL

Follow same pattern as Gingerbear Boy, but work Rnd 20 of the body in BLO.

SKIRT

In col 6, ss in the spare front loops of Rnd 20.

Rnd 1: 1 dc in each st. (30 sts)

Rnd 2: (2 tr in each of the next 2 sts, ss in the next st) 10 times.

Fasten off. Weave the tail inside the bear.

Crochet one button (as given for Gingerbear Boy) in col 5.

FINISHING

Embroider the nose and the mouth with light brown thread on the snout.

Sew one button to the belly of the bear.

Add a hanging loop for the Christmas tree.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MARSHMALLOW

YARN YOU NEED

Colour 3: White; oddment
Colour 7: Light Green;
1 ball
Colour 8: Dark Brown;
oddment

PATTERN (HOT CHOCOLATE)

CUP

Using 2.75mm hook, in col 7 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 (blo): 1 dcblo in each st. (18 sts)

Rnd 5: (1 dc in next st, dc2tog) 6

times. (12 sts)

Rnd 6: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 7: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 8: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnds 9-15: 1 dc in each st. (30 sts)
Ss in next st, fasten off.

Fix toy safety eyes between Rnds 11 and 12.

HANDLE

In col 7 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 4 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (4 sts)

Rnds 2-9: 1 dc in each st. (4 sts)
Ss in next st, fasten off.

No fibrefill is needed.

CHOCOLATE

In col 8 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)

Ss in next st, fasten off.

MARSHMALLOW

In col 3 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 (blo): 1 dcblo in each st. (18 sts)

Rnds 5-7: 1 dc in each st. (18 sts)
Ss in next st, fasten off.

Fix toy safety eyes between Rnds 4 and 5.

FINISHING

Sew the handle to the cup between Rnds 9 and 14.

Sew the marshmallow to the top of the chocolate.

Sew the chocolate to the cup, stuff before closing the seam.

Embroider the mouth on the cup with white thread between the eyes, making two diagonal back stitches.

Embroider the cheeks with pink thread next to each eye.

Add a hanging loop.

For the marshmallow cut the shape of a half circle on pink felt and glue it between the eyes.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

YARN YOU NEED

Colour 3: White; oddment
Colour 6: Red; oddment
Colour 8: Dark Brown;
1 ball
Colour 9: Green; oddment

PATTERN (CHRISTMAS PUDDING)

PUDDING

Using 2.75mm hook, in col 8 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5: (1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 6 (blo): 1 dcblo in each st. (30 sts)

Rnds 7-13: 1 dc in each st. (30 sts)

Fix toy safety eyes between Rnds 10 and 11.

Rnd 14: (1 dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 15: 1 dc in each st. (24 sts)

Rnd 16: (1 dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 17: (1 dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. (12 sts)

Place the fibrefill inside the piece.

Rnd 18: (dc2tog) 6 times. (6 sts)
Ss in next st, fasten off.

ICING

In col 3 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5: (2 tr in each of next 2 sts, ss in each of next 2 sts) 6 times. (36 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.

CHERRY

In col 6 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)





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Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 4: (dc2tog) 6 times. (6 sts)

Place the fibrefill inside the piece.

Ss in next st, cut yarn and leave long tail.

Insert the needle into the cherry passing through to the other side. Cut the remainder of the thread leaving a little stem as decoration.

LITTLE HOLLY LEAF

Rnd 1 (RS): 1 htr in 3rd ch from hook, 1 tr in next ch, 1 tr in next ch, 1 ss in next ch, 1 htr in next ch, 1 htr in next ch, 3 dc in next ch, now rotate your piece to work along the opposite side of chain, 1 htr in next ch, 1 htr in next ch, ss in next ch, 1 tr in next ch, 1 tr in next ch, 1 htr in next ch, ss to first st to join. (15 sts)

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew the cherry and holly leaf to the top of the icing.

Sew the icing to the top of the pudding.

Embroider the mouth on the pudding with white thread between the eyes, making two diagonal back stitches.

Embroider the cheeks with pink thread next to each eye.

Add a hanging loop.

CANDY CANE

YARN YOU NEED

Colour 3: White; 1 ball
Colour 6: Red; 1 ball

PATTERN (CANDY CANE)

You will need a pipe cleaner for this project.

