

Jean Greenhowe's Celebration Clowns

The Red Nose Gang — Part Two!



DOUBLE KNITTING YARN

Notes

To delight all clown enthusiasts, here are two more spectacular members of THE RED NOSE GANG! Just like the other gang members, the Clowns are free-standing and over 48cm [19in] in height.

For your further amusement may I also introduce some comical new characters to compliment the theme of each clown — THE RED NOSE POSTBOXES!

Since I know how much you all enjoy the accessories and props, these designs are especially elaborate, with a wealth of intriguing and exciting detail. Full instructions are given for each and every item and all are easy to make.

Jolly Mr Jingle is the perfect character to celebrate the Christmas season. From the plum puddings on his toes, to the snow-scene on his hat, Mr Jingle is sure to become a very special part of your Christmas festivities. Mr Jingle meets up with Clarence the Christmas postbox, to despatch a postcard to Santa.

For all those other important occasions throughout the year, Mr Wonderful is guaranteed to win all hearts. Elegantly clad in tail-coat, he can be called upon to commemorate a birthday, engagement, marriage, anniversary or any special celebratory event. Mr Wonderful is accompanied by Percival the party postbox, who sports a wing collar with jazzy bow tie and balances little gift parcels on his head. Percival is also decked-out in heart-shaped bunting, spelling out the message BEST WISHES!

Happy knitting!

Jean

General materials required

Double knitting yarn [USA, knitting worsted weight: **Australia**, 8 ply] in colours stated in the instructions or colours of your choice. When oddments of yarn are quoted in a materials list, it can be assumed that any part of the design worked in one colour, can be completed with 25g [1oz] or less, of that particular colour. When specific amounts of yarn are quoted, the weights have been rounded up to the nearest 10g or ¼ oz.

600g [21oz] of stuffing is required for each figure.

300g [11oz] of stuffing is required for each postbox.

For best results use new hygienic washable stuffing which conforms to current safety standards — your craft materials supplier will advise.



Large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins should be used at all stages of construction. Ordinary pins should not be used as they can pass into the stuffing between the knitted sts.

A pair of tweezers [useful for turning small knitted pieces right side out and also for inserting small amounts of stuffing].

A red colouring pencil for shading cheeks.

A pair of compasses for drawing circles.

Cardboard, such as cuttings off washing powder packets and breakfast cereal packets.

The *plain* side of the cardboard packaging should always be placed against the knitted sts. If the knitted piece is light in colour, glue a piece of white paper to one side of the cardboard, or both sides if necessary.

Glue, suitable for sticking cardboard.

Plastic drinking straws are required for some of the items. For the candy cane you need a straw about 5mm [¼in] in diameter and 21cm [8¼in] in length, with a 'bendy' section near to one end.

For other items you will need ordinary straws about 3mm [¼in] in diameter and 21cm [8¼in] in length.

Knitting needles required

A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2]

These knitting needles should be used throughout the instructions unless otherwise stated.

A pair of 5½mm [No 5, USA 8]

Abbreviations

cm = centimetre[s]; dec = decrease [by working 2 sts tog]; g-st = garter stitch [every row K]; g = gram[s]; inc = increase [by working twice into same st]; in = inch[es]; K = knit; mm = millimetre[s]; oz = ounce[s]; P = purl; st[s] = stitch[es]; st-st = stocking stitch [K on the right side and P on the wrong side]; tog = together.

Special abbreviations

B & T tightly — means break off yarn leaving a long end, thread it through sts left on knitting needle, pull to gather tightly, then fasten off.

B & T loosely — means same as above, but thread yarn through sts loosely and leave until later on.

yrn = yarn round needle as follows. Take strand of yarn under and over tip of right hand needle, then continue as given in instructions.

psso = pass slipped st over.

ml = make 1 stitch. This method of increasing is worked in the horizontal strand of yarn which lies between the stitch you have just knitted [on right hand needle] and the next st on left hand needle. First pick up the horizontal strand with point of left hand needle K wise, that is from front of work to back of work. Next, knit into the back of it, thus forming a new stitch.

USA glossary

Cast off — bind off

Tension — gauge

Instructions in round brackets

These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

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Stars are used to mark a place in the instructions which will be referred to later on. Meanwhile, follow the instructions in the usual way.

Tension

Using 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles and a single strand of double knitting yarn: 26 sts = 10cm [4in] in width over st-st, before stuffing.

Casting on

The thumb method is recommended.

Casting off

Always cast off K wise unless otherwise stated.

Working in st-st

Always begin with a K row unless otherwise stated.

Working in stripes

When knitting different coloured stripes, carry yarns loosely up side of work.

Making up

Join all seams with right sides of work together and back-stitch one knitted stitch within the edges, unless oversewing is stipulated. When attaching any very small pieces you can use ordinary matching sewing threads for a neat finish.

Colouring cheeks

Use the *side* of the red pencil lead and rub it against the knitted sts with a circular motion.

Working embroidered stitches

To work any embroidered stitches on a stuffed item it is sometimes necessary to start and fasten off the yarn ends invisibly. If this is required, proceed as follows.

Thread a blunt-ended needle with yarn required and knot end of yarn. Take needle through the stuffed item, passing it *between* the knitted sts and bring it out at the position required. Pull the yarn to draw the knotted end right inside the stuffing. Tug the yarn to make sure the knot is caught in the stuffing.

Now work the required embroidered stitches. Pass the needle back through the item to come out at a position *between* the knitted sts. Pass needle back through item again between the same knitted sts to come out at a different position. Repeat until yarn is securely fastened off, then pull end of yarn and snip off close to the knitted sts.

Twisted cords

To make a cord from a single length of yarn [single twisted cord], cut a strand of yarn four times as long as the measurement required. Knot one end round a door knob or hook and knot a loop in the other end to fit round the index finger of your right hand. Now keeping the yarn taut, twist your finger round and round in a clockwise direction, steadying the yarn by holding your left hand cupped around it close to your right hand. Keep twisting until when relaxed, the strand of yarn begins to curl tightly back on itself. Fold cord at centre, bringing ends together. Allow yarn to twist tightly, knot ends and trim to length.

Use the same method when a double twisted cord is specified, but use a double length of yarn four times as long as the measurement required.

Occasional rows worked in double yarn

There are occasions in the instructions where one or more rows are worked using two strands of yarn together, changing back to a single strand of yarn for subsequent rows. When changing from double to single yarn, treat the two loops on each st on the previous row as *one* st when working the next row.

You should read through each set of instructions before starting to knit, to see if two strands of yarn may be required. Then a small ball of yarn can be wound off the main ball in readiness for this purpose.

Safety note

The characters in this booklet have been specifically designed as decorative mascots or ornaments for older children and adults. They have many components which are not meant to withstand rough handling.

These figures are therefore unsuitable for babies and very young children.

FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS

Begin by referring to the instructions for the figure you wish to make. It is important to make and add the pieces in the order stated in the individual instructions for each figure. After working any item from the BASIC instructions given on pages 3, 4 and 5 always refer back to the individual figure instructions to check which item comes next. In this way you will avoid any awkward situations during the making-up process.

