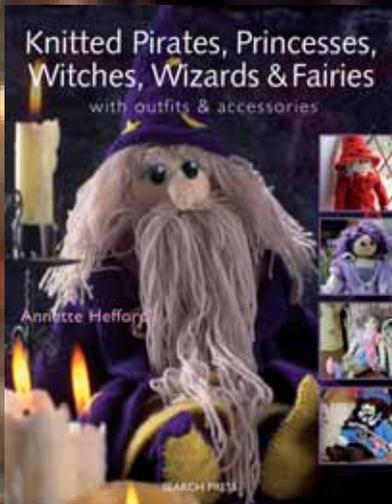


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Basic body

Each doll has the same basic body, for which you will need the materials and equipment listed below. The finished height of the basic doll is approximately 45cm (18in). Begin the doll at the feet and work upwards, finishing with the head.

Materials and equipment

Needles: one pair of 3.00mm (US 3) and one pair of 2.25mm (US 1)

Approx. 100g (3½oz) double knitting (light worsted/8ply) in light beige or any flesh colour of your choice

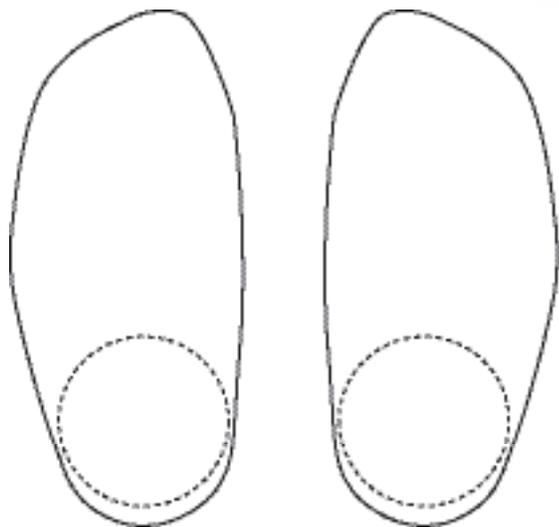
Filling: the best quality filling that you can buy

Foot templates: cut from rigid card or plastic

Stitch holders

FEET

Begin by copying the foot templates and use them to cut out two foot shapes from either rigid card or plastic. The knitted feet are identical, but the soles (the card/plastic shapes) and filling form them into one right foot and one left foot.



Make two feet.

For each foot:

Using 2.25mm (US 1) needles, cast on 6 sts.

row 1: inc in each st [12 sts].

row 2: purl.

row 3: inc in first and every other st, to last st, K1 [18 sts].

rows 4–18: commencing with a purl row, SS for 15 rows.





SHAPE THE TOE LINE

row 19: K2tog, K14, K2tog tbl [16 sts].
 row 20: P2tog, P12, P2tog [14 sts].
 row 21: K2tog, K10, K2tog tbl [12 sts].
 row 22: P2tog, P8, P2tog [10 sts].
 row 23: cast off 2 sts, knit to end [8 sts].
 row 24: cast off 2 sts purlwise, purl to end [6 sts].
 Cast off remaining sts.



MAKING UP

1. Gather around the cast-on stitches, draw the yarn up tightly and fasten.
2. Sew the edges together up to the little toe position (see template).
3. Slide in the cut-out foot shape, matching the shape of the toes.
4. Stuff moderately to give shape to the ankle and foot. Remember to stuff one to shape a left foot and the other for a right foot.
5. Oversew the remaining toe section.
6. Put aside until you are ready to sew the feet to the legs.

LEGS

The legs can be shaped to give a more mature look to the doll, or they can be left unshaped for a younger appearance.

Make two legs.

UNSHAPED LEGS

Using 3.00mm (US 3) needles, cast on 16 sts.
 rows 1–62: commencing with a knit row (RS row), SS for 62 rows.

SHAPED LEGS

Using 3.00mm (US 3) needles, cast on 10 sts.
 rows 1–6: commencing with a knit row, SS for 6 rows.
 row 7: inc in first st, K4, inc in next st, knit to end [12 sts].
 rows 8–18: commencing with a purl row, SS for 11 rows.
 row 19: inc in first st, K5, inc in next st, knit to end [14 sts].
 rows 20–30: commencing with a purl row, SS for 11 rows.
 row 31: inc in first st, K6, inc in next st, knit to end [16 sts].
 rows 32–62: commencing with a purl row, SS for 31 rows.

