

Santa and friends – pattern by Karen Jones

4½cm polystyrene ball
double knitting yarn
3¼ mm needles
googly eyes
shirring elastic (for hanger)



Head/ face

1. Cast on 14 stitches leaving a long 'tail' of yarn
2. Row 1 knit, increase in every stitch (28)
3. Beginning purl row, stocking stitch 13 rows (knit 1 row, purl one row)
4. Knit 2 together across the row (14 stitches)
5. Cut thread, put on needle and pull through remaining stitches
6. Wrap round polystyrene ball and sew up, fastening and cutting that end of yarn only. The longer one will be used to make the nose later.

Hat

1. Cast on 32 stitches
2. Rib (knit 1, purl 1) 10 rows
3. Change colour of yarn here, if you want to
4. Stocking stitch 10 rows
5. Shaping the back of the hat. Next row(knit 2, knit 2 together) to the end of the row
6. Next row purl
7. Next row (knit 1, knit 2 together) to the end of the row
8. Next row purl
9. Next row knit 2 together to the end
10. Cut thread, put on needle and pull through remaining stitches
11. Sew hat together using this thread
12. Make small bobble and attach to the hat

To make up

1. Put the hat on the head so that it covers the seam on the polystyrene ball
2. Decide where you want the nose
3. Using the long 'tail' of yarn, thread it on a needle and work it under the head covering to that place
4. Sew over one stitch a couple of times to make a raised nose
5. Work it back under the head to a place that will be covered by the hat
6. Finish off and cut yarn

Sew the hat to the head on the line where you fold the rim back.

Glue eyes in place

Attach sheering elastic hanging loop to the hat