BASIC FIGURE

[Legs, body, head and hat]

Right leg

Note: There is a small hem at the lower edge of each leg, which is turned to the wrong side when making up.

Using colour required cast on 40 sts loosely. St-st 5 rows for the hem.

Next row: K, to mark the hem turning line. This completes the hem.

Begin the leg

Beginning with a K row and using colour required, st-st 40 rows. Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Left leg

Work exactly as given for right leg, but do not break off yarn.

Body

Mark each end of next row with a coloured thread.

With right side of work facing and using colour required, K across the 40 sts of left leg on the knitting needle, then across the 40 sts of right leg on the spare needle — 80 sts.

St-st 27 rows for lower body.

Break off yarn and join on colour required for upper body.

St-st 12 rows.

Shape sides of body

Next row: K15, (K2tog) 5 times, K30, (K2tog) 5 times, K15 — 70 sts.

St-st 9 rows.

Next row: K13, (K2tog) 5 times, K24, (K2tog) 5 times, K13 — 60 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

P 1 row.

Head

Break off yarn and join on colour required for head.

St-st 4 rows.

Inc for head

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 80 sts.

St-st 29 rows. Mark centre of one of these rows with a length of pink yarn as a guide for working the facial features.

Hat

Break off yarn and join on colour required for hat.

St-st 24 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 70 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 60 sts.

5th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 50 sts.

7th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

9th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

11th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Join row ends of body, head and hat, beginning at the coloured threads and leaving a gap in body seam for turning and stuffing. Join row ends of each leg. Turn up the leg hems at the hem turning lines. Catch cast on edges of legs in place with very loose oversewing stitches, to hold hems in position. Turn right side out.

Stuff hat, head and body through gap in body seam.

Stuff legs through lower edges.

Head should measure 42cm [16½in] around.

Body should measure 42cm [16½in] around at waist.

Each leg should measure 23cm [9in] around.

Close gap in body seam.

To shape the neck, use a double strand of yarn to match head and gather round the first knitted row of head colour. Pull up gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew yarn ends into neck.

BASIC SHOES

[Make two alike]

Shoe sole

Begin at lower edge and using colour required cast on 52 sts. Mark centre of cast on edge with a coloured thread.

1st row: Inc K wise into first 2 sts, K22, inc K wise into next 4 sts, K22, inc K wise into last 2 sts — 60 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc K wise into next st) to end — 90 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 9 rows.

Break off yarn.

This completes the shoe sole.

Shoe upper

Continue in st-st. Work **12 rows** in colours stated in the individual instructions for each figure.

★ Shape toe

Continue in colour stated in the individual instructions.

Next row: K27 (slip 1, K1, pss0) 18 times, K27 — 72 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) twice, K28, (K2tog) 4 times, K28, (K2tog) twice — 64 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 48 sts.

Cast off, marking centre of cast off edge with a coloured thread.

To make up

Join row ends of each shoe. Starting at this seam, oversew cast on sts together, working toward the centre front coloured thread.

Starting at the other coloured thread at cast off edge, oversew cast off sts together for 2.5cm [1in] only.

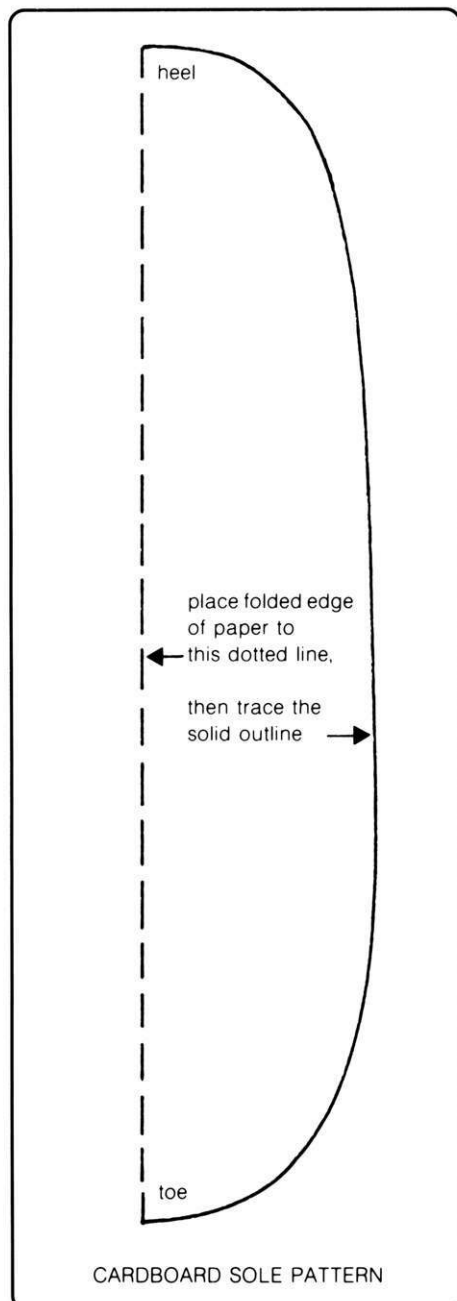
Turn right side out.

Trace the cardboard sole pattern off the page onto a folded piece of tracing paper or thin paper as shown on pattern. Cut out the pattern on traced outline and open up to give full size pattern.

Cut two soles from cardboard. The soles should be fairly stiff, so glue on another layer of cardboard if necessary to make cardboard more rigid.

Push a sole inside one shoe against the knitted sole. The long centre of cardboard sole [the folded edge on pattern] should be in line with the oversewn cast on sts.

Now stuff the shoe very firmly, then oversew the gap in seam at cast off edge.



Attaching shoes to legs

The lower edge of each leg is sewn to the upper surface of the shoe at the back, forming a circle.

To mark the position accurately, proceed as follows.

Cut a 7cm [2¾in] diameter circle of thin paper and fold it in half. Open up this pattern. Pin it to the top of the shoe with the centre fold of the circle in line with the oversewn cast off edge seam, as shown in the diagram.

Now use a length of coloured sewing thread to work running stitches on the shoe, level with the outer edge of the circle. Remove the paper pattern and repeat on the other shoe.

When pinning the feet in place, angle them away from each other as shown in the illustrations. The feet do not need to be pointed at exactly the same angle, as one may be more toward the front than the other.

Pin the open lower edge of one leg to one shoe, just outside the coloured thread stitches. Repeat with the other leg and shoe. Check that figure stands upright and adjust positions if necessary.

Sew lower edges of legs to feet as pinned, pushing more stuffing into legs before completing the sewing, to make the ankles quite firm.

The basic figure should now measure about 48cm [19in] from soles of the shoes to top of the hat.

BASIC FACE

The face is worked slightly to one side of centre front of the head, so that head appears to be turning to the left or right. Remove the length of pink yarn and replace it with a pin.

Now move the pin 3 clear knitted sts to the right or left of centre position. This pin now marks centre of face.

Eyes

Mark the eye positions with pins 6 knitted rows below the first knitted row of the hat, leaving 6 clear knitted sts between the pins.

Before working the facial stitches, refer to page 2 'Working embroidered stitches'.