SHAPED AND UNSHAPED LEGS (ROW 63 ONWARDS)

Break the yarn and put the stitches of the first leg on to a stitch holder. Knit the second leg to row 62, then transfer the stitches to the RH needle. Replace the stitches from the stitch holder to the LH needle, then return the transferred stitches back from the RH to the LH needle. Work both legs with right sides facing, keeping the tension firm at the centre join of the legs.

Shape the inside thigh

row 63: inc in first st, K14, inc in next 2 sts, K14, inc in last st [36 sts].
 row 64: inc in first st, P16, inc in next 2 sts, P16, inc in last st [40 sts].
 row 65: inc in first st, K18, inc in next 2 sts, K18, inc in last st [44 sts].
 row 66: P2tog, P18, (P2tog) twice, P18, P2tog [40 sts].
 row 67: K2tog, K16, K2tog tbl, K2tog, K16, K2tog tbl [36 sts].
 row 68: P2tog, P14, (P2tog) twice, P14, P2tog [32 sts].

BODY

rows 69–114: commencing with a knit row, SS for 46 rows.
Mark each end of the 23rd row to indicate the waistline.

SHOULDER INDICATORS

row 115: K8, K2tog, K12, K2tog tbl, K8 [30 sts].
The shoulder indicators are the two places where you have knitted two stitches together. The arms are attached to the side of these marks.

rows 116–120: commencing with a purl row, SS for 5 rows.
Mark each end of the last row to indicate the neckline.

HEAD

Change to 2.25mm (US 1) needles.
row 121: K1, (inc in next st, K1) 14 times, K1 [44 sts].
rows 122–146: commencing with a purl row, SS for 25 rows.
row 147: K1, (K2tog, K1) to last st, K1 [30 sts].
row 148: purl.
row 149: K1, (K2tog) to last st, K1 [16 sts].
row 150: purl.
row 151: (K2tog) to end of row [8 sts].
Break yarn and thread through remaining 8 sts. Finish off tightly.

MAKING UP AND FILLING

When making up and filling, the head should measure approximately 23cm (9in) round, and the chest and hips both approximately 20cm (7¾in) round.

Tip

If you are making a long-haired wig for your doll, a more solid neck is required to avoid the weight of the extra yarn pulling the head back. Make your hair piece before sewing in the loose ends. Try it for weight. If it is all right, sew in the loose ends. If not, undo the threaded yarn for the neck and re-do it less tightly, giving the doll a wider neckline to support the wig.

1. Sew the back seam of the head and half way down the back of the doll's body. Fill the head firmly, then fill part of the body. The head needs to be nicely rounded.
2. Make the neck by threading a double yarn through the row at the base of the head. Start and finish at the back of the neck. Pull the yarn firmly and knot.
3. Sew up each leg and 2cm (¾in) of the back. Fill the legs.
4. Continue to fill the body and sew up the remainder of the back.
5. Pin the ankle of the left leg to the left foot using the template as a guide. Sew through each cast-on stitch, attaching the leg to the foot neatly. Repeat for the right leg.
6. Sew in the loose ends.
7. Make a waistline by threading a double yarn through the waistline stitches as marked. Tighten to the desired waistline. Knot and sew in the loose ends.

HANDS

These playful little hands are knitted sideways and the fingers are shaped during the making-up stage. The hands are so tiny that you may need to make a few of them before you are happy with the result. The time spent doing this will be worthwhile. Each hand takes approximately 20 minutes to knit.

The knit side is the right side of the work. After each cast off, the stitch on the RH needle is not included in the next knit or purl instruction. Leave long ends (70cm; 27½in) at cast on and cast off to use when making up. This will minimise the sewing in of loose ends.





RIGHT HAND

Using 2.25 mm (US 1) needles, cast on 8 sts.
 rows 1–10: commencing with a purl row, SS for 10 rows.
 row 11: cast off 2 sts purlwise, P2, ytb, sl1, turn [6 sts].
 row 12: ytb, sl1, knit to end.
 row 13: cast on 2 sts, P4, ytb, sl1, turn [8 sts].
 row 14: ytb, sl1, knit to end.
 row 15: cast on 3 sts, purl to end [11 sts].
 row 16: knit.
 row 17: cast off 3 sts purlwise, P3, ytb, sl1, turn [8 sts].
 row 18: ytb, sl1, knit to end.
 row 19: cast off 2 sts purlwise, purl to end [6 sts].
 row 20: knit.
 row 21: cast on 8 sts, P9, ytb, sl1, turn [14 sts].
 row 22: ytb, sl1, knit to end.
 row 23: cast off 6 sts purlwise, purl to end [8 sts].
 row 24: knit.
 row 25: cast on 7 sts, P8, ytb, sl1, turn [15 sts].
 row 26: ytb, sl1, knit to end.
 row 27: cast off 7 sts purlwise, purl to end [8 sts].
 row 28: knit.
 row 29: cast on 5 sts, P7, ytb, sl1, turn [13 sts].
 row 30: ytb, sl1, knit to end.
 row 31: cast off 5 sts purlwise, purl to end [8 sts].
 row 32: knit.
 row 33: cast on 4 sts, P6, ytb, sl1, turn [12 sts].
 row 34: ytb, sl1, knit to end.
 Cast off purlwise loosely. (If you are a tight knitter, use a larger needle.)

