

approx 5"

GINGERBREAD MAN

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YARN + NOTIONS

Needles:

- A pair of 3.75mm straight knitting needles (US 5)

Notions:

- Toy filling (less than 50g)
- A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together
- ~~2 x 10mm diameter green buttons for eyes, sewing needle and thread.~~

Yarn:

DK weight yarns; less than 25g in each colour per pudding:

- ~~● Brown
For the gingerbread man~~
- ~~● Red
For the tummy button~~
- ~~● Yellow
For the tummy button and hair~~
- ~~● White
For the icing~~

~~I recommend Patons UK F&B DK in shades
Chocolate, Canary, White and Cherry~~

PLEASE USE FAWN,
CREAM, WHITE, OR
GREY FOR THE MAN.
MAKE A SCARF OF RED
OR GREEN.
SEW IN WOOL TO MAKE
EYES AND A MOUTH.
PLEASE MAKE A LOOP
TO HANG UP WITH.



NOTES

Finished size: The gingerbread man is approximately 13cm tall.

Work flat: All pieces are knitted flat (back and forth) on a pair of straight knitting needles.

Tension: The tension is approximately 22 sts per 10cm. Don't worry too much about tension for this pattern.

Casting on: Unless otherwise specified, use the cable cast on for all pieces.

Sewing seams: Use mattress stitch to sew the seams.

ABBREVIATIONS

DK Double knitting or light worsted weight yarn

k Knit

k2tog Decrease: knit two stitches together.

kfb Increase: knit into the front and back of the next stitch.

p Purl

p2tog Decrease: purl two stitches together.

Pull through to cast off
Cut the yarn leaving at least a

30cm tail. Thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the remaining sts on the knitting needle. Pull the sts off the knitting needle on to the yarn, gather together tightly and secure the yarn.

rep Repeat

RS Right side

st(s) Stitch(es)

turn Turn the work (as you would at the end of a row) but leaving some sts

unworked at the end of the row. In this pattern, you do not need to wrap the next stitch at the point of the turn.

WS Wrong side

[...] Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated.

(.. sts) The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row.

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KNITTING PATTERNS

Legs, body and head

Make 1. Cast on 8 sts in brown on straight 3.75mm needles.

Row 1: [kfb] x 8 (16 sts, RS)

Row 2: p (16 sts, WS)

Row 3: [kfb] x 16 (32 sts)

Row 4: p (32 sts)

Row 5: k (32 sts)

Rows 6 to 11: rep rows 4 and 5 three times (32 sts)

Row 12: p (32 sts)

Row 13: [k2tog] x 16 (16 sts)

Row 14: p (16 sts)

Row 15: [k2tog] x 8 (8 sts)

Row 16: p (8 sts)

Row 17: [kfb] x 8 (16 sts)

Row 18: p (16 sts)

Row 19: [kfb, k1] x 8 (24 sts)

Row 20: p (24 sts)

Row 21: k (24 sts)

Rows 22 to 31: rep rows 20 and 21 five times (24 sts)

Row 32: p (24 sts)

Now work the legs.

Row 33: k12, turn leaving 12 sts unworked at the end of the row (24 sts)

Row 34: p12 (24 sts)

Rows 35 to 42: rep rows 33 and 34 four times (24 sts)

Row 43: [k2tog] x 6 (18 sts)

Pull through to cast off the 6 sts you just worked, leaving the other 12 sts on the knitting needle for the left leg.

Now work the left leg. With the remaining 12 sts from row 33, and with the RS facing you, reattach the brown yarn to work row 1 below.

Row 1: k (12 sts, RS)

Row 2: p (12 sts, WS)

Rows 3 to 10: rep rows 1 and 2 four times (12 sts)

Row 11: [k2tog] x 6 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Making up: Sew the side edges of each leg together up to the crotch (row 33), then sew the side edges together up the back of the body and head, adding stuffing as you sew. Don't overstuff as the gingerbread man should be quite flat. Finish by gathering together the cast on sts at the top of the head.

Arms

Make 2. Cast on 12 sts in brown on straight 3.75mm needles.

Row 1: k (12 sts, RS)

Row 2: p (12 sts, WS)

Rows 3 to 10: rep rows 1 and 2 four times (12 sts) ✓

Row 11: [k2tog] x 6 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Making up: Sew the side edges together adding stuffing as you sew. Then sew the cast on edge of the top of the arms to the sides of the gingerbread man.