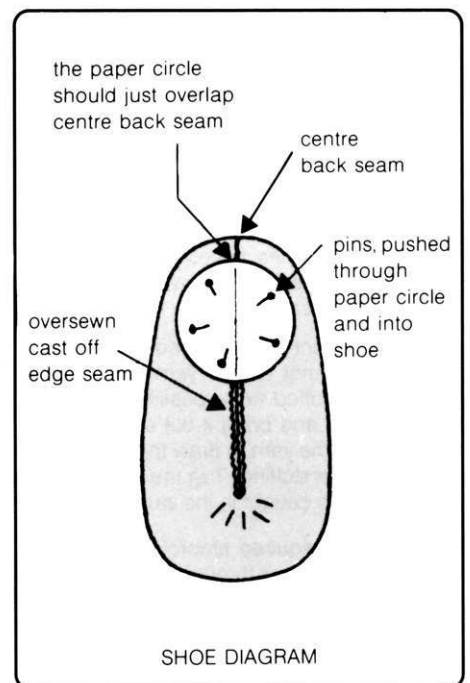
To work one eye use a double length of black yarn and bring needle out at one marked eye position. Pass needle through face 3 knitted rows directly below first position and bring it out at first position. Pull yarn through to complete one back-stitch. Work another back-stitch in same way at same position. Now pass needle through base of eye again and fasten off yarn.

Work other eye in same way.

Mouth

Mark lower end of mouth at centre of face with a pin, 9 knitted rows above the head inc row. Now move the pin 1 clear knitted st to the right or left of first position, so that lower end of mouth will be slightly off-centre.

Using a length of yarn which matches head colour, pass it through left hand side of face *between* the knitted sts and bring it out at the marked position. Pull yarn through, making sure knotted end is securely caught in the stuffing. Leave this length of yarn for now.



For the main mouth stitch, mark positions with two pins centrally on face. Place the pins 12 knitted rows above head inc row, leaving 8 clear knitted sts between them. Use a length of red yarn, but do not knot the end. Pass yarn through one side of face *between* the knitted sts and bring it out at one marked position. Leave a long tail-end of yarn protruding at side of face. Pass the yarn through face at second position and bring it out at other side of face *between* the knitted sts, then leave tail-end of yarn protruding as before.

Now loop the first length of yarn around the red mouth stitch and pass needle into face at position where it first came out. Bring needle out at right hand side of face. Pull the length of yarn tightly so that the red mouth stitch forms a V-shape. Fasten off yarn end securely.

Fasten off both the red tail-ends of yarn of the mouth stitch, then work a tiny sloping red stitch at each corner of the mouth. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

Nose

Using red cast on 16 sts and P 1 row.

Next row: K3, inc K wise into next 4 sts, K2, inc K wise into next 4 sts, K3 — 24 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: K3, (K2tog) 4 times, K2, (K2tog) 4 times, K3 — 16 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) 7 times, K1 — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends and turn right side out.

Note that the nose seam will face down toward the mouth when sewing in place. Gather round cast on sts. Stuff nose, then pull up gathers tightly and fasten off. Work a short horizontal white stitch across top of nose, for the 'shine'. Work again over first stitch.

Sew nose to face, between and just below the eyes.

Eyebrows [make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using white cast on 8 sts loosely.

G-st 2 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) twice, K2 — 6 sts.

Cast off.

Pin eyebrows to face just above the eyes, sloping them slightly downwards at outer edges of the eyes as shown in the illustrations. Sew in place as pinned.

BASIC HAT BRIM

Using colour to match hat cast on 84 sts and P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc K wise into next st) to end — 126 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Join on another strand of matching yarn.

Using the two strands of yarn, K 1 row.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

P 1 row.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 84 sts.

Cast off.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. With right side of st-st outside, bring cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew these edges together a little at a time, then lightly stuff the section you have just sewn. Continue until brim is completely stuffed.

Place brim on head level with lower edge of hat colour and seam at centre back. To sew brim in place, turn it up so that you can see the oversewn seam. Sew this seam to the first knitted row of the hat colour all round the head.

BASIC HAIR

Important note: Use 5½mm [No 5, USA 8] knitting needles and one strand of yarn.

Using colour required, cast on 16 sts. Note that first row is *right side*.

1st row: K6, inc K wise into next 4 sts, K6 — 20 sts.

Continue in g-st, slipping the first st on every row.

Work until strip measures 30cm [12in], ending with right side facing.

Next row: K6, (K2tog) 4 times, K6 — 16 sts. Cast off.

Fold cast on edge in half and oversew across cast on sts. Repeat at cast off edge. Turn right side out. Bring the two sets of row ends together. Oversew them together, stuffing the strip very lightly as you go.

Pin the oversewn seam around back of head just below hat brim, with short ends of the strip at sides of face.

The ends of the oversewn row ends seam should be 9cm [3½in] apart and symmetrically placed in relation to the face. Sew oversewn seam of hair to head just below hat brim. Catch short ends in place where they touch the face.

BASIC HAT BAND

Using colour required cast on 84 sts. St-st 5 rows, then cast off.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out.

Place band on the hat with cast off edge level with hat brim and seam at centre back. Sew cast on edge to hat.



Completed hands

Completed shoes

BASIC SLEEVES

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using colour required cast on 40 sts.

Work 4 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Continue in colour required.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 38 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 20 sts. Cast off.

To make up each sleeve

Join row ends and turn right side out. Note that the sleeve seam is the underarm seam when sewing to figure.

Stuff the sleeves to fill them, but take care not to stretch the knitted sts.

Lay the sleeves aside until hands are completed.

Thumb

The thumb is knitted in one piece. Make one for each hand. Note that first row is *right side*.

Using same colour as hands cast on 8 sts.

1st row: Inc in first st, K to end — 9 sts.

2nd row: K to last st, inc in last st — 10 sts. Repeat these two rows once more — 12 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Next row: K2tog, K to end — 11 sts.

Next row: K to last 2 sts, K2tog — 10 sts.

Repeat these two rows once more — 8 sts.

Cast off.

Fold the thumb, bringing cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew these edges together and the unshaped row ends, but leave the shaped row ends open. Turn right side out and stuff. Sew the open edges of thumb to one side of hand below the fingers, with thumb pointing toward the fingers.

TO ASSEMBLE SLEEVES AND HANDS

First pin the open cast off edges of the stuffed sleeves to the sides of the figure, 2.5cm [1in] below the neck. The open cast off edge of each sleeve should form a narrow horizontal oval-shape and the sleeve should flop down against the figure.

To attach the hands

The hands can be attached in a variety of ways to achieve different poses for each figure.

First push the wrist edge of one hand straight inside the cast on edge of one sleeve as far as the base of the thumb. The sleeve will now be covering the hand equally all round. Now rotate the hand so that the thumb is pointing in the direction required as stated in the individual instructions for each figure.

The hand can also be set into the sleeve at an angle, so that the sleeve covers more knitted sts on the upper surface of the hand. This will give the appearance of the 'wrist' bending away from the figure.

When the required pose is achieved, as detailed in the individual instructions, pin sleeve to hand.