LEFT HAND

Using 2.25 mm (US 1) needles, cast on 8 sts.
 rows 1–10: commencing with a knit row (RS row), SS for 10 rows.
 row 11: cast off 2 sts, K1, yfwd, sl1, turn [6 sts].
 row 12: yfwd, sl1, purl to end.
 row 13: cast on 2 sts, K5, yfwd, sl1, turn [8 sts].
 row 14: yfwd, sl1, purl to end.
 row 15: cast on 3 sts, knit to end [11 sts].
 row 16: purl.

row 17: cast off 3 sts, K3, yfwd, sl1, turn [8 sts].
 row 18: yfwd, sl1, purl to end.
 row 19: cast off 2 sts, knit to end [6 sts].
 row 20: purl.
 row 21: cast on 8 sts, K9, yfwd, sl1, turn [14 sts].
 row 22: yfwd, sl1, purl to end.
 row 23: cast off 6 sts, knit to end [8 sts].
 row 24: purl.
 row 25: cast on 7 sts, K8, yfwd, sl1, turn [15 sts].
 row 26: yfwd, sl1, purl to end.
 row 27: cast off 7 sts, knit to end [8 sts].
 row 28: purl.
 row 29: cast on 5 sts, K7, yfwd, sl1, turn [13 sts].
 row 30: yfwd, sl1, purl to end.
 row 31: cast off 5 sts, knit to end [8 sts].
 row 32: purl.
 row 33: cast on 4 sts, K6, yfwd, sl1, turn [12 sts].
 row 34: yfwd, sl1, purl to end.
 Cast off loosely. (If you are a tight knitter, use a larger needle.)

MAKING UP THE HANDS

Read the instructions through first. Start sewing up the fingers at the base of the little finger.

1. Using the waste yarn from the cast-off stitches, weave the cast-off yarn through to the base of the little finger and make an anchor stitch.
2. With your left thumb and index finger, pinch the finger edges together (purl side inside). Pick up the outer stitch either side of the finger and pull the cast-on and cast-off edges into the centre of the finger, making a neat seam.
3. After sewing up the finger, take the needle down the centre of the finger back to the base. Pull the yarn sufficiently to make a firm, straight finger. Put an anchor stitch at the base between the little finger and the next finger.
4. Continue along each finger then the thumb. Finally, sew the top edge of the palm to the base of the fingers and join up the side of the hand. Sometimes a little practice is needed here.
5. Fill the palm slightly.
6. With the cast-on waste yarn, make gathering stitches around the wrist edge.
7. Attach the thumb pad to the palm under the first finger by pinching the base of the thumb into the palm and oversewing with three stitches to hold it in place.

Put the hands aside until you are ready to attach them to the arms.

ARMS

Shape the arms to give a more mature look to the dolls, or leave them unshaped for a younger appearance.

Make two arms.

UNSHAPED ARMS

Start with the wrist line.

Using 3.00mm (US 3) needles, cast on 12 sts.
rows 1–44: SS for 44 rows.

SHAPED ARMS

Start with the wrist line.

Using 3.00mm (US 3) needles, cast on 8 sts.

rows 1–6: SS for 6 rows.

row 7: K1, inc in next st, K2, inc in next st, K3 [10 sts].

rows 8–28: commencing with a purl row, SS for 21 rows.

row 29: K1, inc in next st, K3, inc in next st, K4 [12 sts].

rows 30–44: commencing with a purl row, SS for 15 rows.

SHAPED AND UNSHAPED ARMS (ROW 45 ONWARDS)

row 45: K2tog, K8, K2tog tbl [10 sts].

row 46: P2tog, P6, P2tog [8 sts].

row 47: K2tog, K4, K2tog tbl [6 sts].

row 48: P2tog, P2, P2tog [4 sts].