Note: Don't cut the yarn when

making the colour changes, carry it along the side of your work instead.

Place the pipe cleaner inside the candy cane between Rnds 4 and 6. It's too difficult to do it when you're finished.

Using 2.75mm hook, in col 3 make a magic ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 6 dc into the ring and pull ring tight to close. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 (blo): 1 dcblo in each st. (12 sts)

Change to col 6.

Rnds 4-6: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Change to col 3.

Rnds 7-9: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Change to col 6.

Rnds 10-12: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Fix safety eyes in Rnd 11.

Change to col 3.

Rnds 13-15: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Change to col 6.

Rnds 16-18: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Change to col 3.

Rnds 19-21: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Change to col 6.

Rnds 22-24: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Change to col 3.

Rnds 25-27: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Change to col 6.

Rnds 28-29: 1 dc in each st. (12 sts)

Place the filling inside the piece.

Rnd 30: (Dc2tog) 6 times. (6 sts)

Ss in next st, cut yarn and leave a long tail for finishing.

FINISHING

Bend the candy cane with your hands until you get the desired shape, the pipe cleaner is a perfect tool for this project. Using the tail of the red yarn, insert the tapestry needle inside the candy cane, and bring it out at one stitch from Rnd 23 or 24. Sew the bend to secure in place, this way the curve will be more noticeable. Hide the tail inside the piece.

Cut the shape of a small half circle in pink felt and glue it to the face.

Embroider the cheeks with pink thread next to each eye.

Note: Try same pattern in col 3 and col 7 for a Minty candy cane.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Don't just record your Christmas experience; create decorations as part of the design that can be lifted out and hung on the tree

Creative titles

Don't fall into the trap of always having titles placed on the page – here we have incorporated it onto our advent door.

Age paper

You can emulate the look of an old book by printing text onto paper and then using a wet tea bag to dab over the top, making it look older.

Mimic a real-world effect

If you are including a decoration that can be found in real life, make it look as realistic as possible. We stained our recipe to suggest years of use.





Recycle materials

You don't always have to buy embellishments – these presents were made out of old wrapping paper, and the ribbon was taken from a cracker.



Paper for foliage

It's really easy to create glorious festive foliage. All you need is some crêpe paper, a pair of scissors, a quick twist of the fingers and some floral tape.

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Gifts

Christmas has got to be the mother of all scrapbooking possibilities. For this project, we're going to try something different, though. Rather than just display photos and use embellishments, we're going to create objects that not only work as page decoration, but can also be used as tree decorations! The idea is that you and your loved ones create decorations every year, culminating not only in a scrapbook where you can relive the memories of past

Christmases, but also as a collection of personalised decorations. We're using polymer clay and a glue gun for our ones.

For the rest of the design, we're going to twist crêpe paper so it looks like pine needles, and create Christmas presents from wrapping paper. Other page decoration comes in the form of paper trees made from printouts of *A Christmas Carol* that have been made to look aged; an advent door to display a

photo; an envelope with a list for Santa; and a hot-chocolate recipe that has been stained to suggest years of use.



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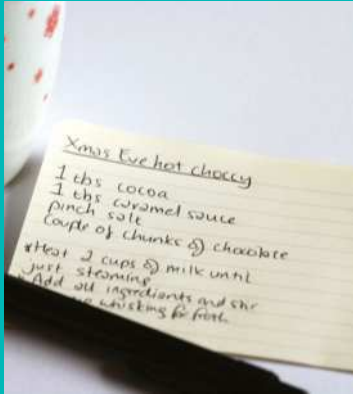


CRAFT PAPER TREES

There are lots of crafts that take old books and perform some trickery to transform the pages into something decorative. However, even if you buy secondhand, you might still balk at the idea of ripping up a book. Thankfully, the internet has lots of books that can be accessed for free, so you can hunt down some Christmas texts, print them out, and then merrily rip, cut, glue and fold without harming a book in the process.