To sew sleeve to figure

Remove the sleeve from figure and sew cast on edge of sleeve to hand as pinned.

Pin the sleeve to figure as before, then sew cast off edge to figure as pinned.

Jolly Mr Jingle

Jolly Mr Jingle sports an abundance of seasonal decorations. His Christmas stocking is filled with sweet treats and cute little plum puddings are balanced on his toes.

Just off to post a card to Santa, Mr Jingle carries a lantern to light the way, with a friendly robin perched on the pole. There is also a complete little snow-scene on his hat and paper chains dangle from his pocket.

And of course on the ends of his woolly winter scarf there are — jingle bells!

Measurement: The basic figure measures 48cm [19in] from soles of the shoes to top of the hat.

Yarn requirements: 80g [3oz] of red, 60g [2oz] of white, 50g [1½oz] of green, 50g [1½oz] of light green, 40g [1½oz] of light turquoise, 30g [1oz] of gold; oddments of all the other colours.

Stuffing: You will need 600g [21oz] of stuffing.

FIGURE

Make **BASIC FIGURE** in colours as follows.

Legs

Use green for hem. Continue in stripes for legs, working four rows green and four rows light green alternately.

Body

Continue working in stripes as for legs for lower body.

Work upper body in red.

Head

Use light pink.

Hat

Use light turquoise.

SHOES

Make **BASIC SHOES** in colours as follows.

Use dark green for sole. For the 12 st-st rows on shoe upper, work 2 rows gold and 10 rows red. Continue in red from ★ to end of **BASIC SHOE** instructions.

ANKLE BANDS

[Make two alike]

Using white cast on 12 sts.

Work in g-st until the piece measures 18cm [7in].

Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges of each band together.

Place bands on legs with seams at back. Sew the lower set of row ends to each shoe, just below lower edges of legs.

Turn down the bands to fold in half.

FACE

Work **BASIC FACE**.

HAT BRIM

Make **BASIC HAT BRIM** to match hat.

HAIR

Make **BASIC HAIR** using gold.

HAT BAND

Make **BASIC HAT BAND** using light yellow.

JACKET SKIRT PIECE

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 128 sts.

G-st 10 rows for the hem.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 8 rows.

Break off white and join on red.

St-st 20 rows.

Dec for waist

Next row: (P2, P2tog) to end — 96 sts.

Break off red and join on light turquoise for belt.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 5 rows.

Cast off.

Lay skirt piece aside.

Pocket

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 18 sts.

St-st 15 rows.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

To make up

On right side of the skirt piece, mark centre front with a pin. Pin the pocket to red portion of skirt piece, placing it 2cm [¾in] to the right of the centre pin. Sew lower and side edges of pocket in place as pinned. Join row ends of the skirt piece from cast off edge as far as the first knitted row of white st-st. Turn right side out. Oversew row ends of the g-st hem together.

Turn the g-st hem up to the right side of the piece, then catch cast on edge to the last knitted row of white st-st.

Place skirt piece on the figure, with seam at centre back. Sew cast off edge to the first knitted row of red on the upper body.

BELT BUCKLE

Begin at outer edge and using two strands of yellow cast on 24 sts loosely.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn. Note that first row is *right side*.

1st row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

Cast off.

Oversew row ends together. Pin buckle to centre front of belt, forming a square shape. Sew cast on and cast off edges in place.

SLEEVES

Make **BASIC SLEEVES** using red.

HANDS

Make **BASIC HANDS** using light yellow.

ASSEMBLING SLEEVES AND HANDS

Refer to detailed instructions on page 5.

Point the left thumb directly away from the figure so that it is opposite the underarm seam of sleeve. Now turn the hand so that the thumb points slightly more toward the front. Do not angle the wrist.

Point the right thumb toward front of the figure and angle the wrist upward, away from the figure.

Sew the sleeves to hands as given in the basic instructions on page 5, but do not sew sleeves to the figure until the sleeve cuffs have been added.

SLEEVE CUFFS

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 40 sts.

Noting that first row is *right side*, g-st 7 rows.

Cast off.

Oversew row ends of each cuff together. Turn right side out. Place cuffs on sleeves with lower edges at cast on edges of sleeves. Match the cuff seams to sleeve seams also.

Sew lower edges of cuffs to hands, just below cast on edges of sleeves. Sew cast off edges of cuffs to sleeves.

Now sew the sleeves to figure as given in basic instructions.

SNOW-PIECE ON THE HAT

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 80 sts.

St-st 5 rows for the hem.

Work wavy edge

Next row: (K5; K5, winding yarn twice round needle on each st) to end.

Next row: (K5, dropping the extra wound-round loop on each st; K5) to end — 80 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 9 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 70 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 60 sts.

5th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 50 sts.

7th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

9th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

11th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

13th row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends. Turn hem to P side of st-st and catch loosely in place. Turn right side out. Place piece on the hat. Pin the B & T sts of snow-piece to B & T sts of the hat. Make sure seam of snow-piece is in line with centre back seam on hat.

Now pin the lower wavy edge to the hat, then sew in place.



Jolly Mr Jingle



SNOWMAN ON THE HAT

Body and head

Begin at lower edge of body and using white cast on 20 sts.

Mark centre of cast on edge with a coloured thread.

St-st 12 rows.

Shape sides

Next row: K3, (K2tog) 3 times, K2, (K2tog) 3 times, K3 — 14 sts.

P 1 row for neck.

Shape head

Next row: (K3, inc in next 2 sts) twice, K4 — 18 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 6 rows.

Break off white and join on red for hat.

St-st 7 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends for centre back seam. Turn right side out and stuff. Bring centre back seam to coloured thread at cast on edge. Pin through both layers to hold stuffing inside snowman, in order to complete all details before sewing snowman to hat.

To shape neck, tie a length of white yarn very tightly around neck. Sew yarn ends into neck.

Face

At centre front of face, mark eye positions with pins, 2 knitted rows below first knitted row of hat, leaving 2 clear knitted sts between the

pins. For one eye, work a small vertical stitch in black, starting at marked position and ending just below marked position. Work again over first stitch. Repeat for other eye.

For the nose, work several horizontal red stitches between the eyes, to form a circular shape. Using two strands of white sewing thread, work two small stitches across top of the nose for the 'shine'.

For the mouth, work a small black horizontal stitch below the nose.

Hat brim

Using red cast on 28 sts, then cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together, then catch row ends together. Place on snowman at lower edge of hat, with row ends seam at centre back. Sew brim to hat.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using white cast on 7 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 8 rows.

B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends of each arm together for underarm seam.

Stuff arms very lightly, then oversew across cast on sts, with seam at underarm position.

Sew cast on edges to sides of snowman, just below neck. Catch B & T end of left arm to body.

Broom

For the handle use brown and cast on 14 sts. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. For the bristles, sew a few short lengths of brown and dark brown yarn into one end of the

handle. Tease out the yarn strands, then trim to about 2cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] in length.

Secure a length of dark brown yarn to handle beside the bristles. Wind it tightly round and round the handle, working toward the other end. Sew yarn end into handle.

