



FESTIVE FRIENDS

Spread the season's greetings with **Ann Franklin's** Christmas crew – these cheerful characters can be used as individual decorations, too!

**GREAT FOR BEGINNERS****YOU WILL NEED**

- ☐ Rico Design Ricorumi DK (100% cotton, 25g/58m)
- Yarn A** Ivy (043)
- Yarn B** Fir (050)
- Yarn C** Tangerine (026)
- Yarn D** Red (028)
- Yarn E** Orange (027)
- Yarn F** White (001)
- Yarn G** Wine Red (029)
- Yarn H** Black (060)
- Yarn K** Powder (022)
- Yarn L** Nougat (056)
- Yarn M** Beige (055)
- ☐ A pair of 3mm needles
- ☐ A 25.5cm (10in) wreath frame, inner diameter 18.5cm (7½in), or a cardboard ring cut out to the same dimensions

- ☐ 50cm (20in) of elastic cord
- ☐ 35g of toy stuffing
- For yarn stockists contact Rico Design**
- www.rico-design.co.uk

TENSION

24 sts and 32 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Wreath diameter 26cm (10¼in)
Figures 13cm (5in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see www.gathered.how

gathered.**CHRISTMAS WREATH WREATH**

Cast on 140 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 Purl.

Join in Yarn B. Do not break off Yarn A.

Row 4 Using Yarn B, *K9, kfb; rep from * to end. [154 sts]
 Using Yarn B, knit 3 rows.

Row 8 Using Yarn A, *K10, kfb; rep from * to end. [168 sts]
 Using Yarn A and beg with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Row 12 Using Yarn B *K11, kfb; rep from * to end. [182 sts]
 Using Yarn B, knit 3 rows.

Row 16 Using Yarn A *K12, kfb; rep from * to end. [196 sts]

Row 17 Using Yarn A, purl.

Row 18 Using Yarn B *K12, k2tog; rep from * to end. [182 sts]
 Using Yarn B, knit 3 rows.

Row 22 Using Yarn A, *K11, k2tog; rep from * to end. [168 sts]
 Using Yarn A and beg with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Row 26 Using Yarn B, *K10, k2tog; rep from * to end. [154 sts]
 Using Yarn B, knit 3 rows.

Row 30 Using Yarn A, *K9, k2tog; rep from * to end. [140 sts]
 Using Yarn A, beg with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Cast off all sts using Yarn A.

LARGE BAUBLES (MAKE 9 – 3 EACH IN YARNS C, D AND E)

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C, D or E (as required).

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [16 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [24 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.

Row 9 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [16 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Row 11 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [8 sts].

B&T.

SMALL BAUBLES (MAKE 6)

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [16 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Row 5 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [8 sts]

B&T.

BUNTING FLAGS (MAKE 8)

Cast on 2 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 and every foll alt row Purl.

Row 2 (RS) K1, M1, K1. [3 sts]

Row 4 K1, M1, K1, M1, K1. [5 sts]

Row 6 K1, M1, K3, M1, K1. [7 sts]



Row 8 K1, M1, K5, M1, K1. [9 sts]
Row 10 K1, M1, K7, M1, K1. [11 sts]
 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows.
Row 14 K1, ssk, K5, k2tog, K1. [9 sts]
Row 16 K1, ssk, K3, k2tog, K1. [7 sts]
Row 18 K1, ssk, K1, k2tog, K1. [5 sts]
Row 20 K1, sk2po, K1. [3 sts]
Row 22 Sk2po. [1 st]
B&T.

MAKING UP WREATH

Join the side seam.
 Fold the Wreath in half over the wreath ring and sew the cast-on and cast-off edges together.

BAUBLES

1 Join the side seam from the B&T stitches, leaving a small section near the cast-on edge to allow for turning and stuffing.
2 Turn the Baubles to the right side and stuff. Close the gap in the side seam, and then sew a running thread through the cast-on sts, pulling this thread up tightly to close the end.
3 Sew the Baubles to the bottom half of the Wreath, staggering the Large Baubles, and sewing them in a sequence of the three colours. Sew the Smaller Baubles randomly between the Larger Baubles.

