

Santa Doll

Materials

In 8ply allow 25grms (1 oz) of red and oddments of flesh, white and black. No.11 (3mm)(USA2) knitting needles; toy stuffing.

Tension & Size

Worked at a tension of 26 stitches and 36 rows to 10 x 10cm over stocking stitch, using No.11(3mm) needles throughout.

Height: From base to top of hat 17.5cms (6.5/8") not including legs.

Head: 17cms (6.5/8") around centre

Waist: 21cms (8.1/4") around centre

Abbreviations

K: knit; **p:** purl, **st(sts):** stitch, stitches; **sl:** slip; **tog:** together; **inc:** increase (by working twice into same st), **dec:** decrease (by taking 2 sts tog), **ss:** stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side), **pss:** pass slipped stitch over; **skpo:** (slip1, knit1, pass slipped stitch over), **ytb:** yarn to back of work, **NR:** next row, **Coloured marker:** Use a small length of yarn that is a different colour to the yarn you are using at the moment; **Cast off:** bind off.

Please note: Sew up all seams in backstitch and stuff Santa firmly unless stated otherwise.

Body (make one piece)

Starting at base edge and using red yarn, cast on 40sts. Placing a coloured marker in 18th and 23rd sts in the first row, ss8 rows. Break off red and join in black yarn and ss4 rows. Break off black and join in red yarn and ss10 rows.

Shape for shoulders: K4, (k2tog) six times, k8, (k2tog) six times, k4 (28sts).

NR: P4, (p2tog) three times, p8, (p2tog) three times, P4 (22sts).

Ss2 rows. Cast off all sts.



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Head (make one piece)

Using flesh yarn and starting at neck edge, cast on 22sts and ss2 rows.

NR: K2, inc, in each st to last two sts, k2 (40sts).

Ss17 rows.

Shape for top of head:

1st dec, row: (K3, k2tog) to end of row (32sts). Purl every alternate row.

2nd dec, row: (K2, k2tog) to end of row (24sts).

3rd dec, row: (K1, k2tog) to end of row (16sts).

4th dec, row: (K2tog) to end of row (8sts). Leaving a long end, break off yarn and thread through sts and put aside.

Base (make one piece)

Using red yarn, cast on 18sts and ss12 rows. Cast off all sts.

Arms (make two pieces)

Using red yarn and starting at top of sleeve cast on 12sts and ss7 rows.

NR: Inc, one st each end of row (14sts). Ss8 rows.

Break off red and join in white yarn and knit four rows.

Break off white and join in flesh yarn and ss 4 rows.

NR: K1, (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1 (10sts).

NR: P.

NR: K2tog, to end of row (5sts). Break off yarn and thread through sts and put aside.

Legs (make two pieces)

Using black yarn and starting at the foot, cast on 12sts and purl one row.

NR: K1, (inc) in next 10sts, k1 (22sts).

Starting with a purl row, ss7 rows.

NR: K5, (k2tog) six times, K5 (16sts). NR: P.

NR: K5, (k2tog) three times, K5 (13sts). Ss6 rows. Knit 3 rows.

Break off black and join in red yarn and starting with a knit row, ss20 rows.

Cast off all sts.

Hat (make one piece)

Using white yarn, cast on 42sts and knit 10 rows.

Break off white and join in red yarn and ss10 rows.

1st dec row: K1, (k3,k2tog) to last st, k1 (34sts). NR:P.

2nd dec row: K1, (k2,k2tog) to last st, k1 (26sts). NR:P.

3rd dec row: K1, (k1,k2tog) to last st, k1 (18sts). NR:P.

4th dec row: K1, (k2tog) to last st, k1 (10sts).

5th dec row: (P2tog) to end of row (5sts).

Bobble: Break off red and join in white yarn and knit one row.

NR: (Inc) in every st knitwise (10sts).

Knit 7 rows.

Leaving a long end, break off yarn and thread through sts, and set piece aside.

Collar (make one piece)

Using red yarn, cast on 31sts and knit 3 rows. NR: (k1, inc) to last st, k1 (46sts).

Knit 6 rows and cast off all sts knitwise.

Beard (make one piece)

Using white yarn, cast on 20sts and knit 4 rows.

Dec 1st each end of row until 2sts remain.

K2tog, thread yarn through sts and pull up tightly and sew in.

Moustache (make one piece)

Using white yarn, cast on 9sts and knit one row. Cast off all sts.

Making Up

Legs: Sew row ends together. Sew foot seams together. Turn leg to right side. Stuff foot firmly, stuff boot lightly and leave rest of leg empty.

Body: Sew row ends together. Turn so that right side of work is facing you.

Pin the legs to base either side of markers, leaving a 4st gap in the middle and the front of legs facing the body. Boots should be facing the neck line with the back seam of legs now facing outwards. (See photo 2 for placement)

Pin cast on edge of base to legs with one st overhanging each side of legs.

Turn body and legs to wrong side and continue to pin base to cast on edge of body.

Sew base to body.

Turn body right side out and stuff firmly (see measurements for correct waist size).

Head: Pull up sts tightly and sew row ends together. Stuff head (see measurements for correct size) and attach to body at neck opening.

Arms: Pull stitches up tightly and sew side seams together. Stuff hands and 2cms (1") of arm, leaving the rest of arm empty. Fold arm so that side seam is in the centre and facing body. Sew arm to body on first row of shoulder decrease through the first cast on row of arm.

Collar: Place the collar on neck and attach the row ends of cast on edges together with a couple of overstitches. Lift the collar up towards the face and attach collar to neck with a row of sts through the first row of cast on edge of collar. Pull the collar down.

Hat: Sew row ends together. Turn piece to right side and stuff bobble. Pull up sts tightly and sew in ends. *(cont.)*

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Place hat on head and attach hat to head by working a row of sts through the 10th row from cast on edge of the white band. Turn band up.

Eyes: Leave a gap of 3sts between eyes and using black yarn work a daisy st in one st and work a second daisy st around the first st.

Nose: Use red yarn, work the same as eyes.

Beard: Sew beard to face through the cast on row, attaching ends of beard to hat.

Moustache: Sew to the centre of beard and through the centre sts of moustache, leaving the 4 sts either side loose.

Buckle: Using black yarn, work a square of chain sts, 5sts wide and 6 rows deep.