Place broom handle under snowman's right arm. Catch to body, then catch arm to handle.

Scarf

Using light green cast on 44 sts.

Cast off P wise and note that cast off row is right side of scarf.

Place scarf around snowman's neck, crossing over at the left side. Catch in place at the cross-over position.

To sew snowman to hat

Remove the pin at cast on edge. Push in some more stuffing if necessary. Pin the open cast on edge to the snow-piece on the clown's hat in position illustrated. Sew in place as pinned, taking stitches through snow-piece and into clown's hat to secure.

CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE HAT

Note: The tree is composed of a cone-shaped main piece, around which are sewn five picot-edged pieces for the branches.

Main piece

Begin at base and using green cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: K, to mark outer edge of the base.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 16 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 12 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 8 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Break off green and join on white.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 2 sts.

Fasten off the 2 sts.

Oversew row ends together, turn right side out and stuff firmly.

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

The branches

Note: The branch pieces are all worked in the same way, except for the number of cast on sts.

Begin by making the lowest branch piece.

Using green cast on 27 sts.

P 1 row.

Join on white and use white for next row.

Work picot edge

Next row: K1, (yrn, K2tog) to end.

Using white, P 1 row.

Break off white and continue in green.

K 1 row, then cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, fold the piece at picot edge and catch cast on edge in place, just below cast off edge. Catch the green row ends together, to form a circle.

Place the branch piece on the main piece, level with the single K row at lower edge. The cast off edge of the branch piece should be uppermost. Sew cast off edge in place.

Now make the four other pieces in the same way, casting on 23 sts, 19 sts, 15 sts and 13 sts. Place the pieces in order on the main piece, sewing each one in position.

To sew tree to hat

Pin the gathered base of the tree to the snow-piece on the clown's hat, in position illustrated. Sew in place as pinned, taking stitches through snow-piece and into clown's hat to secure.

HOLLY

The leaves [make two]

Begin at back of leaf and using green cast on 13 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Work picot edge of leaf

Next row: K1 (yarn twice; slip 1, K1, pss0) to end.

Next row: P1, (P next loop, dropping the extra wound-round loop; P next st through back of loop) to end — 13 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Cast off P wise.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges together.

Fold this edge in half and oversew across the cast on sts at back of the leaf. Oversew the two sets of row ends together.

Sew the leaves to the hat band as shown in the illustration.

The berries [make three]

Using red, cast on 5 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

B & T tightly.

Using the B & T length of yarn, oversew the row ends together, with right side of st-st outside. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Sew the berries to holly leaves as illustrated.



SCARF

Using green cast on 11 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 22 sts.

P 1 row.

Join on light green.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 2 rows in light green.

Now work in stripes of 4 rows green and 2 rows light green alternately, until there are 34 light green stripes altogether.

Break off light green.

Using green, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 11 sts.

Cast off P wise.

Join row ends, leaving a gap at centre of seam for turning right side out. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Repeat at cast off edge. Push each end of scarf through gap in seam to turn right side out. Close gap in seam.

The bells [make two alike]

Begin at base and using gold cast on 9 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 27 sts.

P 1 row.

Join on another strand of gold and using the two strands P 1 row.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

K 1 row.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 4 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

St-st 11 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T loosely.

Oversew row ends together. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. Cut a 3.5cm [1½in] diameter circle of cardboard. Push it inside the bell, against the base. Stuff bell. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off, then use this length of yarn to sew bell to one end of scarf. Sew the second bell to other end of scarf in the same way.

The bell clappers [make two alike]

Make as given for the holly berries on this page.

Sew one to each bell at centre of base.

To sew scarf in place

Place scarf on the figure, crossing ends over at right shoulder as shown in the illustration. Catch in place at the cross-over position.

SNOWBALL BOBBLES

[Make two]

Using white cast on 7 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 14 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T loosely.

Join row ends of each bobble. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff.

Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

Sew bobbles to centre front of upper body as illustrated.

LANTERN POLE

The pole

Note: For the basic shape you will need a piece of strong paper, such as brown wrapping paper.

First cut a 30cm [12in] square of paper for the pole.

Using a 5½mm [No 5, USA 8] knitting needle, roll up the paper square as tightly as possible around the needle. Secure the rolled-up tube with bits of sticky tape, then pull out the knitting needle.

For the forked piece at top end of the pole, cut a 14cm [5½in] square of paper. Roll up and secure as for the pole, but use a 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needle. Fold this rolled-up tube at centre, then glue the folded end just inside one end of the pole. Wind bits of sticky tape around at the 'fork' to reinforce.

Trim 2cm [¾in] off one of the forked pieces. The other long forked piece will support the lantern.

The knitted covering piece

Begin at lower end and using brown cast on 10 sts.

Work in st-st until the knitted strip measures 30cm [12in], ending with a P row.

Inc for the forked section

Next row: Inc in first st, K3, inc in next 2 sts, K3, inc in last st — 14 sts.

Divide sts for the forked pieces

Next row: P7, then slip the 7 sts which remain on left hand needle onto a safety pin.

Continue working in st-st on the 7 sts on the knitting needle, until this section is same length as the longest forked piece on the paper pole.

B & T tightly.

With P side of st-st facing, slip the 7 sts off the safety pin onto your knitting needle. Rejoin yarn to first st, then beginning with a P row continue in st-st until this section is same length as the shortest forked piece on the paper pole.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Note that P side of st-st is *right* side.

Begin at the B & T sts on the longest forked section.

With right side outside, oversew the row ends together, enclosing the longest paper forked piece as you go.

Repeat with the shorter forked section.

Now oversew the row ends of main pole section together, enclosing the paper pole as you go. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.



To give the pole a rough appearance resembling a tree branch, proceed as follows. Using brown yarn and a darning needle, gather up a small circle of the knitted piece, pull up the gathers tightly and fasten off. Repeat at random on the pole as illustrated.

To sew pole to the figure

Sew the thumb and adjacent finger of left hand to the pole as shown in the illustration. Catch lower end of the pole to the left shoe.

LANTERN

Main piece

Begin at top edge and using blue cast on 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 36 sts.

Join on another strand of blue and using the two strands, K 1 row.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

P 1 row.

Break off blue and join on one strand of yellow.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Join on one strand of blue and using blue, g-st 2 rows.

Break off blue and continue in yellow.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 7 rows.

Break off yellow and join on two strands of blue.

Using the two strands, P the next 2 rows.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

K 1 row.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Shape base

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

5th row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together then turn right side out. Cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard. Push one circle inside the lantern against the base. Stuff lantern, taking care to keep it the same size as the base.

Now push the other cardboard circle inside cast on edge of the lantern. Gather round cast on sts and pull up gathers slightly to hold the cardboard circle in place. Fasten off.

For the vertical bars use a strand of blue yarn and a darning needle. Work the first bar at position of the oversewn seam on lantern as follows. Secure the yarn at base, just below the yellow section. Pass darning needle under the blue g-st loops at centre of lantern, then fasten off just above the upper yellow section.

Work another 7 bars in the same way, leaving a 2cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ in] gap between each bar.

Top piece

Begin at lower edge and using blue cast on 30 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 45 sts.

