

Quirky gnome (knitting)



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Finished size:
large 18cm tall, small 10cm tall

<Abbreviations>

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

RH: right hand

St st: stocking stitch

St(s): stitch(es)

K: knit

P: purl

Kfb: k one through the front then
through the back (same stitch)

K2tog: knit two together

P2tog: purl two together

Skpo: slip1 stitch, k1, pass slipped stitch over

Tools

- 3.0 mm Bamboo Knitting Needles **Takumi**[®] Single Pointed (23 cm) (Art No. 3705)
- Gold Eye Chenille Needles(No. 18) (Art No. 234/18)
- Double-Ended Stitch Holder, Small (Art No. 351)
- All-purpose sewing needle
- Patchwork Scissors Mini (Art No. 493/CW)

Materials

For large gnome

- [A] 5g 4-ply peach
- [B] 5g 4-ply blue
- [C] A small amount 4-ply soft brown
- [D] A small amount 4-ply dark pink
- [E] A small amount of red DK
- [F] A small amount of curly white yarn
- Stuffing
- A pair of 6mm eye beads
- Black cotton thread

For small gnome

- [A] 5g 4-ply peach
- [B] 5g 4-ply soft green
- [C] A small amount of 4-ply soft brown
- [D] A small amount of 4-ply coral pink
- [E] A small amount of red DK
- [F] A small amount of curly white yarn
- Stuffing
- A pair of 4mm eye beads
- Black cotton thread

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[Patchwork Scissors \(Mini\)](#)



About yarn used for samples

- Sirdar Snuggly 4-ply in [A] Pretty Peach, [B] Periwinkle, [C] Soft Brown, [D] Flowergirl: 50g per 226m, 55% Nylon, 45% Acrylic.

Practical tips

- Leave a long end at the beginning and end of each piece for sewing
- Sew seams with RS facing, using mattress stitch.
- If you are using safety eyes with washers, attach them before stuffing the head.

Tension

20 sts and 26 rows for 10 x 10cm tension square over St st (not essential).

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Large Gnome

Legs and Body

Right leg

With yarn B, cast on 18 sts.

Rows 1-6: Starting with a RS k row, work 6 rows in St st.

Break yarn, keep sts on holder.

Left leg

Work as for Right leg but, do not break yarn.

Row 7 (RS): K18 across Left leg, k18 from holder,
connecting both legs. 36 sts

Rows 8-14: Starting with a p row, work 7 rows in St st.

Row 15: (K4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 16-18: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 19: (K1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Rows 20-22: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 23: (K2tog) to end. 10 sts

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

Head

With yarn A, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: (Kfb) in each st to end. 20 sts

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: (K1, kfb) to end. 30 sts

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: (K4, kfb) to end. 36 sts

Rows 7-21: Starting with a p row, work 15 rows in St st.

Row 22: (K4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Row 23: Purl.

Row 24: (K1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Row 25: Purl.

Row 26: (K2tog) to end. 10 sts

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

Feet: make two

With yarn C, cast on 7 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: (Kfb) in each st to end. 14 sts

Rows 3-7: Starting with a p row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 8: (K2tog) to end. 7 sts

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

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Arms: make two

With yarn B, cast on 12 sts.

Rows 1-14: Starting with a WS p row, work 14 rows in St st.

Row 15 (WS): Knit for cuff edge.

Change to yarn A.

Rows 16-20: Starting with a k row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 21: (P2tog) to end. 6 sts

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

Hat

With yarn D, cast on 24 sts.

Rows 1-8: Starting with a RS k row, work 8 rows in St st.

Row 9: (K2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: (K1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rows 12-15: Starting with a p row, work 4 rows in St st.

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

To make up

Seam legs and body and stuff. With fastened-off yarn end of foot, sew seam without stuffing.

Attach feet to body. Seam and stuff arms.

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With fastened-off yarn end, seam head half way.

With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly.

Stuff head and close seam. Seam and attach hat to head.

With yarn F, make hair and beard with backstitch, leaving loops.

Attach eyes.

With yarn E, embroider mouth and nose.

Attach head to body.



Small gnome

Leg and body

Right leg

With yarn B, cast on 12 sts.

Rows 1-4: Starting with a RS k row,
work 4 rows in St st.

Break yarn, keep sts on holder.

Left leg

Work as for Right leg but do not break yarn.

Connect legs

Row 5 (RS): K12 across Left leg, k12 from holder,
connecting both legs. 24 sts

Rows 6-10: Starting with a p row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 11: (K2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rows 12-16: Starting with a p row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 17: (K1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 18: Purl.

Row 19: (K2tog) to end. 6 sts

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

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Head

With yarn A, cast on 12 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: (Kfb) to end. 24 sts

Rows 3-17: Starting with a p row, work 15 rows in St st.

Row 18: (K2tog) to end. 12 sts

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

Arms: make two

With yarn B, cast on 10 sts

Rows 1-9: Starting with a WS p row, work 9 rows in St st.

Row 10 (RS): Purl for cuff edge.

Change to yarn A.

Rows 11-13: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 14: (K2tog) to end. 5 sts

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

Feet: make two

With yarn C, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: (Kfb) in each st to end. 10 sts

Rows 3-8: Starting with a p row, work 6 rows in St st.

Row 9: (P2tog) to end. 5 sts

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

Hat

With yarn D, cast on 18 sts.

Rows 1-6: Starting with a RS k row, work 6 rows in St st.

Row 7: (K1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: (K1, k2tog) to end. 8 sts

Rows 10-11: Starting with a p row, work 2 rows in St st.

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

To make up

Follow the instructions given for Large Gnome.

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