

Little Reindeer Knitting Pattern



Our very own baby Rudolph... with felt antlers and a little red heart-shaped nose ... perfect for Christmas time.

You will need:

50g brown double knitting yarn (wool or wool mix is best as it has a little stretch)

25g cream dk knitting yarn

Small amount black dk yarn

Scraps of red, white and dark cream felt

Black embroidery floss

Ribbon for neck

Toy stuffing

2.75mm (UK 13, US 1) knitting needles.

Size: Height about 12" (but will vary according to your tension).

Abbreviations: k knit; p purl; dec 1 decrease one stitch by working into 2 stitches at once; inc 1 increase one stitch by working twice into one stitch; st stitch; patt work in moss stitch keeping stitch pattern correct;

Moss Stitch: This little reindeer is worked in moss stitch (apart from his hooves) which does not curl and gives a nice textured appearance to his body. Moss stitch is worked by alternating a knit and purl stitch in every row. When increasing and decreasing be sure to keep the moss stitch pattern correct.

If you do not wish to use moss stitch then the reindeer would also look nice worked in garter stitch (every row knit). I do not recommend stocking (stockinette) stitch though as it is very curly and will be difficult to make up satisfactorily.

Tension: Tension is unimportant as your toy will simply be a little larger or smaller depending on your tension. It is important to keep a good firm knit though so that the stuffing will not show through. If you find your work is too loose then move down a needle size.

Outer Legs and Body (work 2 pieces)

**With brown yarn cast on 7 sts for the front leg and work 16 rows in moss stitch.

Row 17 patt to last stitch, inc 1

Rows 18-24 patt

Rows 25 – 32 repeat rows 17 – 24.

Row 33 inc 1 , patt to last stitch, inc 1

Row 34 – 36 patt

Row 37 – 40 repeat rows 33 – 36

Row 41 as row 33

Row 42 patt

Break yarn and leave stitches on spare needle.

With brown yarn cast on 7 sts for back leg and work 16 rows in moss stitch.

Row 17 patt to last stitch, inc 1

Row 18 – 22 patt

Row 23 patt to last stitch, inc 1

Row 24 inc 1, patt to end

Rows 25 – 38 repeat rows 23 & 24 7 times more.

Row 39 Cast off 10, patt to last st, inc 1

Row 40 inc 1, patt to last st, inc 1

Row 41 patt

Row 42 as row 40

Row 43 Patt these 19 sts, turn, cast on 2 sts, turn, then patt across 15 sts of front leg (36 sts).

Row 44 inc 1, patt to last st, inc 1

Row 45-47 patt **

Rows 48 – 55 repeat rows 44 – 47 twice more

Rows 56, 57 patt, thus ending at front edge

Row 58 patt 12, turn

Row 59 and alternate rows patt

Row 60 patt 14, turn

Row 62 patt 16, turn

Continue, working 2 more sts on every alternate row until you are working on 24 sts, ending at front edge.

Row 72 inc 1, patt to last 2 sts, dec 1

Row 73 patt

Row 74 – 79 repeat rows 72-73 three times more.

Cast off.

Inner Legs and Under Body (work 2 pieces)

Work two sections as given for outer legs and body from ** to ** but using cream yarn instead of brown.

Head (work 2 pieces)

With brown yarn cast on 14 sts for neck edge and patt 7 rows.

Row 8 inc 1, patt to last st, inc 1
Row 9 patt to last st, inc 1
Row 10 cast on 4, patt to end
Row 11 patt
Row 12 Cast on 3, patt to end
Row 13 – 17 patt
Row 18 dec1, patt to last st, inc 1
Row 19 patt
Row 20 patt to last st, inc 1
Row 21 patt to last st, inc 1
Row 22 – 25 patt
Row 26 cast off 5, patt to end
Row 27 patt to last 2 sts, dec 1
Rows 28 – 29 patt
Row 30 dec 1, patt to last 2 sts, dec 1
Rows 31 – 35 patt
Row 36 as row 30
Rows 37 – 41 patt
Row 42 as row 30

Cast off

Head Gusset

With brown yarn cast on 2 sts and work in moss st, but inc 1 st at both ends of 2nd row and every following 4th row until there are 22 sts. Work 12 rows without shaping. Dec 1 st at both ends of next row and every following 4th row until 6 sts remain. Cast off.

Ears (Make 2 pieces in brown and 2 pieces in cream yarn)

Cast on 11 sts and patt 7 rows.
Row 8 dec 1, patt to last 2 sts, dec
Row 9 patt
Repeat these two rows until 3 sts are left.
Patt one row and cast off.

Tail (make one piece)

With brown yarn cast on 5 sts and work in moss st, inc 1 st at both ends of 4th and 8th rows. Work one further row and cast off.

Hooves (make four pieces)

With black yarn cast on 14 sts and work 7 rows in stocking stitch commencing with knit row. Cast off.

To make up

Join cast-off edges of under-body sections (leaving a 2" gap in the centre for stuffing) and corresponding edges of outer legs and body, leaving lower edges of legs open. Join cast off edges of body sections, leaving a 2" gap at the front end for the head.

Stuff the main body, using small pieces of stuffing and working into position carefully to avoid lumpiness. Inserting stuffing into the legs from both ends works well too. Turn right side out and close the gap in the under body seam.

Fold black hooves in half and join along sides and cast on edge. Push bottoms of legs into hooves and sew cast off edges of hoof pieces to legs.

Join shaped front edges of head sections from neck edge to beginning of casing off on 26th row. Now sew in the gusset beginning at the end of front seam, placing the narrow point of the gusset in front and cast-off edge of the gusset level with the neck edges at the back. Turn right side out and stuff.

Sew head to neck opening in body, inserting more stuffing if necessary to ensure head does not flop.

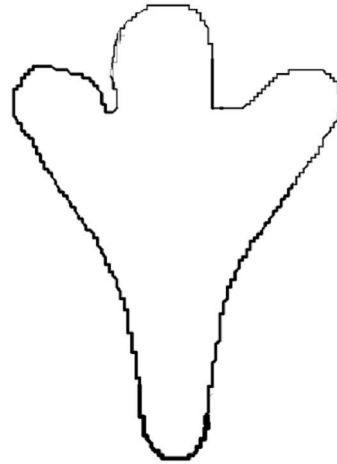
Match ear fronts to backs and sew together around sides. Turn right side out and sew up cast-on edge, pulling slightly to curve ear. Sew to head as shown.

Fold tail in half length-ways and sew cast-off edge to body.

Cut two ovals of white felt and slip stitch into place for eyes. Cut small heart shape for nose and slip stitch into place. Complete pupils and mouth in black embroidery floss.

Cut antler shapes from dark cream felt. Fold in half and stitch up long side for 1/2" Position on head and stitch into place.

Tie ribbon around neck.



Antler template (scale as required)

Thank you for purchasing this pattern and I hope you've enjoyed making the little reindeer.

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