Join on another strand of blue and using the two strands, K 1 row.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

P the next 2 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T loosely.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out.

Push in a little stuffing.

Cut a 6cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ in] diameter circle of cardboard and push it inside cast on edge.

Now continue stuffing lightly through the B & T sts to form the tapered shape. Pull up B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

Gather round the cast on sts, pull up gathers very slightly and fasten off.

Hanging loop

Using two strands of blue cast on 16 sts.

Cast off, using the two strands.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together.

Oversew row ends together then sew to the B & T sts on the top piece of lantern.

To assemble the pieces

Place the top piece on top of the lantern, then sew in position.

Place the hanging loop on the lantern pole in position illustrated.

Catch to the pole.

Mistletoe

For one leaf use green and cast on 10 sts loosely.

Note that first row is *right* side.

1st row: K8, turn.

2nd row: P to end.

Cast off tightly.

Make another leaf in same way, but cast on tightly and cast off loosely.

Sew the two leaves together at shortest set of row ends, with leaves curving in toward each other.

Using white, make two berries as given for the holly berries on page 9. Sew berries side by side to leaves, where the leaves are joined. Sew this end to top of lantern beside the hanging loop.

ROBIN

Feet

The feet are worked on the longest forked section of the lantern pole as follows.

Use black yarn and work three long stitches for each foot, fanning out from a centre point, placing feet side by side.

Refer to the illustrations for correct positioning on the forked section.

Body and head

Begin at tail-end of body and using light brown cast on 5 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Inc for head

Next row: K6, inc in next 8 sts, K6 — 28 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Dec for breast

Next row: K7, (K2tog) 7 times, K7 — 21 sts.

P 1 row and mark the centre st with a coloured thread as a guide for positioning the eyes.

Break off light brown and join on red for the breast.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends, leaving a gap at centre of seam for turning and stuffing. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Close gap in seam.

Eyes and beak

Mark eye positions with pins on either side of the coloured thread, leaving 2 clear knitted sts between the pins. For one eye work a black back-stitch starting at marked position and ending one knitted row above. Work once again over the first stitch. Repeat for other eye.

Use black for the beak and work two loose vertical loops between and just below eyes. Oversew several times around the loops to stiffen the beak, then fasten off.

Tail

Using light brown cast on 3 sts.

Work in st-st and inc 1 st at beginning of first and every following row until there are 7 sts.

St-st 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until 3 sts remain.

Cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, fold the piece, then oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew row ends together at each side.

Sew cast on/cast off edge of tail to back of robin just below the gathered cast on sts of body.

Hat

Begin at lower edge and using light green cast on 25 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 2 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 15 sts.

5th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

St-st 13 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out.

Using white, make the bobble in same way as given for the holly berries on page 9. Sew to the B & T sts.

Push a little stuffing inside cast on edge of hat. Pin the hat to robin's head with seam at centre back, tilting the hat to one side as shown in the illustration. Sew cast on edge of hat in place. Fold down the narrow section at top and catch it to hat.

To sew robin to lantern pole

Pin robin to the forked section, with breast in line with the feet. Sew in place as pinned.

GIFT BOX

The box

Begin at centre of base and using red cast on 8 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

Shape base

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 24 sts.

5th row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 32 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: K, to mark outer edge of the base.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 7 rows.

Next row: K, to mark outer edge of the top.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts.

5th row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends of the shaped top and the 7 st-st rows together. Turn right side out. Cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard. Push one inside the box so that it lies flat against the shaped top portion. Stuff, then insert remaining cardboard circle, so that it lies flat on the stuffing.

Oversew the remaining row ends together. Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

For the string, use light green and secure a length of yarn at centre top of box. Pass it around box and secure at top again. Repeat this in the other direction, so that string crosses over, parcel-fashion.

The gift bow

Using light green cast on 40 sts. Note that cast on row is *right side*.

Cast off.

Thread one tail-end of yarn into a darning needle. With right side outside and starting at this end, wind the strip tightly around a pencil, spiralling along the length. The wound-round loops should touch each other. Pass the darning needle through each of the wound-round loops, just catching the surface. Pass needle through other end of strip. Pull needle and yarn through. Pass needle through the row ends of first loop again and pull yarn through.

Carefully slide the piece off the pencil. Pull up yarn tightly and fasten off.

Make a 24cm [9½in] single twisted light green cord. Sew centre of the cord to centre of the bow. Sew underside of bow to centre top of the box.

To attach to figure

Pass one end of the cord up between the finger and thumb of the left hand, behind the lantern pole. Knot ends of the cord together, then trim close to the knot.

PAPER CHAINS

Make one each in light green, blue and red. Make two in gold.

Note that first row is *right side*.

For each one cast on 24 sts and g-st 3 rows.

Cast off.

Oversew row ends of one gold strip together. Slot the light green strip through the gold piece then oversew row ends together.

Continue with the blue, red and gold strips.

Tuck the first gold piece inside the jacket pocket as illustrated.

Catch to inside of the pocket.

PLUM PUDDINGS

The plates [make two alike]

Begin at outer edge and using two strands of light turquoise cast on 27 sts.

Using the two strands, K 1 row.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

K 1 row.

Next row: (P1, P2tog) to end — 18 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends of each plate together. Lay plates aside.

The puddings [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using dark brown cast on 12 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Break off dark brown and join on two strands of white.

Note: On the next row, the instruction 'below' means to K into the st on the *second* knitted row directly below the st you are about to knit on your knitting needle.

Next row: Using the two strands of white, K2, (K each of the next 2 sts below, K2, K the next st below, K2) 3 times, K1.

Using the two strands of white, P 1 row.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 12 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends of each pudding together, then turn right side out. Stuff firmly, then leave cast on edge open. If desired, use a black marker pen to mark dots here and there on the brown portion of the puddings.

For the three holly berries at centre top of the pudding, work three small oversewing stitches for each berry. For the holly leaves, work three chain stitches in green, radiating from the berries as shown in the illustration.

To assemble the pieces

Sew the open cast on edge of each pudding to right side of st-st on each plate.

Catch the B & T sts on underside of plates to toes of the clown's shoes, as shown in the illustration.







POSTCARD TO SANTA

The knitted piece

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 20 sts.

St-st 17 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Cast off loosely.

Work the following details on right side of st-st.

The red nose postage stamp

Use two strands of black sewing thread for the outline. In top right hand corner of the postcard, work four long stitches to form a 1cm by 1.5cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ in by $\frac{3}{4}$ in] rectangle. Catch these stitches to the knitted piece, with small oversewing stitches.

Using red yarn, work several vertical stitches for the nose at centre of the stamp, to form a rounded shape. Use two strands of white sewing thread to work two small stitches across top of the nose for the 'shine'.

Use a green pencil to colour remainder of the stamp, carefully working the colour into the knitted sts.

The address

Split a length of black yarn to get a finer strand. Work 'To SANTA NorTH POLE' on the postcard, as shown in the illustration on page 11.

The message

You will need a piece of thin white card, such as a cutting off a postcard or greetings card.

