

* MICE DECORATIONS



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m), 1 ball of each:
 - Yarn A Black (0965)
 - Yarn B White (0961)
 - Yarn C Signal Red (0977)
 - Yarn D Light Grey Mix (0814)
 - Yarn E Oatmeal (0964)
- Note Approx 2m is needed of Yarn A (for Santa mouse)
- A pair of 3.5mm knitting needles
- Two 3.5mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- Toy filling, 100g
- 2 safety eyes per mouse, 6mm diameter
- 2 wooden coffee stirrers or lolly sticks, for skis
- 3 cocktail sticks, for ski poles and wand
- Black stranded cotton
- Superglue
- A 5x3.5cm rectangle of white felt fabric, for the hymn book,
- White cotton thread and sewing needle, to make the hymn book
- 4 small white pompoms for the hats and wand (available from www.hobbycraft.co.uk)

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

11cm (4¼in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see www.gathered.how

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PROVENANCE

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Note Each Mouse follows the same pattern for Head, Body, Ears, Arms, Feet and Tail. See notes under each Mouse for yarn colours. Use the longtail cast-on for all pieces unless otherwise stated.

BASIC MOUSE

HEAD

Cast on 8 sts using 3.5mm needles.

Row 1 and all foll odd-numbered rows (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (RS) K1, (kfb) 6 times, K1. [14 sts]

Row 4 K1, (kfb) 12 times, K1. [26 sts]

Rows 5 to 11 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 12 K5, k2tog, K4, k2tog, ssk, K4, ssk, K5. [22 sts]

Row 14 K4, k2tog, K3, k2tog, ssk, K3, ssk, K4. [18 sts]

Row 16 K3, k2tog, K2, k2tog, ssk, K2, ssk, K3. [14 sts]

Row 18 K2, k2tog, K1, k2tog, ssk, K1, ssk, K2. [10 sts]

Row 20 (K2tog) 5 times. [5 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

BODY

Cast on 8 sts using 3.5mm needles.

Rows 1 to 11 Follow Rows 1 to 11 of the Basic Mouse Head patt. [26 sts]

Row 12 K3, ssk, K4, k2tog, K4, ssk, K4, k2tog, K3. [22 sts]

Rows 13 to 15 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 16 (K3, ssk, K3, k2tog) twice, K2. [18 sts]

Rows 17 to 19 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 20 (K2, ssk, K2, k2tog) twice, K2. [14 sts]

Rows 21 Purl.

Cast off.

EARS (MAKE 2 PER MOUSE)

Cast on 16 sts using 3.5mm needles.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 (K2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 (K2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

TAIL

Cast on 3 sts using 3.5mm DPNs.

Work i-cord for 16 rows. (www.wikihow.com/Knit-an-I-Cord)

Cast off.

ARMS (MAKE 2 PER MOUSE)

Cast on 4 sts using 3.5mm DPNs.

Work i-cord for 12 rows.

Cast off.

FEET

Cast on 5 sts using 3.5mm DPNs.

Work i-cord for 3 rows.

Cast off.

SANTA MOUSE

HEAD, EARS, FEET & TAIL

Follow the Basic Mouse patt in Yarn E.

BODY

Follow the Basic Mouse Body patt in the foll shades:

Cast on using Yarn E.

Rows 1 to 8 Work in Yarn E.

Rows 9 to 12 Work in Yarn C.

Row 13 Work in Yarn A.

Rows 14 to 20 Work in Yarn C.

Row 21 Work in Yarn B.

Cast off.

ARMS

Follow the Basic Mouse Arms patt in the foll shades:

Cast on using Yarn E.

Work i-cord for 3 rows in Yarn E.

Rows 4 to 12 Work in Yarn C.

Cast off.

HAT

Cast on 28 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Break Yarn B and join Yarn C.

Rows 2 to 5 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 6 K1, k2tog, K4, (k2tog, K5) 3 times. [24 sts]

Row 7 and all foll odd-numbered rows Purl.

Row 8 K1, k2tog, K3, (k2tog, K4) 3 times. [20 sts]

Row 10 K1, k2tog, K2, (k2tog, K3) 3 times. [16 sts]

Row 12 K1, k2tog, K1, (k2tog, K2) 3 times. [12 sts]

Row 14 K1, k2tog, (k2tog, K1) 3 times. [8 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

COLLAR

Cast on 19 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Cast off.

CAROL SINGER MOUSE

HEAD, EARS, BODY, ARMS, FEET & TAIL

Follow the Basic Mouse patt in Yarn D.

HAT

Follow the Santa Mouse Hat patt.

SCARF

Cast on 3 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 Knit.

Rep Row 1 until work meas 28cm.

Cast off.

FAIRY MOUSE

HEAD, EARS, ARMS, FEET & TAIL

Follow the Basic Mouse patt in Yarn D.