BUNTING

1 Fold 6 Flags over the elastic cord and sew the fronts to the backs.
2 On the RS, attach the elastic cord to one inner edge of the Wreath just above the level of the Baubles. Slide the Flags along the cord until all six are in a row, using image as a guide.
3 Attach the other end of the cord to the same point on the other side of the wreath ring.
4 On the WS, knot the cord to the front line of cord, between pairs of Flags, and then at the end where the beginning of the cord is joined. Make sure this rear length of cord is fairly taut, as the figures will be held in place by this cord.
5 Fold over and oversew the seam of the 2 remaining Flags. Sew both Flags to the wreath ring, next to the Bunting, on either side.
6 Using Yarn B, sew a small loop for hanging the Wreath at the centre-top. The three figures are made to fit inside the Wreath; however, they can also be used separately as Christmas tree decorations.

SNOWMAN FIRST LEG

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.
Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [10 sts]



Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [15 sts]
 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 7 rows.
 Break off the yarn and leave First Leg to one side.

SECOND LEG

Work exactly the same as First Leg, but do not break off the yarn.

JOIN LEGS FOR BODY AND HEAD

Row 11 Kfb, K12, (kfb) twice, across Second Leg; (kfb) twice, K12, kfb, across First Leg. [36 sts]
 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 15 rows.

SHAPE NECK

Row 27 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [24 sts]
Row 28 Purl.

SHAPE HEAD

Row 29 K4, (kfb) 16 times, K4. [40 sts]
 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 13 rows.
Row 43 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. [30 sts]
Row 44 Purl.
Row 45 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [20 sts]
Row 46 Purl.
Row 47 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [10 sts]
B&T.

ARMS (MAKE 2 THE SAME)

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 3 times, K1. [7 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [14 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
 Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 6 rows.
Cast off.

NOSE

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.
Row 1 and every foll alt row (WS) Purl.
Row 2 K3, k2tog. [4 sts]
Row 4 K2, k2tog. [3 sts]
Row 6 K1, k2tog. [2 sts]
Row 7 P2tog. [1 st]
B&T.

SCARF

Cast on 40 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.
 Knit 8 rows.
Cast off.

MAKING UP LEGS, BODY AND HEAD

1 Sew running stitch along the cast-on edge of the Legs and pull the thread tightly to close the cast-on edge. Sew the Leg seams, and then the main back seam, leaving a small gap for turning and stuffing.
2 Turn to the right side, stuff and sew up the gap.
3 Thread a long length of matching yarn through the middle purl row of the neck shaping and pull the thread up to shape the neck more clearly.

ARMS

Sew a running stitch through the cast-on edge and pull thread to close the cast-on edge. Join the side seam, leaving the cast-off edge open. Stuff the Arms and sew them to the sides of the body.



Knit a small strip of garter stitch in Red (Yarn D) and secure it around the neck with a few stitches

NOSE AND FACE

- 1 Sew the side seam of the Nose and sew the cast-on edge to the centre-front of the head.
- 2 Using Yarn H, embroider eyes on either side of the Nose, 5 sts apart and 2 rows down from the first decrease row. Sew a mouth below the Nose by sewing a long stitch below the Nose, catching it down in the centre directly below the Nose.

SCARF

Neaten the ends, then wrap the Scarf around the neck, crossing the ends at the front of the Snowman, and sewing the Scarf down to keep it in place.

SANTA FIRST LEG

- Cast on** 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn H.
Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [10 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [15 sts]

Break off Yarn H and join in Yarn G.
 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 7 rows.
 Break off the yarn and leave First Leg to one side.

SECOND LEG

Work exactly the same as First Leg, but do not break off the yarn.

JOIN LEGS FOR BODY AND HEAD

- Row 11** Kfb, K12, (kfb) twice, across Second Leg, (kfb) twice, K12, kfb, across First Leg. [36 sts]
 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 7 rows.

Join in Yarn H. Do not break off Yarn G.
 Using Yarn H, work in st st for 2 rows.

Break off Yarn H and continue in Yarn G.
 Work in st st for 6 rows.