Cast off remaining sts.

MAKING UP THE ARMS

1. Gather up the cast-on edge and finish tightly.
2. Sew the row ends together up to the shoulder decreases.
3. Stuff the arms firmly with filling.

ATTACHING THE HANDS TO THE ARMS

1. Push the wrist edge of the arm into the wrist edge of the hand, keeping the seam of the arm aligned with the centre of the palm. Pin it in place if needed. Tighten the gathered stitching. Sew in place.
2. Check the fingers for straightness. If further sculpting is required, push the needle up and down the centre of each finger to add stiffness and adjust the shape of the finger.

ATTACHING THE ARMS TO THE BODY

1. Pin the arms to the body, so that the seams are on the inside, facing the body. Place them just to the side of the shoulder indicators (see page 16).
2. Sew the arms to the body.





Materials and equipment

As for Alistair.

Yarns (approximate amounts):

100g (3½oz) cream/flesh coloured for basic body

200g (7oz) red for cloak, hat and pants

140g (4¾oz) white for shirt, hair, beard and edgings

small amounts of black for boots and belt, black, white, red and blue for face, and grey for buckle

FACE

Copy Santa's face from the photograph, or create your own following the guidelines on page 19. Colour his cheeks and the tip of his nose with a touch of pink chalk or crayon.



NOSE

Using 2.25mm (US 1) needles, cast on 7 sts.

row 1: knit.

row 2: P2tog, P3, P2tog tbl [5 sts].

row 3: K2tog, K1, K2tog tbl [3 sts].

row 4: purl.

row 5: K2tog, K1, pass first st over second st.

Finish off.

Sew the edges and stuff the nose. Oversew the base of the nose and sew it to face.

HAIR

Using white yarn, follow the basic instructions on pages 20–21 to create Santa's curly hair. Each loop is made by wrapping the yarn once around two fingers.

BEARD

Using 2.25mm (US 1) needles and white yarn, cast on 26 sts.

row 1: TLS to end.

row 2: knit.

row 3: TLS to end.

Cast off.

Turn in the cast-off edge and sew the beard to the face, meeting the hairline at each side and placing the beard just below Santa's mouth.

MOUSTACHE

1. Place together ten strands of white yarn approximately 40cm (15¾in) long and secure them in the middle with a length of waste yarn.
2. Pin the centre of the moustache to the face, just under the nose. Twist each side of the moustache to shape it and pin it in place to the sides of the face.
3. Sew the moustache to Santa's face to secure it, sewing in each of the ten strands. Take the ends through to the back of the head.

PANTS

Using 3.00mm (US 3) needles and white yarn, cast on 48 sts.

rows 1–10: moss stitch.

Change to red.

rows 11–12: SS, commencing with a knit row.

Complete as for Alistair Wizard's pants, from row 33 onwards (see page 77).



CLOAK

Follow the cloak pattern for Alistair Wizard (see pages 78–80), using white for the edging and cuffs and red for the cloak. Add a large pocket on either side and replace the sleeve pattern with the one below:

SLEEVES

Make two.

Using 3.00mm (US 3) needles and red yarn, cast on 48 sts.
rows 1–44: SS.
Change to white.
row 45: purl.
rows 46–72: moss stitch.
Cast off in pattern.
Turn up the white cuff.

POCKETS

Make two.

Using red yarn, cast on 28 sts.
rows 1–22: SS.
Change to white.
rows 23–27: moss stitch.
Cast off in pattern.
Sew the pockets to the front of the cloak, using the photograph for reference. Make the top of the pocket baggier than the bottom so that it hangs open, allowing the tiny toys placed inside to be seen.



BELT

Follow the pattern for Samuel Crowe's belt (see page 66), knitting it in black yarn and the buckle in grey.

BOOTS

Following the pattern for Samuel Crowe's boots, use black yarn and 2.25mm (US 1) needles to complete the two soles. For the legs, omit rows 1–24.
row 25: K2, inc in next st, (K4, inc in next st) 5 times, K2 [36 sts].
rows 26–29: GS.
row 30: K3, inc in next st, (K4, inc in next st) 6 times, K2 [43 sts].
rows 31–34: GS.
Cast off loosely, or use a size larger needle.
Sew the back seam of the leg, keeping in mind that the top of the boot turns over. Oversew the GS rows and mattress stitch the SS rows down to the heel position.

