

Christmas Pattern 2019

Gingerbread Man



Knit, knit as quick as you can!!!
Because you'll be wanting to make lots of these cute little gingerbread men! Pop them in Christmas stockings, or add them to your tree decorations. You could tie them onto gifts, wouldn't one be a great embellishment on a box of home-made gingerbread men?

Pattern Information

12cm /4.5" tall

Needle size 3.5mm (UK 10 /US 4)

Tension - 20sts x 26 rows = 10cm (4") st.st. Square

Recommended yarn: - Paint Box Yarns Simply DK
Or Stylecraft Special Knit DK

You will need-

15g each of Gingerbread Brown Yarn

Small amounts of, white, black and red yarn.

A few small beads

(If you are giving this to a child embroider features and buttons. Beads are not safe no matter how securely you sew them)

2 stitch holders

Handful of toy stuffing

Abbreviations

CO= Cast on using cable method

k=knit

p=purl

kfb= knit into front and then back of the same stitch

k2tog= knit the next 2 stitches together

stst = stocking stitch

BO= Bind off

C&T= Cut and thread yarn through remaining st

Tip- If you don't have stitch holders simply use your sewing up needle to thread the stitches onto a length of spare yarn and knot the ends so the stitches are not lost, until they are needed again.

Pattern

Head, body and legs

Using brown yarn CO5

R1: kfb to last st, k1 (9)

R2: k2, kfb to last st, k1 (15)

R3: p *this and every following alternate row*

R4: k2, (k1, kfb,) to last st, k1 (21)

R6: k2, (k2, kfb,) to last st, k1 (27)

R8: k2, (k3, kfb,) to last st, k1 (33)

R10: k2, (k4, kfb,) to last st, k1 (39)

R11: p

R12: k17, p1, k3, p1, k17 p sts mark eye placement

R13-15: stst 3 rows starting with a p row

R16: k2, (k4, k2tog,) to last st, k1 (33)

R17-19: stst 3 rows starting with a p row

Start shoulder shaping

R20: k6, kfb, k2, kfb, k13, kfb, k2, kfb, k6 (37)

R22: k6, kfb, k4, kfb, k13, kfb, k4, kfb, k6 (41)

R24: k6, kfb, k6, kfb, k13, kfb, k6, kfb, k6 (45)

R26: k6, kfb, k8, kfb, k13, kfb, k8, kfb, k6 (49)

R28: k6, slip next 12 sts onto a holder, k13, slip next 12sts onto a holder, k6 (25)

R29: p

R30: k11, k2tog, k11 (24)

Divide stitches for legs

R31: p12, leave remaining 12 sts unused on the LH needle

R32-37: stst 6 rows starting with a k row

Join white yarn, do not cut off brown yarn

R38&39: k, *this makes a ridge on the right side of the knitting. Fasten off white yarn.*

Use brown yarn

R40-42: stst 3 rows starting with a k row

R43: p2tog to end of row (6)

R44: C&T, *leave a long tail for sewing up.*

Second leg

Using brown yarn

P the remaining 12 sts

Rep Rows 32- 44

Arms

Move stitches from one holder onto needle

Using brown yarn

R1-3 stst 4 rows

Join white yarn, do not cut off brown yarn

R5&6: k, *this makes a ridge on the right side of the knitting. Fasten off white yarn.*

Use brown yarn

R6-8: stst 3 rows starting with a k row

R9: p2tog to end of row (6)

R10: C&T, *leave a long tail for sewing up.*

Move stitches from other holder, onto for the second arm

Making up

Use the C&T yarn to close the feet and hands and to sew up the leg and arm seams. Sew the body seam
Stuff the feet, legs and body, before inserting the eyes.
This prevents the stuffing from catching on the eye stems and pulling the head stitches out of shape

Eyes

The safety eyes are positioned immediately below each of the ridges created by the placement knit stitches on Row 12. Carefully push the stem of each safety eye through the loop above each placement knit stitch. Push the plastic backing covers over the eye stems to hold the eye in place.

Gather the CO stitches to close the top of the head then sew 2cm of the head seam

Place small amounts of stuffing around the safety eye stems. As you stuff the head, check the eye stems have not been pushed down or to the side. sew the head closed.

Use a length of brown yarn to tie firmly around the neck. at the start of the arm shaping R20. Sew the ends into the body

Hair-

Use white yarn to make 10 stitches radiating from the centre of the head and reaching down 5 rows from the crown of the head.

Mouth- Use a length of black or red yarn to make a small mouth 2 rows below the eyes and 3 sts wide.

Buttons- Sew three coloured beads to the front of the gingerbread man's body.

Alternatively, if you are giving the project to a child you can add yarn Eyes and Buttons as follows: _

Making the Eye/ Button knots

Cut two 50cm lengths of Black yarn, take one piece of yarn and fold it in half.

Wrap the middle of the doubled yarn around your index finger to make a loop,

Leaving the loop on your finger, thread one end of the doubled yarn through the loop, as if to make a knot. Do not tighten the knot yet!

Thread the yarn once more through the loop on your finger.

Take the loop off your finger and gently pull the ends to tighten the knot. You will now have an oval knot in the middle of the yarn.

Sewing on the eyes

The eyes are place 3 rows up from the mouth and with 3 stitches space between them. Use pins to help you mark the position of the eyes. Thread one doubled end of thread onto a needle and push the needle from the front to the back of the head. Unthread the needle and repeat with the other end of the knotted yarn 1 stitches above the first thread

Repeat for the other eye. Gently pull on the loose threads at the back of the head to indent the eyes. You can easily reposition the eyes to give a pleasing expression. When you are happy with the eye positions re- thread each end and pass the needle through the head twice to secure the yarn. cut off close to the head so that the tail disappears in to the head.