

# Father Christmas Bauble



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Whether you have small excitable children yourself or grandchildren this cute Father Christmas Bauble will bring squeals of delight when they see him hanging on the Christmas tree.

He'll also become a family heirloom as he's brought out year after year as a constant reminder of the beautiful hand knitted decoration made by you.

He's really easy to make and fast to knit up and is a really lovely way to use up any spare DK yarn you have sitting in your knitting stash basket.

You could knit his hat to suit your own colour scheme or keep him traditional. Either way he'll be loved by anyone who sees him.



Happy Knitting

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### Materials

DK yarn in Peach, Deep Pink, Red and White

Small amount of DK Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake in White (If you don't have that in your stash you can use ordinary DK white yarn)

2 x 9mm Black Button Eyes ( optional ). You could embroider the eyes if you prefer.

Toy Stuffing

### Needles

1 pair of 4mm

Large eye tapestry needle

Crochet Hook (optional)

Pompom Maker (optional)

### Size

Approximately 10cm x 10 cm

### Abbreviations

K - knit

P - purl

Tog - together

Sts - stitches

Inc - increase by knitting and purling into the same stitch

St/st - knit one row, purl one row

Garter st - Knit every row

Cast Off = cast off stitches from needle

### Head

Using 4 mm needles and Peach yarn cast on 12 sts

Row 1. Inc into every stitch (24sts)

Row 2. Purl

Row 3. ( \* K1, Inc into next st ) repeat from \* to end ( 36 sts)

Row 4. Purl

Row 5. Starting with a knit row St/st 20 rows ending with a purl row

Row 26. ( \* K1, K2tog ) repeat from \* to end ( 24 sts)

Row 27. Purl

Row 28. K2tog to end (12 sts)

Cut yarn leaving a long tail. Thread yarn through a darning needle and thread through remaining stitches. Turn work inside out, pull tight and sew up side seam. Turn right side out. Stuff the head then pick up cast on sts and draw tight to close.

### Hat

Using 4mm needles and fluffy white yarn cast on 44sts

Garter stitch 6 rows.

Change to red yarn and st/st 24 rows

Row 31. ( \* K2, K2tog ) repeat from \* to end (33 sts )

Row 32 - 34. St/st 3 rows

Row 35 ( \* K1, K2tog ) repeat from \* to end (22 sts)

Row 36 - 38. St/st 3 rows

Row 39. ( \* K1, K2tog ) repeat from \* to last stitch, K1 (15 sts)

Row 40 - 42 . St/st 3 rows

Row 43. K2tog to last stitch, K1 ( 8sts )

Row 44 - 46 . St/st 3 rows

Row 47. K2tog to end ( 4 sts )

Break yarn leaving a long tail. Use this tail to thread through remaining sts. Turn work wrong side out and sew down seam. Turn right side out.

## Pompom

Using white yarn. Make a pompom approximately 4cm in diameter by either using a shop bought pompom maker or by cutting two 4cm pieces of card with a 1cm hole cut in the centre and wrapping the yarn around both layers then cutting the outer edge of the yarn, thread a length of yarn between both layers of card and pull tight. Remove card and trim to shape. Join pompom to top of the hat.

## Nose

Using 4 mm needles and pink yarn cast on 2sts

Row 1. Inc into both sts ( 4 sts )

St/st 6 rows

Rows 8. K2tog twice ( 2 sts )

Rows 9. Purl

Rows 10. K2tog

Break yarn and bind off. Thread a needle with the yarn and run a running stitch around both sides of the edge stitches and pull tight.

## Make Up

At this stage I like to put the hat on the head (seams to the back) this gives me the area I want to use as the face. DO NOT attach the hat at this stage as it needs to be removable.

Attach the nose central to the rim of the hat and the bottom of the head. Bring all yarn out of the back of the head (under the hat) to secure.

Either attach two black button eyes or embroider two eyes in your desired position. Take your time at this stage as you don't want an angry looking Santa with wonky eyes staring out from the Christmas tree for years to come. Bring all waste yarn out of the back of the head under the hat to secure.

Wrap white yarn around two of your fingers about 5 or 6 times. Keep the loops together and secure to form a fringe just under the rim of the hat. Trim to shape.

Take a 3" ( 7.6cm ) piece of card and wrap white yarn round and round until you have enough to form a beard and moustache. Cut one edge only which should give you loads of approx 6" lengths of yarn to work with. Fold in half and attach each strand individually along the beard line and then lift the beard up and attach more underneath to make the beard appear fuller. Keep aside 6 lengths for the moustache which you'll attach just under the nose. 3 on either side. Trim to shape.

Sew the hat into place at this point around the rim.

Take a crochet hook and chain enough chain stitches to form a hanging loop or if you prefer you could use a length of ribbon. Attach to the head (not just the hat).



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Christmas  
And the happiest of  
New Years

Love Mandy xxx

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