SHAPE NECK

- Row 27** *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [24 sts]

Break off Yarn G and join in Yarn K.
Row 28 Purl.

SHAPE HEAD

- Row 29** K4, (kfb) 16 times, K4. [40 sts]
 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 13 rows.
Row 43 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. [30 sts]

- Row 44** Purl.
Row 45 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [20 sts]
Row 46 Purl.
Row 47 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [10 sts]
B&T.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

- Cast on** 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn K.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 3 times, K1. [7 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 *Kfb; rep from * to end [14 sts]
Row 4 Purl.

Break off Yarn K and join in Yarn G.
 Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 6 rows.
Cast off.

HAIR

- Cast on** 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.
Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [16 sts]
Row 2 and every foll WS row Knit.
Row 3 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [24 sts]
Row 5 *Kfb, K2; rep from * to end. [32 sts]
Row 7 *Kfb, K3; rep from * to end. [40 sts]
Row 9 *Kfb, K4; rep from * to end. [48 sts]
 Knit 5 rows.
Cast off.

BEARD

- Cast on** 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.
 Knit 2 rows.
Row 3 (RS) Kfb, knit to the last st, kfb. [14 sts]
Row 4 Knit.
Row 5 Kfb, knit to the last st, kfb. [16 sts]
Cast off.

MAKING UP

- 1 Make up the main body and Arms as for the Snowman.
- 2 Using Yarn K, embroider a nose by working three horizontal stitches in the centre of the face. Embroider eyes and a mouth using Yarn H, as for the Snowman.
- 3 Put the Beard on the face and sew in place.
- 4 Join the seam of the Hair and sew it on the top of the head, shaping the edge to create the illusion of a fringe.
- 5 Using Yarn C, embroider a square 'buckle' in the centre of the belt.



Position Santa's hair so that he has a fringe when sewing the hair piece onto his head.

RUDOLPH FIRST LEG

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn L.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [10 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [15 sts]

Break off Yarn L and join in Yarn M.

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 7 rows.

Break off the yarn and leave First Leg to one side.

SECOND LEG

Work exactly the same as First Leg, but do not break off the yarn.

JOIN LEGS FOR BODY AND HEAD

Row 11 Kfb, K12, (kfb) twice, across Second Leg, (kfb) twice, K12, kfb, across First Leg. [36 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 15 rows.

SHAPE NECK

Row 27 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [24 sts]

Row 28 Purl.

SHAPE HEAD

Row 29 K4, (kfb) 16 times, K4. [40 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 13 rows.

Row 43 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. [30 sts]

Row 44 Purl.

Row 45 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [20 sts]

Row 46 Purl.

Row 47 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [10 sts]

B&T.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn L.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 3 times, K1. [7 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [14 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Break off Yarn L and join in Yarn M.

Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 6 rows.

Cast off.

ANTLERS

Cast on 20 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn L.

Knit 3 rows (first row is RS).

Cast off 4 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. [12 sts]

Cast on 3 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. [18 sts]
Knit 3 rows.

Cast off.

NOSE

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Beg with a purl (WS) row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Row 4 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [5 sts]

B&T.

MAKING UP

1 Make up the body and Arms as for the Snowman.

2 Join the side seam of the Nose, leaving the cast-on edge open.

3 Stuff the Nose and sew the cast-on edge to the centre of the face.

4 Embroider eyes and a mouth as for the other figures.

5 Sew the cast-on edge of the Antlers to the top of the head.

FINISHING

Using a matching yarn, sew a small hanging loop at the back of each figure. Place the figures in the Wreath, behind the Bunting. 🌿



The reindeer's antlers are made by casting off and casting on stitches to create the pointed shapes

STEP-BY-STEP K2TOG KNIT TWO STITCHES TOGETHER



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle through the loops of the next two stitches as if to knit.



2 Wind the yarn round the tip of the right-hand needle and pull the yarn through the two stitches, knitting them both together.



3 Drop the two stitches from the left-hand needle and keep the new stitch on the right-hand needle.



4 Knitting two stitches together decreases your stitch count by one, and the decrease stitch leans to the right. This is how a series of k2tog decreases will look.