Since we are on a festive kick here, we paid a visit to Project Gutenberg (gutenberg.org) in order to access the online version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. We simply printed out some favourite parts. You could print onto paper that is either coloured or has some kind of decoration already applied, but we went old-school for our aged effect. All you have to do is place your printouts on a towel or waterproof surface. Wipe over the paper with a wet paper towel to moisten it, then pour a small amount of warm water in a cup. Grab a tea bag, dip it in the cup and then dab over the moistened paper. Once dry, cut out tree shapes in a variety of sizes.

MAKE A STAINED RECIPE



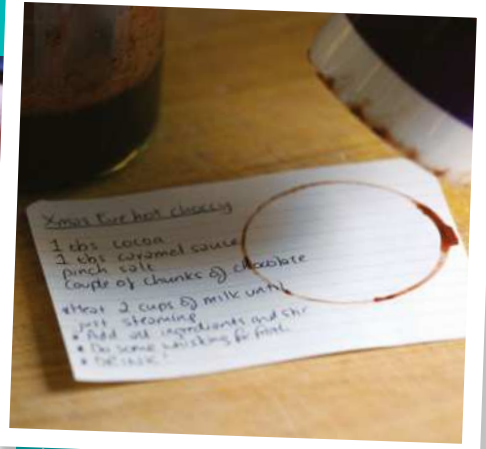
STEP 1

Use your favourite font to print your recipe on a piece of paper. If you have nice handwriting, feel free to scribble away instead; this can also add a nice handmade feel to the project.



STEP 2

Grab a glass or mug and put in a small amount of cocoa – approximately a teaspoon. Add some water to it to make a darkish mixture. Use some kitchen towel or a brush to dab it onto the bottom of a mug.



STEP 3

Use the cocoa-dabbed mug like a stamp, pressing it onto your recipe card to give it an aged look. You can also rub small bits of cocoa in if you're really messy!

PRODUCE GLUE-GUN SNOWFLAKES

A glue gun is a truly wonderful tool when it comes to scrapbooking, but it can be used for more than just sticking stuff down. Here we are going to use it to make some snowflake decorations.

The first step is to get some baking parchment, then draw out a snowflake design on it. You can do this freehand if you're pretty good at drawing or, if you're not a very confident artist, simply head online to find any design that you like or suits your page. Just make sure that it is a relatively straightforward design, and – if you want to be truly authentic – a six-sided snowflake.

Simply pop your design under the baking parchment, then get your glue gun ready. A low temperature will be just perfect. If it's too hot, you could melt the parchment! Carefully trace over the design. When it is dry, snip away any straggly bits, then paint with glue. Now sprinkle on the glitter!

Wait for it to dry, then glue a paper clip that has been opened up (so it looks like the letter 'S') onto the back of the decoration. This will work as a hanger. It is also a good idea to seal the glitter – Mod Podge is perfect for this.

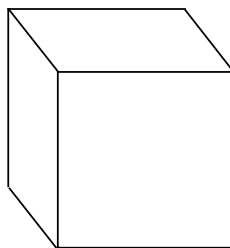


WRAP UP SOME PRESENTS

Companies know that people lose all sense when it comes to Christmas, which is why your local craft store will be heaving under the weight of ridiculously cute Christmas scrapbook embellishments. While some will be impossible to resist, you can make your own using materials you already have.

Take our wrapped presents. They are simply made from wrapping paper and ribbon, of which you probably have loads! Draw different-sized cubes on some cardboard to use as a template. Trace around one of these on your wrapping paper, then cut out the shape. If you find your wrapping paper is a bit flimsy, use the template to cut out some thin card (a cereal box works well) and stick the paper on that. Use a pen to draw the perspective lines on the present, and cut some ribbon for each edge. You can either measure this or do it by eye by holding the ribbon up to the present and then cutting. Once cut, glue it to the present. Finish off with a bow.

If you can't draw a cube, a quick search online will reveal lots of images to use as reference. Once you have a good stash of presents, stick them in your scrapbook!

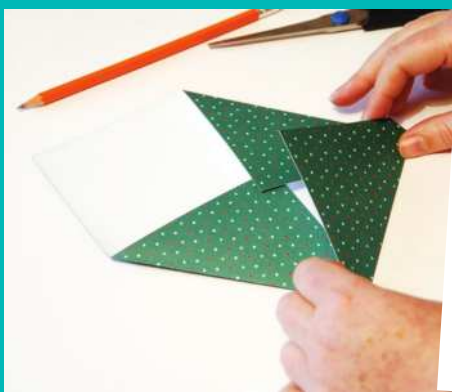


CREATE AN ENVELOPE



STEP 1

Turn a square piece of paper, so you have a point at the top and bottom. Fold the top and bottom points towards the middle and press down on the folds.



