Santa and reindeer

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Materials

- [A] 10g brown DK
- [B] Small amount of dark brown DK
- [C] 8g red DK
- Small amount of [D] Fleecy yarn white DK, [E] Fleecy yarn cream DK, [F] fair skin colour DK [G] black DK
- Stuffing
- 10cm red ribbon, red cotton thread
- 5mm gold bell
- Small amount of 3-ply brown yarn

Tools

- 3.00mm Bamboo Knitting Needles Takumi® Double Pointed (20cm) (Art No. 3835)
- Gold Eye chenille Needle (No. 18) (Art No. 234/18)
- Patchwork Scissors(Mini) (Art no. 493/CW)

Tension

- 24 sts x 34 rows=10cm measured over St st (not essential)

Yarn used for the sample

- DK, 50g per 165m, 55 % Nylon, 45% Acrylic
- Fleecy white: DK, 25g per 85m, 100% Polyester

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Gold Eye Chenille Needles (No. 18)

Patchwork Scissors (Mini)

*All parts are knitted flat and sewn up at the end.
Double pointed needles are to make i-cord.

<Abbreviations>

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: slip 1 stitch, k1, pass slipped stitch over
WS: wrong side
RS: right side

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Special technique: i-cord

Using double-pointed needles cast on the required number of stitches. Do not turn.
Slide stitches to the opposite end of the needle, then knit stitches again taking the yarn firmly across the back of work. Repeat to desired length.

Instructions

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BODY

With A, cast on 28 sts
Rows 1-7: Starting with a p row, work 7 rows in St st.
Row 8: Cast off 6 sts, k to end. 22 sts
Row 9: Cast off 6 sts, p to end. 16 sts
Row 10: Cast on 3 sts, k to end. 19 sts
Row 11: Cast on 3 sts, p to end. 22 sts
Rows 12-17: Starting with a k row work 6 rows in St st.
Row 18: Cast off 3 sts, k to end. 19 sts
Row 19: Cast off 3 sts, p to end. 16 sts
Row 20: Cast on 6 sts, k these sts, k7, [kfb] twice, k to end. 24 sts
Row 21: Cast on 6 sts, p to end. 30 sts
Row 22: K14, [kfb] twice, k to end. 32 sts
Row 23: Purl.
Row 24: K15, [kfb] twice, k to end. 34 sts
Rows 25-27: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.
Row 28: Cast off 6 sts, k to end. 28 sts
Row 29: Cast off 6 sts, p to end. 22 sts
Row 30: Cast off 6 sts, k to end. 16 sts
Row 31: Cast off 6 sts, p to end. 10 sts
Row 32: Cast on 4 sts, k to end. 14 sts
Row 33: Cast on 4 sts, p to end. 18 sts
Rows 34-37: Starting with a k row, work 4 rows in St st.
Cast off.

EARS: make two

With A, cast on 3 sts.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2: Skpo, k1. 2 sts
Row 3: P2tog and fasten off.

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ANTLERS

Main piece: make two

With B, cast on 4 sts and work 10 rows in i-cord throughout rows 12-14.

Row 11: K1, k2tog, k1. 3 sts. Continue i-cord.

Row 12: Knit.

Row 13: Skpo, k1. 2 sts

Row 14: Skpo and fasten off.

Small side piece: make two

With B, cast on 3 sts and work 4 rows in i-cord. Continue i-cord throughout rows 5-6.

Row 5: Skpo, k1. 2 sts

Row 6: Skpo and fasten off.

TAIL

With A, cast on 5 sts and work 4 rows in St st, starting with a p row, Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Fold leg in half horizontally and work a gathering thread to the edge of foot. Sew each hind leg. Sew edge of tummy to cast-on edge. Work on both legs.

Fold the remaining cast-on edge outwards and sew together to make an allowance for the bottom.

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Repeat for front legs. Sew tummy edge to cast-off edge.

Connect the two front edges together and sew chest, chin and head.

Stuff body and close the tummy.
Seam tail and attach it to Body.
Sew short antler to main piece and attach antlers to head.
With yarn B, French knot eyes.
Attach ribbon and bell to neck.
Wrap 3-ply brown yarn around neck for rein.

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BODY

With C, cast on 8 sts.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2: [Kfb] in each st to end. 16 sts
Row 3: Purl.
Row 4: [K1, kfb] to end. 24 sts
Row 5: Purl.
Rows 6-7: Join D and k 2 rows.
Row 8: With C, k12, with D, k1, with C, k11.
Rows 9-11: Starting with a p row and keeping yarns correct, work 3 rows in St st.
Row 12: [K2, k2tog] to end. 18 sts
Rows 13-15: Starting with a p row and keeping yarns correct, work 3 rows in St st.
Row 16 (neck): With C, [K1, k2tog] to end. 12 sts. Break C.
Row 17: Join F and p.
Row 18: K4, [kfb] 4 times, k4. 16 sts
Rows 19-22: Starting with a p row, work 4 rows in St st.
Row 23: P4, [p2tog, p1] 3 times, p3. 13 sts
Rows 24-27: Starting with a k row, work 4 rows in St st.
Row 28: K1,*k2tog, k2; repeat from * to end. 10 sts
Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

ARMS: make two
With C, cast on 6 sts.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2: Join D, [k2, kfb] twice. 8 sts
Row 3: Knit. Break D.
Rows 4-8: With C and starting with a k row, work 5 rows in St st.
Row 9: [P2tog] to end. 4 sts.
Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

LEGS: make two
With D, cast on 10 sts. Break D.
Rows 1-6: Join C and starting with a k row,
work 6 rows in St st.
Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

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BOOTS: make two
With G, cast on 10 sts.
Rows 1-2: Starting with a p (WS) row, work 2 rows St st.
Row 3: P3, [p2tog] twice, p3. 8 sts.
Row 4: K3, k2tog, k3. 7 sts
Rows 5-7: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.
Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

BEARD: make two
With E, cast on 10 sts.
Row 1: Knit.
Rows 2-3: Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. 6 sts
Cast off.

HAT
With D, cast on 16 sts. Break D
Rows 1-8: Join C and starting with a k row, work 8 rows in St st.
Row 9: [K2, k2tog] to end. 12 sts
Rows 10-12: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.
Row 13: [K1, k2tog] to end. 8 sts
Row 14: Purl.
Row 15: [k2tog] to end. 4 sts
Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
With fastened-off yarn end, sew Body seam closed from Head down to neck.
Keep this yarn end free at neck.
With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and pull tightly.
Sew Body closed from base up to waist and stuff, avoiding neck area.
With yarn F left at neck, work a gathering thread around neck and pull tightly.
Using same yarn, work a gathering thread on face over eyeline and pull gently to shape dent.
Make a French knot in yarn F. With yarn B, make French knots for eyes. Seam boots.
Thread a needle with yarn G and insert it from sole, taking it out from ankle and repeat.
Pull thread to flatten sole and shape ankle.
Wrap boot with trouser leg and secure boot to hem.
Seam trouser leg. Attach legs to body.
Seam and attach hat and arms. Attach beard.