

CHRISTMAS BAUBLES

KNITTING PATTERNS BY AMANDA BERRY

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YARN + NOTIONS

Needles:

- A pair of 3.75mm straight knitting needles (US 5)
- Two 3.5mm DPNs to knit the antlers (US 4)

Notions:

- Toy filling (less than 100g)
- A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together
- Black embroidery thread to add the mouths, and a sewing needle
- *Optional:* Blusher to emphasise the cheeks

Yarn:

DK weight yarns; less than 30g in each colour:



Blue	Hayfield Bonus DK in "Royal"
Dark Brown	Hayfield Bonus DK in "Chocolate"
Light Brown	Hayfield Bonus DK in "Walnut"
Green	Hayfield Bonus DK in "Emerald"
Pink	Hayfield Bonus DK in "Flesh Tone"
Purple	Hayfield Bonus DK in "Orchid Pink"
Red	Hayfield Bonus DK in "Signal Red"
White	Hayfield Bonus DK in "White"
Yellow	Hayfield Bonus DK in "Sunflower"



NOTES

Finished size: The bauble is approximately 5.5cm diameter

Work flat: All pieces are knitted flat (back and forth) on a pair of straight knitting needles, apart from the reindeer antlers which are i-cord pieces worked on two DPNs.

Tension: The tension is approximately 22 sts x 28 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 3.75mm needles. Don't worry too much about tension for this pattern.

Casting on: Unless otherwise specified, use the long tail cast on for all pieces.

Sewing seams: Use mattress stitch to sew the seams.

Yarns: The yarn used was sold in skeins weighing 100g, and one skein in each colour will be more than sufficient. You only need a small amount of yellow yarn for the robin's beak.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx Approximately

DK Double knitting or light worsted weight yarn

DPN(s) Double pointed needle(s)

i-cord A knitted tube worked on two DPNs

k Knit

k2tog Decrease: knit two stitches together

kfb Increase: knit into the front and back of the stitch.

LH Left hand

p Purl

Pull through to cast off

Cut the yarn leaving at least a 30cm tail. Thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the remaining sts on the knitting needle. Pull the sts off the knitting needle on to the yarn, gather together tightly and secure the yarn.

rep Repeat

rem Remaining

RH Right hand

RS Right side

slip Slip the stitch purl-wise from one needle to the other without knitting or purling the stitch.

st(s) Stitch(es)

WS Wrong side

[...] Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated.

(.. sts) The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row.

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Santa

SANTA HEAD

Make 1. Start at the top of the bauble. Cast on 8 sts in pink on straight 3.75mm needles.

Row 1: p (8 sts, WS)

Row 2: k1, [kfb] x 7 (15 sts, RS)

Row 3: p (15 sts)

Row 4: k1, [kfb, k1] x 7 (22 sts)

Row 5: p (22 sts)

Row 6: k1, [kfb, k2] x 7 (29 sts)

Row 7: p (29 sts)

Row 8: k1, [kfb, k3] x 7 (36 sts)

Row 9: p (36 sts)

Row 10: k (36 sts)

Row 11: p (36 sts)

Rows 12 to 15: rep rows 10 and 11 twice (36 sts)

Row 16: k1, [k2tog, k3] x 7 (29 sts)

Row 17: p (29 sts)

Row 18: k1, [k2tog, k2] x 7 (22 sts)

Row 19: p (22 sts)

Row 20: k1, [k2tog, k1] x 7 (15 sts)

Row 21: p (15 sts)

Row 22: k1, [k2tog] x 7 (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

SANTA NOSE

Make 1. Cast on 4 sts in pink on straight 3.75mm needles.

Row 1: p (4 sts, WS)

Row 2: kfb, k2, kfb (6 sts, RS)

Row 3: p (6 sts)

Row 4: kfb, k4, kfb (8 sts)

Row 5: p (8 sts)

Row 6: k2tog, k4, k2tog (6 sts)

Row 7: p (6 sts)

Row 8: k2tog, k2, k2tog (4 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

When casting off, leave a long yarn tail (about 40cm) which you can use to make up the nose.

SANTA BEARD

Make 1. Start at the top of the beard. Cast on 20 sts in white on straight 3.75mm needles.

Rows 1 to 3: k (20 sts)

Row 4: k1, k2tog, k the rem sts (19 sts)

Rows 5 to 20: rep row 4 sixteen times (3 sts)

Row 21: k1, k2tog (2 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

SANTA HAT

Make 1. Start at the brim of the hat. Cast on 40 sts in white on straight 3.75mm needles.

