

JINGLES the ELF

KNITTING PATTERNS BY AMANDA BERRY

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YARN + NOTIONS

Needles:


- A pair of 3.5mm straight knitting needles (US 4)


Notions:


- Toy filling (less than 50g)
- A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together
- 2 x 5mm black beads for eyes, sewing needle and thread

Yarn:

All DK weight yarns, and less than 30g in each colour:

 **Beige:**
Paintbox Simply DK in
"Vanilla Cream" 107

 **Red:**
Paintbox Simply DK in
"Pillar Red" 114

 **White:**
Paintbox Simply DK in
"Paper White" 100

The yarn used was sold in skeins weighing 100g, and one skein in each colour will be more than sufficient to knit several elves.

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NOTES

Finished size: The elf is approximately 26cm tall.

Work flat: All pieces are knitted flat (back and forth) on a pair of straight knitting needles.

Tension: The tension is approximately 22 sts x 30 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 3.5mm 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. Tie any knots on the inside (as these will not be seen when completed), and bury any loose ends from sewing inside the finished pieces.

ABBREVIATIONS

DK Double knitting or light worsted weight yarn

k Knit

k2tog *Decrease:* knit two stitches together.

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

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

RS Right side

ssk *Decrease:* slip the next stitch on the left needle knit-wise, then slip the next stitch on the left needle purl-wise. Take the left needle and knit through the front of

the two slipped stitches on the right needle

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.

KNITTING PATTERNS

Head and Body

Make 1. Cast on 9 sts in red on straight 3.5mm needles. Start at the bottom of the body.

Work rows 1 to 26 in red.

Row 1: p (9 sts, WS)

Row 2: k1, [kfb] x 8 (17 sts, RS)

Row 3: p (17 sts)

Row 4: k1, [kfb, k1] x 8 (25 sts)

Row 5: p (25 sts)

Row 6: k1, [kfb, k2] x 8 (33 sts)

Row 7: p (33 sts)

Row 8: k (33 sts)

Row 9: p (33 sts)

Rows 10 to 19: rep rows 8 and 9 five times (33 sts)

Row 20: [k5, k2tog, k2, ssk, k5] x 2, k1 (29 sts)

Row 21: p (29 sts)

Row 22: [k4, k2tog, k2, ssk, k4] x 2, k1 (25 sts)

Row 23: p (25 sts)

Row 24: [k3, k2tog, k2, ssk, k3] x 2, k1 (21 sts)

Row 25: p (21 sts)

Row 26: [k2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2] x 2, k1 (17 sts)

Work rows 27 to 46 in beige.

Row 27: p (17 sts)

Row 28: k1, [kfb] x 16 (33 sts)

Row 29: p (33 sts)

Row 30: k (33 sts)

Row 31: p (33 sts)

Rows 32 to 41: rep rows 30 and 31 five times (33 sts)

Row 42: k1, [k2tog, k2] x 8 (25 sts)

Row 43: p (25 sts)

Row 44: k1, [k2tog, k1] x 8 (17 sts)

Row 45: p (17 sts)

Row 46: k1, [k2tog] x 8 (9 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Ears

Make 2. Cast on 6 sts in beige on straight 3.5mm needles.

Row 1: k (6 sts)

Row 2: [k2tog] x 3 (3 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

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

Hat

Make 1. Cast on 37 sts in white on straight 3.5mm needles. Start at the brim of the hat.

Work rows 1 to 4 in white.

Rows 1 to 4: k (37 sts)

Work rows 5 to 24 in red.