HAT

Knit the wizard's hat (see pages 73–74) in red and white yarn, replacing the first four rows with moss stitch worked in white. Omit the embroidery and add a white pompom to the point of the hat.



SHIRT

Follow Samuel Crowe's shirt pattern (see pages 62–64).

Place tiny treasures in Santa's pockets. These are made from single strands of green and red yarn threaded with tiny Christmas beads.

The completed shirt.



SHIRT

FRONT

Using white yarn and 3.00mm (US 3) needles, cast on 26 sts.

rows 1–4: GS.

rows 5–16: SS, commencing with a knit row.

row 17: P12, K2, P12.

row 18: knit.

row 19: P10, K6, P10.

Armhole shaping

row 20: cast off 3 sts, (with 1 st on needle) K9, turn [10 sts].

Continue on these 10 sts.

row 21: K3, purl to end.

row 22: knit.

rows 23–30: repeat rows 21 and 22, 4 times.

Shaping the neckline

row 31: cast off 3 sts, purl to end [7 sts].

row 32: K5, K2tog [6 sts].

row 33: purl.

row 34: knit.

row 35: purl.

Cast off.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to the right front.

row 20: knit to end.

Armhole shaping

row 21: cast off 3 sts, (with 1 st on needle) P6, K3 [10 sts].

row 22: knit.

row 23: P7, K3.

rows 24–31: repeat rows 22 and 23, 4 times.

Shaping the neckline

row 32: cast off 3 sts, knit to end [7 sts].

row 33: P5, P2tog [6 sts].

row 34: knit.

row 35: purl.

row 36: knit.

Cast off purlwise.

Sew in the loose ends.

BACK

The back is similar to the shirt front, but without the neck opening.

Using 3.00mm (US 3) needles, cast on 26 sts.

rows 1–4: GS.

rows 5–19: SS, commencing with a knit row.

Tip

To match the points of the collar, put the point of a needle into each one and pull gently to even out the stitches.

Armhole shaping

row 20: cast off 3 sts purlwise, purl to end [23 sts].
row 21: cast off 3 sts, knit to end [20 sts].
rows 22–32: SS, commencing with a purl row.

Shaping the neckline

row 33: K7, cast off 6 sts, (with 1 st on needle) K6.
Using the first 7 sts on the needle:
row 34: P5, P2tog [6 sts].
row 35: knit.
row 36: purl.
Cast off.
With WS facing, rejoin yarn at the neck edge of right back.
row 34: P2tog, purl to end of row [6 sts].
row 35: knit.
row 36: purl.
Cast off.
Sew in the loose ends. Sew up the shoulder seams and side seams.

SLEEVES

Make two.

Using 3.00mm (US 3) needles, cast on 35 sts.
Commencing at the wrist edge:
row 1: (K1, K2tog, K1, yfwd, K1) to end.
row 2: knit.
row 3: repeat row 1.
row 4: purl.
row 5: knit.
row 6: purl.
row 7: K1, (K2tog) to end [18 sts].
row 8: purl.
row 9: inc 1 st in each st [36 sts].
rows 10–45: SS, commencing with a purl row. Decrease 1 st at each end of rows 15, 21, 27 and 33 [28 sts].
Cast off.

MAKING UP

1. Sew the sleeve edges together. For each sleeve, place the sleeve in the armhole RS facing. Match the sleeve seam with the side seam of the shirt. Pin the sleeve in place and sew using back stitch.
2. Make a 30cm (11¾in) cord for each sleeve (see page 12) and weave it into the wristline, commencing and finishing at the seam. Pull together and tie into a bow.

COLLAR

The first two or three rows will be a little tight. The knitting loosens up as the collar gets wider.

row 1: with RS facing, pick up and knit 8 sts along the right front edge of the neckline, 15 sts along the back neck edge, and 8 sts along the left front neck edge [31 sts].
row 2: K1, inc in next st, (K6, inc in next st) 4 times, K1 [36 sts].
row 3: knit.
row 4: K1, inc in next st, (K7, inc in next st) twice, K8, inc in next st, K7, inc in next st, K1 [41 sts].
row 5: knit.
row 6: K1, inc in next st, K8, inc in next st, (K9, inc in next st) twice, K8, inc in next st, K1 [46 sts].
row 7: knit.
row 8: K1, (inc in next st, K10) 3 times, K9, inc in next st, K1 [51 sts].
row 9: knit.
row 10: K1, inc in next st, (K11, inc in next st) 4 times, K1 [56 sts].
row 11: knit.
Cast off loosely (or use a larger needle). Sew in the loose ends.