Work rows 1 to 2 in white.

Row 1: k (40 sts, RS)

Row 2: k (40 sts, WS)

Work rows 3 to 15 in red.

Row 3: k (40 sts)

Row 4: p (40 sts)

Row 5: k (40 sts)

Row 6: p (40 sts)

Row 7: k1, [k2tog, k11] x 3 (37 sts)

Row 8: p (37 sts)

Row 9: k1, [k2tog, k4] x 6 (31 sts)

Row 10: p (31 sts)

Row 11: k1, [k2tog, k3] x 6 (25 sts)

Row 12: p (25 sts)

Row 13: k1, [k2tog, k2] x 6 (19 sts)

Row 14: p (19 sts)

Row 15: k1, [k2tog] x 9 (10 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Snowman

SNOWMAN HEAD

Make 1. Start at the top of the bauble. Cast on 8 sts in white on straight 3.75mm needles.

Rows 1 to 22: in white follow the Santa head pattern rows 1 to 22 (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

SNOWMAN NOSE

Make 1. Cast on 4 sts in light brown on straight 3.75mm needles.

Rows 1 to 8: in light brown follow the Santa nose pattern rows 1 to 8 (4 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

When casting off, leave a long yarn tail (about 40cm) which you can use to make up the nose.

SNOWMAN HAT

Make 1. Start at the brim of the hat. Cast on 40 sts in purple on straight 3.75mm needles.

Row 1: [k1, p1] x 20 (40 sts, RS)

Row 2: rep row 1 (40 sts, WS)

Rows 3 to 15: in purple follow the snowman hat pattern rows 3 to 15 (10 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Rudolph

RUDOLPH HEAD

Make 1. Start at the top of the bauble. Cast on 8 sts in light brown on straight 3.75mm needles.

Rows 1 to 22: in light brown follow the Santa head pattern rows 1 to 22 (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

RUDOLPH NOSE

Make 1. Cast on 4 sts in red on straight 3.75mm needles.

Rows 1 to 8: in red follow the Santa nose pattern rows 1 to 8 (4 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

When casting off, leave a long yarn tail (about 40cm) which you can use to make up the nose.

RUDOLPH HAT

Make 1. Start at the brim of the hat. Cast on 40 sts in green on straight 3.75mm needles.

Row 1: [k1, p1] x 20 (40 sts, RS)

Row 2: rep row 1 (40 sts, WS)

Rows 3 to 15: in green follow the snowman hat pattern rows 3 to 15 (10 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

RUDOLPH ANTLERS

Each of the antlers is made from one long i-cord piece and one short i-cord piece.

Long Antler

Make 2. Cast on 4 sts in dark brown on a 3.5mm DPN.

Using two 3.5mm DPNs, knit i-cord for 10 rows.

Pull through to cast off.

Short Antler

Make 2. Cast on 3 sts in dark brown on a 3.5mm DPN.

Using two 3.5mm DPNs, knit i-cord for 5 rows.

Pull through to cast off.

Robin

ROBIN BODY

Make 1. Start at the top of the bauble. Cast on 8 sts in light brown on straight 3.75mm needles.

Rows 1 to 22: in light brown follow the Santa head pattern rows 1 to 22 (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

ROBIN BEAK

Make 1. Cast on 3 sts in yellow on straight 3.75mm needles using the cable cast of method.

Cast off all sts to make a small strip of knitting.

ROBIN HAT

Make 1. Start at the brim of the hat. Cast on 40 sts in white on straight 3.75mm needles.

Work rows 1 to 2 in white.

Row 1: k (40 sts, RS)

Row 2: k (40 sts, WS)

Work rows 3 to 15 in blue.

Rows 3 to 15: in blue follow the Santa hat pattern rows 3 to 15 (10 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

ROBIN TUMMY

Make 1. Cast on 24 sts in red on straight 3.75mm needles

Row 1: p (24 sts, WS)

Row 2: [k2tog] x12 (12 sts)

Row 3: p (12 sts)

Row 4: [k2tog] x 6 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Pudding

PUDDING

Make 1. Start at the top of the bauble. Cast on 8 sts in white on straight 3.75mm needles.

Work rows 1 to 10 in white.

Rows 1 to 10: in white follow the Santa head pattern rows 1 to 10 (36 sts)

Work rows 11 and 12 in white and light brown using Fair-Isle (stranded) colour-work.

Row 11: in white p1, in light brown p1, [in white p3, in light brown p1] x 8, in white p2 (36 sts, WS)

Row 12: [in white k1, in light brown k3] x 9 (36 sts, RS)

Work rows 13 to 22 in light brown.