Cut a 4.5cm by 7cm [$1\frac{1}{2}$ in by $2\frac{3}{4}$ in] rectangle and round off the sharp corners.

Print the message as shown in the illustration and also colour a few 'ink blots'.

Carefully glue the message to wrong side of the knitted postcard piece, stretching the knitted edges just beyond the edges of the card. Place postcard in the jacket pocket on the figure.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Important note: For the 'ml' abbreviation, refer to page 2 under Special abbreviations.

Begin at lower edge and using light green cast on 30 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (ml, K2) to end — 44 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc in first 2 sts, K18, inc in next 4 sts, K18, inc in last 2 sts — 52 sts.

Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 11 rows.

Shape top of foot

1st row: K22, (K2tog) 4 times, K22 — 48 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K20, (K2tog) 4 times, K20 — 44 sts.

5th row: K18, (K2tog) 4 times, K18 — 40 sts.

7th row: K16, (K2tog) 4 times, K16 — 36 sts.

Continue in st-st working in colours as follows. Work 4 rows light green, 2 green, 6 light green and 6 green.

Using green, g-st 3 rows, then cast off.

Snowflake decoration

With right side of the stocking outside, bring the row ends together and lay stocking flat. On the side of the stocking facing you, mark centre of the light green stripe at top with a pin. At this position, work a white vertical stitch and a horizontal stitch to form a cross. At the spaces between the first stitches, work another two stitches, forming another cross, as shown in the illustration. Work a small stitch at centre to secure all the long stitches.

Work another two snowflakes, one on each side of the first one. Turn the stocking over and repeat on the other side.

To make up

Join the row ends from cast on edge as far as the last knitted row of st-st. Oversew across cast on sts. Turn stocking right side out. Oversew the g-st row ends together, then turn down the g-st border.

Pin the top end of the stocking seam between finger and thumb of the right hand on the figure, with finger inside the stocking and thumb on the outside. Sew in place as pinned.

CANDY CANE

You will need a plastic drinking straw, about 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] in diameter, with a 'bendy' section.

Trim 2.5cm [1in] off each end of the straw, then stretch out the bendy section. The straw should now measure about 16cm [$6\frac{1}{4}$ in] in length.

The knitted covering strip

Using red, cast on 50 sts. Note that first knitted row is *right* side.

Join on white and using white, g-st 2 rows.

Using red, g-st 2 rows.

Using white, g-st 4 rows.

Using red, cast off.

Gather up one set of row ends tightly, then fasten off. Catch this end to one end of the straw. With right side of the piece outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges together, enclosing the straw as you go.

Now turn the knitted piece round and round, so that the stripes spiral along the length of the straw. Gather up the other set of row ends and secure to end of straw as before.

Bend the cane at the bendy section of the straw. Secure at the bend by sewing through the straw at the bend. Place candy cane in the Christmas stocking.

BARLEY SUGAR TWIST

You will need an ordinary plastic drinking straw about 3mm [$\frac{1}{8}$ in] in diameter. Trim the straw to measure 15cm [$6\frac{1}{2}$ in] in length.

The knitted covering piece

Begin at one end and using orange cast on 11 sts.

Note that first knitted row is *right* side.

1st row: P1, (P2, K1) 3 times, K1.

2nd row: P1, (P1, K2) 3 times, K1.

Repeat these two rows until the strip measures 15cm [$6\frac{1}{2}$ in].

B & T tightly.

Join the row ends. Turn the piece right side out, pushing the B & T end through with knob of your knitting needle. Push the straw inside the knitted strip. Sew through the straw 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below the B & T end. Now twist the knitted strip round and round the straw to form the spiral shape. Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew through straw at this end as before. Place barley sugar in the Christmas stocking.

LOLLYPOP

The lolly

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 12 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 14 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 12 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends. Turn right side out and stuff. Gather round cast on sts, but do not pull up. Lay lolly aside.

The stick

You will need an ordinary plastic drinking straw about 3mm [$\frac{1}{8}$ in] in diameter. Trim the straw to measure 12cm [$4\frac{3}{4}$ in] in length.

To cover the straw, use white and cast on 34 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Cast off P wise.

Gather up one set of row ends tightly and fasten off. Starting at this end and with right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together, enclosing the straw as you go. Gather up remaining set of row ends tightly and fasten off.

To assemble the pieces

To make an opening for the stick, push a $5\frac{1}{2}$ mm [No 5, USA 8] knitting needle inside the stuffing in the lolly, twisting it round and round. Push about 2.5cm [1in] of the stick inside the lolly. Pull up the cast on edge gathers on lolly tightly, fasten off, then sew to stick. Place lolly in the Christmas stocking.



Clarence, the Christmas Postbox

Clarence is certainly well-prepared for the Winter season, all wrapped up in his cosy striped scarf. His friend the robin perches on his snow-covered top, wearing a woolly cap to keep warm!

Measurement: The postbox is about 30cm [12in] in height.

Yarn requirements: 50g [1½oz] of red, 30g [1oz] of black; oddments of all the other colours.

Stuffing: You will need 300g [11oz] of stuffing.

MAIN PIECE

Begin at top and using red cast on 64 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 96 sts.
P 1 row.

Join on another strand of red and using the two strands, K 1 row.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

Next row: K, to mark outer top edge of the piece.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 66 rows.

Break off red and join on black.
G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K7, inc in next st) to end — 108 sts.
P 1 row.

Join on another strand of black and using the two strands, P 1 row.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

K 1 row.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 23 rows.

Join on another strand of black and using the two strands, K 1 row.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

Next row: P, to mark outer edge of the base.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Shape the base

1st row: (K10, K2tog) to end — 99 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K9, K2tog) to end — 90 sts.

5th row: (K8, K2tog) to end — 81 sts.

7th row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 72 sts.

9th row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 63 sts.

11th row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 54 sts.

13th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 45 sts.

15th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

17th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

19th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

21st row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Oversew row ends together on the shaped base as far as the outer edge. Join remaining row ends for centre back seam. Turn right side out. Cut two 14cm [5½in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Place

inside the knitted piece against the shaped base.

Stuff the lower black section, taking care to keep it the same size as the base. Stuff the red section carefully to the top, noting that this section will be slightly narrower than the black section. The stuffed red section should measure about 43cm [17in] around.

Now cut two 13cm [5in] diameter circles of cardboard. Cut out a 4cm [1½in] diameter hole at centre of each one. Glue the two circles together. The centre hole will enable you to continue stuffing after inserting the circle inside the knitted piece.

Push the cardboard circle inside top edge of the knitted piece, so that it lies flat on top of the stuffing. Now continue stuffing through the hole to fill the knitted piece to top. Seal the hole with strips of sticky tape to contain the stuffing.

Gather round the cast on sts. Pull up gathers slightly, so that the single K row is level with outer edge of the cardboard circle. Fasten off.

TOP PIECE

Begin at lower end and using red, cast on 66 sts loosely.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 99 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 132 sts.
P 1 row.

Join on another strand of red and use the two strands for next row.

Next row: P, to mark outer edge of the piece. Using the two strands of red, work 2 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

K 1 row.

Break off red and join on one strand of white.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 4 rows.

