

Christmas Set

THESE CHARMING decorations are quick to make and will add a cheerful touch to your Christmas tree - why not give a few away to friends and family, too? Rosee has made her set using small amounts of Jamieson & Smith 2ply Jumper Weight wool for a vintage feel, but any 4ply yarn should be fine, so it's a good way to use up odds and ends in your stash basket. The star, snowman and little stocking are all worked in the round, while the heart, present and tree are knitted flat.

TREE

(Make 2)

Using dark brown yarn cast on 7 sts. Starting with a purl row, work in st st for 7 rows.

Change to dark green yarn.

Using the backward loop method, cast on 12 sts, knit across 7 sts, cast on 12 sts. 31 sts **Next row (WS):** Knit (to form ridge). Cont in st st and work 2 decs at beg and end of RS rows to 19 sts, and then 1 dec at beg and end of RS rows to 11 sts.

Change to moss yarn.

Using the backward loop method, cast on 8 sts, knit across 11 sts, cast on 8 sts. 27 sts.

Next row (WS): Knit (to form ridge).

Cont in st st and work 2 decs at beg and end of RS rows to 15 sts, and then 1 dec at beg and end of RS rows to 9 sts.

Change to light green yarn.

Using the backward loop method, cast on 6 sts, knit across 9 sts, cast on 6 sts. 21 sts.

Next row (WS): Knit (to form ridge). Cont in st st and work 2 decs at beg and end of RS rows to 9 sts, and then 1 dec at beg and end of RS rows to 3 sts.

Next row (WS): Sl2tog, K1, p2sso. Fasten off final st.

Working from the top down, with WS facing and changing yarn colours to match tree as you go, oversew the outer edge of the two tree pieces together.

When you have sew the first two tiers of the tree together, make a crochet chain about 10cm long, fold in two and knot.

Using your crochet hook, pull the looped end of the chain through the top of the tree to make a hanger.

Stuff carefully, working the stuffing into the correct shape.

Oversew the third tier, continuing to stuff



tree as you go.

Oversew the trunk, and add more stuffing.

For a better shape, leave the bottom of the trunk unsewn. If you have small children or housepets, though, we advise sewing it shut to prevent stuffing being removed by curious hands/paws!

STAR

Cast on 125 sts and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist, and place marker.

Rnd 1: K11, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K22; rep from * to last 14 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K11.

Rnd 2: K10, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K20; rep from * to the last 13 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K10. 105 sts.

Rnd 3: K9, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K18; rep from *to last 12 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K9. 95 sts.
Rnd 4: K8, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K16; rep from *to last 11 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K8. 85 sts.
Rnd 5: K7, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K14; rep from *to last 10 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K7. 75 sts.
Rnd 6: K6, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K12; rep from *to last 9 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K6. 65 sts.
Rnd 7: K5, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K10; rep from *to last 8 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K5. 55 sts.
Rnd 8: K4, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K8; rep from *to last 7 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K4. 45 sts.
Rnd 9: K3, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K6; rep from

*to last 6 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K3. 35 sts. **Rnd 10**: K2, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K4; rep from SIZE

Star 11cm across **Tree** 14cm tall

YARN

Jamieson & Smith 2ply Jumper Weight (4ply weight; 100% wool; 115m/125yds per 25g ball) The colours below are needed for the full set. Each ornament only uses a small amount of each shade given so you will not need more than one ball of any colour.

Star Pale Yellow (66)

Tree Dark Brown (5), Dark Green (34), Moss (FC12), Pale Green (29)

NEEDLES & ACCESSORIES

1 set 2.75mm (UK 12/US 2) double-pointed knitting needles, or 2 short circular needles or one long circular needle, for your preferred method of knitting small diameters in the round.

Note: The star involves working in the round.

3mm crochet hook

Tapestry needle

Toy stuffing

20cm length of 1cm wide ribbon Sewing needle and thread to match ribbon

TENSION

28 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, measured over stocking stitch on 2.75mm needles. Exact tension is not crucial.

* to last 5 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K2. 25 sts. **Rnd 11:** K1, *Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K2; rep from * to last 4 sts, Sl2tog, K1, p2sso, K1. 15 sts. **Rnd 12:** (Sl2tog, K1, p2sso) 5 times. 5 sts. Break yarn and thread through rem sts.

With RS of star facing you, pick up and knit 125 sts around edge of first star. Rep from *** to end of Rnd 8.

Make a crochet chain about 10cm long, fold in two and knot.

Using your crochet hook, pull the looped end of the chain through a top corner of the star to make a hanger.

Stuff partially, and continue to end of Rnd 10. Add more stuffing and work Rnds 11 and 12 as before.

Break yarn and thread through rem sts twice (for extra strength). Weave in ends and hide tail by pulling through star and snipping close to surface.