Rows 13 to 22: in light brown follow the Santa head pattern rows 13 to 22 (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

HOLLY LEAVES

Make 2. Cast on 5 sts in green on straight 3.75mm needles using the cable cast of method.

Step 1: Cast off the first 2 sts (3 sts)

Step 2: You should have one stitch on the RH needle and 2 sts on the LH needle. Slip the one stitch on the RH needle back onto the LH needle, so there are 3 sts on the LH needle (3 sts)

Step 3: Cast on 4 sts using the cable cast on method (7 sts)

Step 4: Cast off the first 2 sts (5 sts)

Step 5: You should have one stitch on the RH needle and 4 sts on the LH needle. Slip the one stitch on the RH needle back onto the LH needle, so there are 5 sts on the LH needle (5 sts)

Step 6: Cast on 4 sts using the cable cast on method (9 sts)

Step 7: Cast off the first 3 sts (6 sts)

Step 8: You should have one stitch on the RH needle and 5 sts on the LH needle. Slip the one stitch on the RH needle back onto the LH needle, so there are 6 sts on the LH needle (6 sts)

Step 9: Cast on 2 sts using the cable cast on method (8 sts)

Step 10: Cast off the first 4 sts (4 sts)

Step 11: You should have one stitch on the RH needle and 3 sts on the LH needle. Slip the one stitch on the RH needle back onto the LH needle, so there are 4 sts on the LH needle (4 sts)

Step 12: Cast on 2 sts using the cable cast on method (6 sts)

Cast off all sts.

HOLLY BERRY

Make 1. Cast on 4 sts in red on straight 3.75mm needles.

Rows 1 to 8: in red follow the Santa nose pattern rows 1 to 8 (4 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

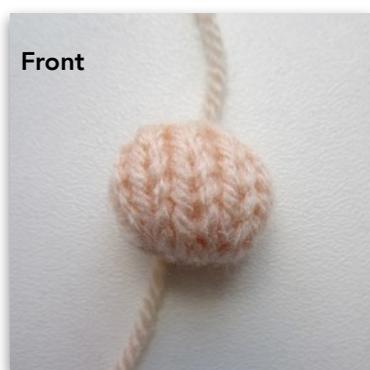
When casting off, leave a long yarn tail (about 40cm) which you can use to make up the berry.

MAKING UP

Santa

Head: Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew. Gather the cast on sts together at the top of the head to finish. Note that the seam runs down the centre back of the head.

Nose: Using the yarn tail from the cast off, sew a running stitch around the outside edges of the knitted piece, pull the yarn to gather together the edges to make a small ball for the nose with the right side facing outwards. Add a wee bit of stuffing to the inside of the nose then sew the gathered edges closed. Sew this gathered edge to the centre front of the head.



Beard: The cast on edge is the top of the beard. Wrap the beard around the front of the head and under the nose. Sew the ends of the cast on edge onto the side of the head to keep it in place.

Hat: The cast off sts are the top of the hat. Sew the side edges together (this seam runs down the back of the hat). Place onto the head and sew in place.

Moustache: Cut four 8cm lengths of white yarn. Tie another piece of white yarn firmly around the middle of the strands. Trim the strands so they are 3.5cm long on each side. Sew the centre of the moustache under the nose.

Snowman

Head, nose and hat: Make up as per the Santa instructions.

Finishing: Add a spot of blusher to the cheeks. Embroider the smiley mouth in black embroidery thread.

Robin

Body and hat: Make up as per the Santa head instructions.

Tummy: Sew the side edges together to make a circular shape. Sew this onto the front of the body.

Beak: Sew one end of the little strip of knitting to the front of the body, just above the tummy.

Pudding

Pudding: Make up as per the Santa head instructions.

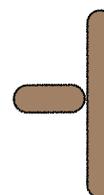
Holly leaves: Sew one end of the leaf (the end with the cast on and cast off tails) onto the top of the pudding.

Holly berry: Make up as per the Santa nose instructions. Sew onto the top of the pudding.

Rudolph

Head, nose and hat: Make up as per the Santa instructions.

Antlers: Sew one short antler to the centre of one long antler (see diagram below). Sew this onto the top of the head (on top of the hat).



Finishing: Add a spot of blusher to the cheeks. Embroider the smiley mouth in black embroidery thread.

To hang your finished baubles, sew a length of yarn through the top of the bauble and tie the ends in a knot to make a hanging loop.