STEP 2

Turn the paper 90 degrees and bring up the bottom point to the middle. Press down on the fold and then fold the point back a bit. Use double-sided tape along the edges so it sticks to the two triangles from the first step.



STEP 3

Fold the remaining point down to the middle and tuck it in to secure the envelope. Now decorate it as you wish – just don't forget the list for Santa!

MAKE CRÊPE-PAPER FOLIAGE

When it comes to Christmas decorations, foliage plays a big part, from garlands strewn over mantelpieces to fresh wreaths hanging on doors. You can incorporate this effect in your scrapbook quite easily by getting creative with paper.

There are loads of online tutorials showing how to create realistic foliage and flowers from paper. In our example here, we used crêpe paper to make foliage that looks like a cross between pine needles and conifers. It all starts with a roll of crêpe streamer bought from Amazon (you should also find them in party stores, or alternatively just buy sheets of crêpe paper and cut them into 7cm-wide strips). Cut off about 20cm-long sections, then fold in half and half again. With some sharp scissors, cut a fringe all the way along, leaving about half a centimetre from the top. You can vary the gap between each cut, but about 1cm works well.

Now twist each section of the fringe between your thumb and forefinger. When finished, use a piece of floral wire to wrap the strip down it. Keep the wrapping tight, and when finished, use some floral tape to secure, then carefully slide the whole thing off the floral wire. You can adjust the length of strip for shorter or longer sections, but if you go over about 8cm, you should leave it on the wire for stability.



GET IMAGINATIVE WITH PHOTOS

Try new ways of photographing your Christmas to ensure you capture the entire experience



Pets and Christmas are a great combination, so when you come to put up your decorations, keep your camera handy for any photo opportunities. Try using a burst mode to capture a series of action shots.



It's natural to focus on people when photographing Christmas, but some objects can fill you with the festive spirit. It might be a certain decoration, a roaring fire, some cookies... whatever it is, take a photo of it!



Don't forget the outdoors. Whether it's a woodland walk to forage for pinecones, or visiting a Christmas market, it all helps capture the festive memories.

MAKE A DECORATION

When you want something durable but easy to decorate, polymer clay is the perfect solution. Here's how to use it for a unique Christmas tree decoration



STEP 1: ROLL THE CLAY

Break off a piece of the clay and roll it around in your fingers for a bit, just to warm it up and make it more pliable. You need to roll it to a thickness of about 5mm. You can do this either with a rolling pin or a wine bottle! Polymer clay isn't food safe, so make sure that whatever you roll it out with is used just for this task.



STEP 2: CREATE A SHAPE

Once the clay is rolled, it's time to stamp! Cookie cutters are ideal for this, as are cutters used for fondant icing. Cut out your shape, then use a skewer to create a hole at the top for the thread. First insert the skewer, then gently rock it outwards for a slightly larger hole.



STEP 4: BAKE IT

Follow the instructions for your brand of clay regarding cooking times and temperatures. Once cooked and cooled, it's time to decorate! Use anything from paint and glitter to sticking stuff on; it's up to you! To make this a keepsake, though, ensure you put the year it was made somewhere.



STEP 3: MAKE A MINI OVEN

Polymer clay needs to bake at a low temperature to harden up. If you are using your home oven, get two foil trays. Line one with parchment paper and carefully put your cut piece of clay onto it. Now put the other tray over the top, so you make a kind of mini oven. This keeps any clay fumes out of your oven.



STEP 5: VARNISH AND HANG

To protect your decoration for years to come, apply some varnish once your decoration is dry. Most polymer clay manufacturers will produce varnish in a variety of finishes, so pick the one you want and apply. Once dry, thread some ribbon through the hole or use a wire hook and hang on your tree.

