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the nativity and more

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Christmas Crackers

Instructions

Christmas cracker

Using main colour yarn, cast on 20 sts and, starting with a knit row, work 6 rows in SS.

Next row: (K2tog, YO) nine times, K2 (20 sts).

Starting with a purl row, work 6 rows in SS.

Next row (WS): Knit.

Knit 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) ten times (10 sts).

Starting with a knit row, work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: (Kfb) ten times (20 sts).

Purl 1 row.

Knit 3 rows (the second row forms a fold line).

Purl 1 row.

Join in contrast colour yarn. From now on, work all sts marked as MC using main colour yarn, and all sts marked CC using contrast colour yarn.

Next row: (K3MC, K1CC) five times.

Next row: P2CC, (P1MC, P3CC) four times, P1MC, P1CC.

Starting with a knit row, work 4 rows in SS using contrast colour yarn. Do not break off main colour yarn.

Next row: K1CC, (K1MC, K3CC) four times, K1MC, K2CC.

Next row: (P1CC, P3MC) five times. Break off contrast colour yarn.

You will now be working using main colour yarn only.

Starting with a knit row, work 3 rows in SS.

Next row (WS): Knit (this row forms a fold line).

Knit 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) ten times (10 sts).

Starting with a knit row, work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: (Kfb) ten times (20 sts).

Purl 1 row.

Knit 2 rows (the second row forms a fold line).

Starting with a knit row, work 6 rows in SS.

Next row: (K2tog, YO) nine times, K2 (20 sts).

Starting with a purl row, work 6 rows in SS.

Cast off.

Make a second cracker using grey, white and metallic silver yarns.

Materials

4-ply (fingering) yarn in red (main colour), yellow (contrast colour) and metallic gold

Make a second cracker using a double strand of grey laceweight yarn (main colour), sparkly white (contrast colour) and metallic silver

Toy stuffing

Needles

2.75mm (UK 12, US 2)

Size

9cm (3½in) long

Making up

Fold one end of the cracker so that WS are together and the fold is along the picot edge row. Sew the folded edge to the inside of the cracker, near to the purl row on the RS, which will form the fold line. Repeat for the other end. Roll the cracker up lengthwise and sew along the side seam, matching the purl lines and the pattern. Place toy stuffing inside the centre of the cracker only.

Gather the cracker in between the purl lines at each end, using the photograph for guidance, and secure. Using metallic gold yarn and chain stitch, embroider a line around the centre of the contrast colour yarn. Embroider a small French knot at the end of each contrast colour yarn 'point' using metallic gold yarn.



Abbreviations

| | |
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| cm | centimetre(s) |
| DK | double knitting yarn |
| GS | garter stitch (knit every row) |
| in | inch(es) |
| K | knit |
| Kfb | knit into the front and back of the stitch, making one more stitch |
| Kfbf | knit into the front, back and front of the stitch, making two more stitches |
| K2tog | knit two stitches together |
| mm | millimetre(s) |
| M1 | make a backwards loop on your needle by twisting the yarn towards you and slipping the resulting loop onto the right-hand needle. |
| | On the following row, knit or purl through the back of the stitch. This produces a very neat result. |
| P | purl |
| Pfb | purl into the front and back of the stitch, making one more stitch |
| psso | pass slipped stitch over |
| P1B | P1B: purl the next stitch together with corresponding loop from cast-on edge |
| P2tog | purl two stitches together |
| P2togtbl | purl two stitches together, through the back of the loops |
| rem | remaining |
| RS | right side of work |
| sl1 | slip one st from left-hand needle to right-hand needle without working it |
| SS | stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row) |

Make the festive season extra special with these charming Christmas mini knitted figures and decorations. From Mary and Joseph to the little donkey and a stable, you can knit a charming nativity scene; or make your own Santa, complete with sleigh and herd of reindeer. Other projects such as penguins, baubles, an elf and Christmas crackers will make your knitted Christmas complete.

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