

Santa. (Easy)

This little decoration is quick and easy to make less than an hour. Make it in traditional Christmas colours, or to match this year's fashionable colour theme for Christmas. You will only need very small quantities of each yarn, making a great way to use up your stash of yarn left-overs.

### **Materials**

A. For the beard - Tinsel yarn, (or snowflake or similar 'hairy' yarns)

B. Santa face - white or pale flesh pink D/K yarn

C. Hat - red or colour of your choice -D/K yarn

3.75 or 4mm knitting needles. Gauge is not important for this item

Large sewing needle for joining edges and small sewing needle for attaching embellishments or embroidering features.

To complete your decoration: Embroidery floss, tiny beads, pompoms, tiny sleigh bells etc. Ribbon, cord or thread for hanging. Use sewing thread for attaching embellishments

NOTES. This design is mainly worked in stocking stitch throughout. If you are using Tinsel yarn, the right side is the purl side

TIP when changing colours, knit both colours together on the first stitch. This will hold both colours in place until you finish knitting and can either tie or weave the ends together.

st.st - stocking stitch. inc – knit into the front and the back of the stitch. dec – knit 2 together.

### **Beard**

Cast on 4sts with A, and knit 1 row

Beginning with a knit row, and working in st.st - Inc. Each end of the next row and every following 4th row until you have 12sts on your needle.

Work 4 more rows ending with a purl row

Cut yarn leaving a tail to weave in later

### **Face**

Join B and beginning with a PURL row, work 8 rows in st.st

Next row: Knit

### **Hat**

Join C and beginning with a knit row work 8 rows st.st.

Dec each end of the next and every following 4th row until 2 stitches remain.

Knit 2 further rows and then knit 2 tog. and fasten off

### **Finishing**

Secure yarn tails and trim

The beard is not sewn, so weave the cast on tail into the back of the beard. Fold edges of the face to the centre back and slip edges together. Fasten off.

Using C continue to slip stitch the hat up to the 8th row.

Fasten off.

Note. do not sew together any more than 8 rows on the hat. Fold over and catch the tip into place (as Photo) Attach pompom, bell or bead to the tip. Embroider simple eyes and nose or use beads (see photo) Attach hanger.