

Stocking

Materials:

Red 4 ply yarn
Small amount of cream and gold 4 ply yarn
Toy filling

Instructions:

Stocking:

Using red yarn, cast on 12 sts.

Row 1 (WS): P5, PM, P2, PM, P5.

Row 2: Cast on 4 sts, K to M, M1, SM, K2, SM, M1, K to end of row (18 sts).

Row 3: Cast on 4 sts, P to M, M1, SM, P2, SM, M1, P to end of row (24 sts).

Row 4: Cast on 6 sts, K to M, M1, SM, K2, SM, M1, K to end of row (32 sts).

Row 5: Cast on 6 sts, P to M, M1, SM, P2, SM, M1, P to end of row (40 sts).

Row 6: K to M, M1, SM, K2, SM, M1, K to end of row (42 sts).

Starting with a P row, work 3 rows in SS.

Next row: K to 2 sts before M, ssk, SM, K2, SM, K2tog, K to end of row (40 sts).

Next row: P to 2 sts before M, ssp, SM, P2, SM, P2tog, P to end of row (38 sts).

Rep the last 2 rows three more times until 26 sts rem.

Remove markers and work 12 rows in SS.

Change to cream and work 11 rows in GS.

Change to gold yarn and K1 row.

Cast off as follows (picot cast off):

* Cast on 2 sts, cast off 5 sts, pass st back to left-hand needle. Rep from * to the last 2 sts, cast off these sts. Fasten off yarn.

Hanging loop:

Using the crochet hook and cream yarn, make 12 chain sts. Fasten off. Alternatively, plait a length of yarn to make the loop.

Needles:

1 pair 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3)
knitting needles
3.25mm crochet hook (optional)

Measurements:

Approx. 6.5cm (2½in) tall

Making up:

Sew the stocking's side seam, bearing in mind that the GS top will fold over so the WS will show. Sew in the ends. Attach the hook inside the stocking at the back after folding the top over. Stuff a little toy filling into the stocking.



Rocking Robin

Materials:

Small amounts of brown, cream, red, dark grey and orange 4 ply yarn

Toy filling

Needles:

1 pair 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) knitting needles (double-pointed needles recommended)

Measurements:

Approx. 6cm (2³/₈in) diameter body

Instructions:

Body:

Using cream yarn, cast on 14 sts, P 1 row.

Work inc rows as follows:

K1, (K1fb, K1, K1fb) to last st, K1. P 1 row (22 sts).

K1, (K1fb, K3, K1fb) to last st, K1. P 1 row (30 sts).

K1, (K1fb, K5, K1fb) to last st, K1. P 1 row (38 sts).

K1, (K1fb, K7, K1fb) to last st, K1. P 1 row (46 sts).

K1, (K1fb, K9, K1fb) to last st, K1. P 1 row (54 sts).

K1, (K1fb, K11, K1fb) to last st, K1. P 1 row (62 sts).

Work 2 rows in SS. Change to brown and work 4 rows in SS.

Work dec rows as follows:

K1, (K2tog, K11, ssk) to last st, K1. P 1 row (54 sts).

K1, (K2tog, K9, ssk) to last st, K1. P 1 row (46 sts).

K1, (K2tog, K7, ssk) to last st, K1. P 1 row (38 sts).

K1, (K2tog, K5, ssk) to last st, K1. P 1 row (30 sts).

K1, (K2tog, K3, ssk) to last st, K1. P 1 row (22 sts).

K1, (K2tog, K1, ssk) to last st, K1. P 1 row (14 sts).

Thread yarn through rem sts and fasten off.

Red breast:

Using red yarn, cast on 14 sts and work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. P 1 row.

Rep these 2 rows once more (18 sts).

Work 4 rows in SS.

Next row: K7, ssk, K2tog, K7 (16 sts).

P 1 row.

Rep the last 2 rows, working 1 less st before and after dec shapings until 6 sts rem.

Work 4 rows in SS.

Next row: ssk, K2, K2tog.

Cast off rem 4 sts (WS).

Beak:

Using orange yarn, cast on 5 sts and P 1 row.

Next row: ssk, K1, K2tog. Thread yarn through resulting 3 sts and sew seam.

Wings (make two):

Using brown yarn, cast on 10 sts and work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1 (12 sts).

P 1 row. Rep these 2 rows once more (14 sts).

Work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 (12 sts).

P 1 row.

Rep the last 2 rows until 4 sts rem.

Next row: ssk, K2tog (2 sts).

K2tog and fasten off rem st.



French Hen

Materials:

Small amount of chunky yarn Two stitch holders
Small amounts of red, orange, Toy filling
black and self-patterning
4 ply yarn

Instructions:

Body:

Using chunky yarn and 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) knitting needles, cast on 31 sts.

Next row: (K3, M1) seven times, K3 (38 sts).

P 1 row. Continue in SS until work measures 6cm (2³/₄in).

Next row: K5 and turn, placing rem sts on a holder. P 1 row.

You are now working the tail.

Next row: K3, K2tog (4 sts).

Next row: P2, P2tog (3 sts) K 1 row.

Next row: sl1, P2tog, psso. Fasten off rem st.

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to opposite end of the row, P5 and turn (second half of tail).

Next row: K2tog, K3 (4 sts).

Next row: P2tog, P2 (3 sts). K 1 row.

Next row: sl1, K2tog, psso. Fasten off rem st.

28 sts remain. Shape head as follows:

With RS facing, slip rem 6 sts on to holder and rejoin yarn. K across next 16 sts, sl rem 6 sts on to a holder.

Next row: P7, PM, P2, PM, P7.

Next row: K1, K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. K1. (14 sts).

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K2tog, K4, M1, SM, K2, SM, M1, K4, K2tog (14 sts).

Next row: P6, M1, SM, P2, SM, M1, P6 (16 sts).

Next row: K7, M1, SM, K2, SM, M1, K7 (18 sts).

Remove markers. You will now be working on one side of the head.

Next row: P2tog, P5, P2tog, turn work leaving rem 9 sts on your needle.

Needles:

1 pair 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) and
1 pair 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2)
knitting needles

Measurements:

Approx. 10cm (4in) tall

** Next row: K2tog, K3, K2tog.

P2tog, P1, P2tog. Cast off rem 3 sts.

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to held sts and work as follows:

P2tog, P5, P2tog. Work from ** to end.

Cast off the rem 12 sts.

Wings (make two):

Using chunky yarn and 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles, cast on 5 sts, K 1 row.

Row 1: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1 (7 sts).

K 1 row.

Rep these 2 rows twice more (11 sts).

K 1 row.

Next row: K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog (9sts).

Next row: K to last 2 sts, K2tog (8 sts).

Cast off 2 sts, K to end (6 sts).

Next row: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 sts).

Next row: K2tog, K to end of row (3 sts).

Cast off.