TYPES OF GLUE

It can get confusing trying to work out which glue to use for different materials. You can ruin the look of a surface if you don't use the correct one. For example, paper only needs a thin layer of glue, whereas shells and beads need a thicker layer to hold them onto the page. When gluing objects into your book, use a glue gun, as the glue is thicker and can secure heavier objects with ease. Spray mount is the best glue for holding card or paper, as the thin glaze doesn't show through to the front of the surface.

ADD SOME SPARKLE

Sequins are ideal for capturing the sparkle of Christmas, and are a great way of adding twinkle to your scrapbook. We have used them as a garland, which is very simple to do. Rather than trying to knot each sequin onto thread, simply cut a

piece of thread to the length you want, attach a needle, then use that to thread sequins onto your cotton. Now place glue dots behind each sequin where you want it to be on the page, and push down.

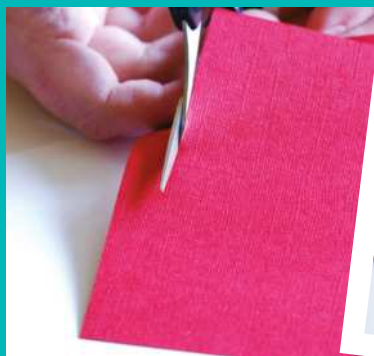


DESIGN YOUR DOOR



STEP 1

Cut out a rectangle from some cardboard, and cut out a photo slightly smaller. This will be the inside of the door. Glue them together with a pH-neutral glue.



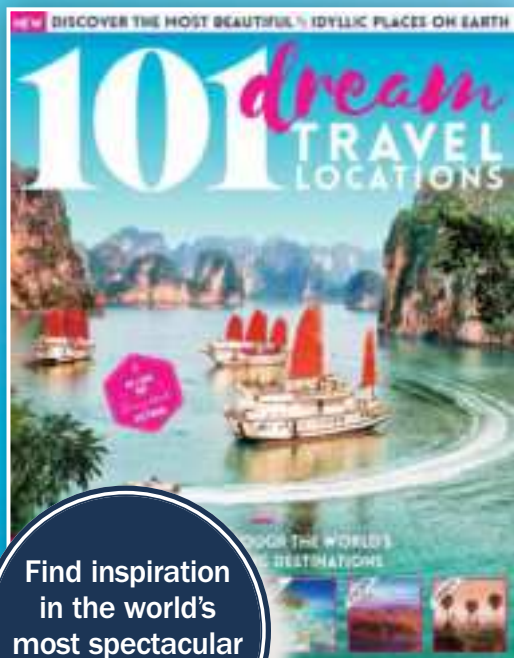
STEP 2

Cut out a rectangle in the card you're using for the front. Measure a small distance in from the top and sides, and mark it. Find the middle and cut up to the top line, then across the top line. Fold back on the side marks.



STEP 3

Use a brad for the door handle, and then decorate the door however you want to. When you've finished, stick over the photo.



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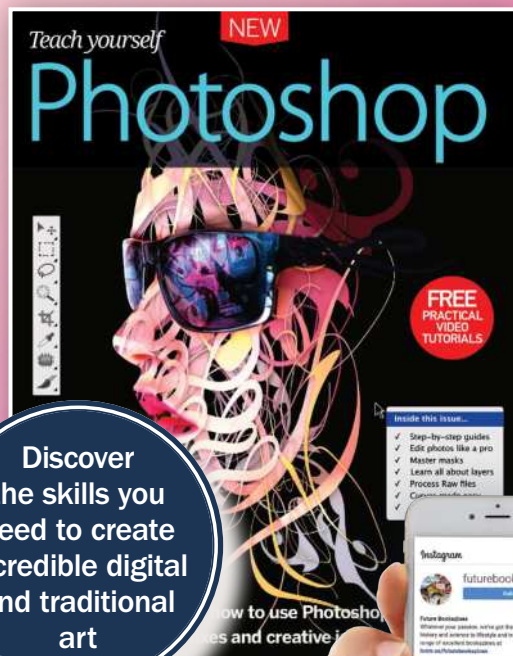
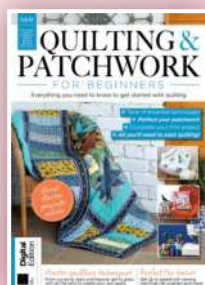


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