BODY

Add details to your mice using a little simple embroidery. These stitches underline the nose, create the mouth and add detail to the clothing



The carol singer mouse's scarf is created by casting on 3 stitches and knitting 28cm in garter stitch





For the wand, glue a pom-pom onto one end of a cocktail stick, push the other end through the mouse's hand and glue in place



The skirt and wings are created by incorporating decreases and increases into a simple garter stitch pattern

Follow the Basic Mouse Body patt in the foll shades:

Cast on using Yarn D.

Rows 1 to 8 Work in Yarn D.

Rows 9 to 21 Work in Yarn B.

Cast off.

SKIRT

Cast on 78 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Rows 1 to 4 Knit.

Row 5 (K2tog, K1) 26 times. [52 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 (K2tog) 26 times. [26 sts]

Cast off.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 and all foll odd-numbered rows Knit.

Row 2 (K1, yo) twice, K1. [5 sts]

Row 4 K1, yo, K3, yo, K1. [7 sts]

Row 6 K1, yo, K5, yo, K1. [9 sts]

Row 8 Knit.

Row 10 K1, k2tog, K3, k2tog, K1. [7 sts]

Row 12 K1, k2tog, K1, k2tog, K1. [5 sts]

Row 14 K1, sk2po, K1. [3 sts]

Row 16 Sk2po. [1 st]

Fasten off.

SKIER MOUSE HEAD, EARS, FEET & TAIL

Follow the Basic Mouse patt in Yarn E.

BODY

Follow the Basic Mouse Body patt in the foll shades:

Cast on using Yarn E.

Rows 1 to 8 Work in Yarn E.

Rows 9 to 21 Work in Yarn C.

Cast off.

ARMS

Follow the Basic Mouse Arms patt in the foll shades:

Cast on using Yarn E.

Work 3 rows of i-cord in Yarn E. (www.wikihow.com/Knit-an-I-Cord)

Rows 4 to 12 Work in Yarn C.

Cast off.

HAT

Cast on 28 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (WS) (K1, P1) 14 times.

Rows 2 to 3 Rep Row 1 twice more.

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 and all foll odd-numbered rows Purl.

Row 6 K1, (k2tog, K7) 3 times. [25 sts]

Row 8 K1, (k2tog, K1) 8 times. [17 sts]

Row 10 K1, (k2tog) 8 times. [9 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

COLLAR

Cast on 3 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C.

Rows 1 to 28 Knit.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Each Mouse is made in the same way. See the notes below for finishing details and use the photographs as a guide.

HEAD Insert the toy safety eyes on the Head on each side of the

central decrease sts. Sew the side edges tog, stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the centre underside of the Head. Gather the cast-on sts tog at the back of the Head.

NOSE AND MOUTH With Yarn B and 3 small horizontal stitches, embroider the nose on the front of the Head. With black stranded cotton, outline the nose in a V shape and embroider the mouth.

BODY Sew the side edges tog and gather the cast-on sts tog at the bottom. The seam runs down the centre back. Sew the neckline (cast-off edge) to the underside of the Head.

ARMS Sew the cast-off end to the top sides of the Body.

FEET Sew the cast-off end to the bottom front of the Body.

TAIL Sew the cast-off end to the bottom back of the Body.


HATS Sew the side edges tog. Sew a pompom onto the top of each Hat, place over the Head and sew onto the Head around the brim.

EARS Use the cast-off tail to sew the side edges tog to make a circle shape, then sew each Ear to the Head/Hat.

SANTA Use Yarn B and chain stitch embroidery to add the jacket hem over the last Yarn E row of the Body, up the centre front of the Body, and the cuffs over the first Yarn E row on each Arm. Wrap the Collar around the neck and sew the ends together at the back.

CAROL SINGER Add 2cm-long tassels on each end of the Scarf in Yarns B and C. Wrap the Scarf around the neck. For the hymn book, fold the felt fabric rectangle in half and use white cotton thread to sew a running stitch 3mm from the fold to create the book spine. With the cotton thread, sew the bottom corner of the hymn book onto the Mouse's hands.

FAIRY Sew the side edges of the skirt tog, place over the Body with the seam at the back and sew onto the first Yarn B row of the Body. Sew the cast-on edge of each Wing onto the side of the Body behind each Arm. For the wand, glue a pompom onto one end of a cocktail stick. Push the other end of the cocktail stick through the Mouse's hand and glue in position.

SKIER Use Yarn C and chain stitch embroidery to add the sweater hem over the first Yarn C row of the Body and for the cuffs over the first Yarn C row on each Arm. Use Yarn B to embroider a zigzag line around the bottom of the sweater. Wrap the Collar around the neck and sew the cast-on/off edges tog at the back. Push a cocktail stick through each hand for the ski poles and glue in position. Glue the coffee stirrers onto the bottom of the Feet for skis. 



Stick coffee stirrers or lolly sticks to the bottom of your mouse's feet for skis



Pre-made pompoms make great decorations for mice hats



For ease, add the safety eyes to your mouse's head before you stuff it