Row 5: p (37 sts, WS)

Row 6: k (37 sts, RS)

Row 7: p (37 sts)

Rows 8 to 9: rep rows 6 and 7 (37 sts)

Row 10: k1, [k2tog, k7] x 4 (33 sts)

Row 11: p (33 sts)

Row 12: k1, [k2tog, k6] x 4 (29 sts)

Row 13: p (29 sts)

Row 14: k1, [k2tog, k5] x 4 (25 sts)

Row 15: p (25 sts)

Row 16: k1, [k2tog, k4] x 4 (21 sts)

Row 17: p (21 sts)

Row 18: k1, [k2tog, k3] x 4 (17 sts)

Row 19: p (17 sts)

Row 20: k1, [k2tog, k2] x 4 (13 sts)

Row 21: p (13 sts)

Row 22: k1, [k2tog, k1] x 4 (9 sts)

Row 23: p (9 sts)

Row 24: k1, [k2tog] x 4 (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Arms

Make 2. Cast on 9 sts in red on straight 3.5mm needles. Start at the top of the arm.

Work rows 1 to 25 in red.

Row 1: p (9 sts, WS)

Row 2: k (9 sts, RS)

Rows 3 to 24: rep rows 1 and 2 eleven times (9 sts)

Row 25: k (9 sts)

Work rows 26 to 30 in beige.

Row 26: k (9 sts)

Row 27: p (9 sts)

Row 28: k (9 sts)

Rows 29 to 30: rep rows 27 and 28 (9 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Legs

Make 2. Cast on 10 sts in red on straight 3.5mm needles. Start at the top of the leg.

Work rows 1 to 32 in red and white stripes.

When knitting stripes, don't break the yarn at each colour change row, simply carry the unused colour up the side of the work as you go. This will save yarn and won't have lots of ends to weave in.

Row 1: in red p (10 sts, WS)

Row 2: in red k (10 sts, RS)

Row 3: in white p (10 sts)

Row 4: in white k (10 sts)

Rows 5 to 32: rep rows 1 to 4 seven times (10 sts)

Work rows 33 to 40 in red.

Row 33: p (10 sts)

Row 34: k (10 sts)

Rows 35 to 40: rep rows 33 and 34 three times (10 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Collar

Make 1. Cast on 27 sts in white on straight 3.5mm needles using the picot cast on as follows:

Step 1: cast on 5 sts using the knitted cast on method (5 sts)

Step 2: k2

Step 3: lift the 2nd stitch on the right-hand needle over the 1st stitch on the right-hand needle

Step 4: k1

Step 5: rep step 3

Step 6: you should have 1 stitch on the right-hand needle; slip this stitch purl-wise back onto the left-hand needle.

Step 7: cast on 4 sts using the knitted cast on method

Step 8: rep steps 2 to 7 until you have 29 sts on the left-hand needle (29 sts)

Step 9: rep steps 2 to 6 (27 sts)

Now work the collar on these 27 sts from row 1 (below).

Row 1: p (27 sts, WS)

Row 2: [k1, k2tog] x 9 (18 sts RS)

Cast off all sts.

MAKING UP

Head and Body: Note that the cast off sts are the top of the head. Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the centre back of the elf. Finish by gathering the cast on sts together at the base.

Neckline: Using beige yarn, sew a running stitch around the neck (at row 27 where the red body sts meet the beige head sts). Pull the yarn to gather stitches together to make an indentation for the neck and secure the thread.

Eyes: Sew on two black beads on the front of the head for the eyes.

Ears: Using the cast off tail sew together the first and last cast on sts so the cast on edge forms the outside of a circular ear. Sew each ear on the side of the head.



Hat: Sew the side edges together. Place the hat onto the head with the seam at the back, and sew the brim of the hat onto the head.

Collar: Wrap the piece around the neck, RS facing up. Sew the two ends together at the back.

Arms: Sew the side edges together, adding a little stuffing to the beige hand, but leaving the tops of the arms free from stuffing. Gather the cast on sts together at the top of the arm. Sew the top of the arm onto the side of the body beneath the collar.

Legs: Sew the side edges together, adding a little stuffing to the red foot, but leaving the tops of the legs free from stuffing. Sew the cast on edge at the top of the leg onto the bottom of the body.

