

Christmas Angel

What you will need...

Some wool – any yarn – any colour

Knitting needles- between size 10 – 8 / 3.25mm – 4mm

(I used 4mm needles and DK wool)

Darning needle / large sewing needle

Small amount of stuffing for head

The Pattern for head and body

Cast on 48 stitches (sts)

Row 1 knit

Row 2 purl

Row 3 (k2 tog, k10) repeat to end of row – 44sts

Row 4 purl

Row 5 knit

Row 6 * (p9, p2 tog) repeat to end of row – 40 sts

Row 7 knit

Row 8 purl

Row 9 (k2 tog, k8) repeat to end of row – 36sts

Row 10 purl

Row 11 knit

Row 12 * (p7, p2 tog) repeat to end of row – 32sts

Row 13 knit

Row 14 purl

Row 15 (k2 tog, k6) repeat to end of row – 28sts

Row 16 purl

Row 17 knit

Row 18 * (p5, p2 tog) repeat to end of row – 24sts

Row 19 knit

Row 20 purl

Row 21 (k2tog, k4) repeat to end of row – 20sts

Rows 22 - 27 (purl 1 row, knit 1 row) repeat 3 times

At this point you can change your colour to create the face if you want.

Row 28 purl

Rows 29 - 34 (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) repeat 3 times

Row 35 (k2tog) repeat to end of row – 10sts

Row 36 purl

Row 37 knit

Row 38 (p2tog) repeat to end of row – 5 sts.

Cut thread allowing enough to sew seam of the angel.

Thread yarn through the last 5 stitches and tighten to create the top of the head..

Sew up the head and body of the angel.

Take a small amount of stuffing and place at the top of the head, then thread some yarn between stitches (on row 27) and pull up to form the neck.

Add a loop of thread to the top of the angel so it can be hung up.

* slight adjustments made so that all the decrease stitches line up

(I prefer the 2nd option for the wings. Once the method of w&t is “cracked”, it gives a better result.)

Patterns for wings

Option 1 All rows are knit

Cast on 27 sts

Knit 1 row

Knit 1 row

Decrease (k2tog) at each end – 25sts

Knit 1 row

Knit 12 rows, K2tog at both ends of row

Cast off last stitch

Option 2 All rows are knit

The wings are knitted in short rows, with the yarn wrapped around the last stitch in the middle of each ridge.

To work w&t = wrap and turn

To complete this you need to bring your yarn forward, slip the next stitch purl-wise, take the yarn back again, replace the slipped stitch, bring the yarn forward again and turn the work.

To work wings...

Cast on 9 sts. and knit 1 row

Row 1 k8, w&t, k8

Row 2 k6, w&t, k6

Row 3 k4, w&t, k4

Row 4 k2, w&t, k2

Row 5 k4, w&t, k4

Row 6 k6, w&t, k6

Repeat these 6 rows 5 times,

then repeat row 1 once more.

Cast off 9 sts.

Sew to body along centre back seam