

Suggested Snowman Knitting Pattern

You will need:

1. Double knitting wool
2. A pair of UK size 10 (3.25mm) needles
3. Toy filling

For the Snowman:

Cast on 11 stitches.

Increase knit wise every stitch (22 stitches).

Stocking stitch 26 rows.

Decrease purl two together (11 stitches).

Break off leaving long end, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off.

Sew back seam.

Stuff firmly.

Gather bottom, pull tight and fasten off.

Tie strand of yarn tightly round the neck and sew ends into body.

Use yarn to sew face and buttons.



For the Hat:

Cast on 28 stitches.

Knit one row.

Stocking stitch 8 rows starting with a knit row.

Decrease knit wise every stitch (14 stitches).

Decrease purl wise every stitch (7 stitches).

Break off leaving long end, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off.

Sew back seam.

Sew hat onto head.

For the Scarf:

Cast on 36 stitches.

Cast off.

Tie around neck.

Suggested Father Christmas Knitting Pattern

You will need:

1. A pair of UK size 11 (3mm) knitting needles
2. White double knitting wool
3. Black double knitting wool
4. Red double knitting wool
5. Pink double knitting wool
6. Yellow wool for belt and buttons
7. Toy stuffing

For the body and head:

With black, cast on 26 stitches and stocking stitch 7 rows.

With red, stocking stitch 7 rows, beginning with a purl row.

With black, stocking stitch 2 rows for the belt.

With red, stocking stitch 8 rows.

To shape the head row:

With pink, knit 5, knit 2 together, knit 12, knit 2, knit 2 together to end – 12 stitches.

Stocking stitch 11 rows.

Knit 2 together to end – 12 stitches.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off for top of head.

For the hat:

With white, cast on 20 stitches and stocking stitch 4 rows.

With red, stocking stitch 6 rows.

1st decrease row – knit 2, (knit 2 together, knit 3) 3 times, knit 2 together, knit 1 – 16 stitches.

Stocking stitch 3 rows.

2nd decrease row – knit 1, (knit 2 together, knit 2) 3 times, knit 2 together, knit 1 – 12 stitches.

Stocking stitch 3 rows.

3rd decrease row – (knit 1, knit 2 together) 4 times – 8 stitches. Stocking stitch 2 rows. Knit 2 together to end. Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Join side edges of hat.

For bobble, cast on 10 stitches in white. Knit 1 row, purl 1 row. Cast off and form into a bobble. Sew bobble on top of hat.

For the beard:

With white, cast on 6 stitches. Work in garter stitch throughout.

Garter stitch 2 rows.

Increase 1 stitch at each end of first and every following row until there are 14 stitches.

Garter stitch 4 rows.

Knit 1, (knit 2 together) 6 times, knit 1 – 8 stitches. Cast off.

To make up:

Join side edges working down from gathered top edge of head, using pink wool for head and red wool for body. To make the head, work a gathering thread through every stitch on shape head row, draw up and stuff head.

Position and sew on the hat and beard.

Embroider black eyes, a red nose, a yellow buckle on the belt and yellow buttons.

Using red wool, work a gathering thread through the base edge of Father Christmas's body, draw up and stuff inside. Tie wool off.

Attach ribbon loop to top of head to make a hanging decoration.



Suggested Angel Knitting Pattern

You will need:

1. A pair of UK size 11 needles (3mm)
2. White double knitting wool
3. Flesh tone double knitting wool
4. Yellow double knitting wool
5. Blue wool for eyes
6. Red wool for mouth
7. Toy stuffing

For the body and head:

With white, cast on 26 stitches and stocking stitch 14 rows.

1st decrease row – knit 2, (knit 2 together, knit 2) to end – 20 stitches. Stocking stitch 5 rows.

2nd decrease row – knit 2, (knit 2 together, knit 1) to end – 14 stitches. Stocking stitch 5 rows.

To shape head row:

With flesh coloured wool, stocking stitch 2 rows.

Increase row – knit 1, (increase 1, knit 2) 4 times, increase 1-19 stitches. Stocking stitch 7 rows.

Decrease row – knit 1, (knit 2 together) to end – 10 stitches. Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

For the arms:

With white, cast on 6 stitches and stocking stitch 12 rows.

With flesh tone, stocking stitch 6 rows.

With white, stocking stitch 12 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

For the wings (make two pieces alike):

With white, cast on 5 stitches. Work in garter stitch throughout.

Increase 1 stitch at beginning of first and every following row until there are 10 stitches. Garter stitch 10 rows.

Decrease 1 stitch at end of next and every following row until 4 stitches remain.

Cast off.

To make up:

Join side edges working down from gathered top edge of head, using a flesh tone wool for head and white wool for body.

To make the head, work a gathering thread through every stitch on shape head row, draw up and stuff head.

Position and sew top edges of arms to body sides, then bring hands together in a praying pose and catch together with a few stitches.

Position and sew wings to back of gown.

For the hair, starting at the front hairline, embroider a line of 7 chain stitches in yellow across top of head for parting. Sew a 15cm length of yellow wool through each of these chains to form hair strands. Tie hair strands into a ponytail. Use blue wool to embroider the eyes and red to embroider the mouth.

Using yellow wool, work a gathering thread through base edge of the Angel's body, draw up and stuff. Tie wool off.

Add a ribbon loop to the head to make a hanging decoration.



Suggested Toy Soldier Knitting Pattern

You will need:

1. Yarn in black, red, white, flesh and yellow.
2. Toy stuffing.
3. Piece of gold thread or ribbon.
4. A pair of 3.25mm knitting needles.

To make the body:

Cast on 16 stitches.

With black, stocking stitch 14 rows.

With red, stocking stitch 9 rows.

Next row, Purl 2 tog to end – 8 stitches (this makes the neck).

With flesh, knit 1 row.

Next row, increase purl wise in every stitch to end – 16 stitches.

With flesh, stocking stitch 4 more rows.

With black, stocking stitch 6 rows.

Thread the yarn back through the stitches on the needle, take off, gather tightly and fasten off (leaving enough yarn to sew up).

To make the arms (make 2):

With white, cast on 7 stitches.

Stocking stitch 2 rows.

With red, stocking stitch 10 rows.

Thread back through stitches on needle, gather tightly and fasten off.

To make up:

Sew in any threads you won't be using for sewing up.

With right side facing out, start at the top of his head and sew down the back seam, using each colour thread to sew up each colour as you go. Leave the bottom of the legs open for stuffing.

Stuff the soldier through the bottom opening, but don't over stuff. Oversew across the bottom seam, with the body seam running down the back.

Do all his body decorative stitching now, before attaching his arms.



With black yarn, sew a line of backstitching from the bottom, up the middle of his black trousers, pulling the stitches in to define his two legs. Stop about 1cm from the top of his trousers.

With white, sew a backstitch up the outside of each leg.

With yellow, sew 4 long stitches across his red coat.

Sew his chin strap on in black, and for his moustache either use a 1ply unraveled from your yarn or some embroidery cotton.

Start in the centre of his face, sew an upside down V to one side, thread back to the centre and do the other side the same.

To attach the arms, with right sides facing out, fold arm in half, sew down seam from the top and across his white gloves.

With the seam at the back, sew his arms to the body at the sides.

Thread a hanging thread through the top of his hat and he's all done!