Begin top shaping

Next row: (K10, K2tog) to end — 121 sts.
St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K9, K2tog) to end — 110 sts.
St-st 3 rows.



Continue top shaping

1st row: (K8, K2tog) to end — 99 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 88 sts.

5th row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 77 sts.

7th row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 66 sts.

9th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 55 sts.

11th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 44 sts.

13th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 33 sts.

15th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

17th row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Oversew row ends together for centre back seam. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Cut two 16cm [6¼in] diameter circles of cardboard. Cut out a 4cm [1½in] diameter hole at the centre of each one. Glue the two circles together.

Push the cardboard circle inside cast on edge of the knitted piece, so that it lies flat on top of the stuffing. Now continue stuffing through the hole in the cardboard circle.

Stuff evenly around outer edge of the piece, so that the two K1, P1 rib rows are above the cardboard circle as illustrated. Seal the hole with strips of sticky tape to contain the stuffing.

Gather round the cast on sts. Pull up gathers just enough to tighten cast on edge, then fasten off.

To assemble the main piece and top piece

Place top piece centrally on top of the main piece, matching the centre back seams. Sew cast on edge of top piece to the single K row at outer top edge of the main piece.

FACE PIECE AND LETTER SLOT

Begin at lower edge of face piece and using white cast on 20 sts.

St-st 30 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row. Mark centre of one of these rows with a

coloured thread as a guide to positioning the facial features.

Break off white and join on red.

G-st 6 rows.

Break off red and join on black for letter slot.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 9 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Cast off.

Pin the piece to centre front of postbox, with cast off edge 2cm [¾in] below the top edge of the main piece.

Sew to postbox as pinned.

Eyes and mouth

Mark the eye positions with pins 4 knitted rows below the red g-st stripe, leaving 4 clear knitted sts between the pins. Use black yarn for the eyes. Starting at one marked position, work a back-stitch, ending 3 knitted rows below marked position. Work two more back-stitches in same way. Repeat for the other eye.

Mark lower end of mouth position with a pin at centre of face piece, 8 knitted rows above cast on edge. Using red yarn, work two long stitches to form a V-shape, leaving a small break at centre of the V. Work a small sloping red stitch at each corner of the mouth. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

Nose

Using red cast on 12 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out and stuff. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Using white, work a short horizontal stitch at top of nose for the 'shine'. Sew nose to face, just below the eyes.

The side strips

These strips run up each side of the face/letter slot piece. Make two alike.

Using red cast on 30 sts.

First row is *wrong* side.

G-st 3 rows, then cast off.

Pin one strip down one side of the face/letter slot piece, with cast off edge of the red strip just overlapping the row ends. Sew in place, then repeat with the other strip at the other side.

The canopy over letter slot

Using red, cast on 26 sts.

S-st 5 rows.

Next row: K, to mark the fold line.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 5 rows.

Cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, fold the piece at the fold line, then oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Stuff the piece lightly through each set of row ends. Oversew each set of row ends together.

Sew cast on/cast off edge of the canopy to postbox, just above cast off edge of the letter slot.

SCARF

Using green cast on 14 sts and st-st 4 rows.

Join on yellow and using yellow, g-st 2 rows.

Repeat this sequence of stripes, working four rows green and two rows yellow alternately, until there are 46 green stripes altogether.

Cast off P wise, using green.

Turn in 2 sts all along one set of row ends and catch loosely to wrong side of st-st. Repeat at other set of row ends.

Place scarf around the postbox and tie at the front, just covering lower end of the white face section. Catch ends of scarf together just below the tied section.

ROBIN

Make the robin as given for Jolly Mr Jingle's robin on page 10, but use gold for the hat and light green for the bobble. Work robin's feet in same way also, on the top of the postbox at position illustrated.

HOLLY

Make as given for Jolly Mr Jingle's holly on page 9.

Sew to top of the postbox as illustrated.

Mr Wonderful

Mr Wonderful is elegantly clad in tail-coat, waistcoat and cravat — with a truly enormous diamond tie-pin! Bearing gifts of red roses, champagne and a celebration cake, he is the perfect character to commemorate any special occasion. The little heart-shaped decorations send greetings of love and the gift card in the roses is specially designed so that you can add your own individual message.

Full instructions are given for all the numerals 0 to 9, so that a particular date or year can be commemorated on Mr Wonderful's hat.

Measurement: The basic figure measures 48cm [19in] from soles of the shoes to top of the hat.

Yarn requirements: 100g [3½oz] of blue, 50g [1½oz] of white, 40g [1½oz] of gold, 30g [1oz] of light grey, 30g [1oz] of black, 30g [1oz] of light green, 30g [1oz] of red; oddments of all the other colours.

Stuffing: You will need 600g [21oz] of stuffing.

FIGURE

Make **BASIC FIGURE** in colours as follows.

Legs

Use light grey for hem. Continue in stripes for legs, working two rows light grey and two rows black alternately.

Body

Continue working in stripes as for legs for lower body.

Work upper body in white.

Head

Use light pink.

Hat

Use light green.

SHOES

Make **BASIC SHOES** in colours as follows.

Use royal blue for sole. For the 12 st-st rows on shoe upper, work 2 rows red and 10 rows gold. Continue in gold from ★ to end of **BASIC SHOE** instructions.

ANKLE BANDS

[Make two alike]

Using light grey cast on 12 sts.

Note that first row is *right* side.

Join on black and use black for first two rows.

1st row: K.

2nd row: P1, K to end.

Using light grey, repeat these two rows once.

Continue working the two-row stripes as given, using black and light grey alternately, until the



piece measures 18cm [7in], ending with a light grey stripe.

Break off light grey and continue in black.

K 1 row, then cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges of each band together then leave wrong side outside. Place bands on legs with seams at back. The row ends where yarns are carried up side for the stripe changes, should be at lower edges of legs. Sew these edges to shoes, just below lower edges of legs. Turn down the bands to fold in half.

FACE

Work **BASIC FACE**.

HAT BRIM

Make **BASIC HAT BRIM** to match hat.

HAIR

Make **BASIC HAIR** using gold.

HAT BAND

Make **BASIC HAT BAND** using white.

CRAVAT

Begin at neck edge and using light blue cast on 22 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 44 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next and every following row until 4 sts remain.

B & T tightly.

Sew the cast on edge centrally to neck, at front of the figure. Push a little stuffing under the cravat, against the neck edge. Pull down the lower end and catch the B & T sts to centre front of the figure. Sew the shaped row ends to the figure.

WAISTCOAT

Note: There are only two pieces required, the left and right front.

Right front

Begin at side edge and using yellow cast on 27 sts. Note that first row is *wrong* side of the piece.

★ **1st row:** K.

Next row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 36 sts.

Begin neck shaping

1st row: Slip 1, K1, pssso; K to end — 35 sts.

2nd row: K to last st, P1.

Repeat these two rows 6 more times — 29 sts remain.

Continue shaping neck and also lower edge

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pssso; K to last st; P1 — 28 sts.

Repeat this row until 13 sts remain ★★.

Cast off.

Left front

Begin at side edge and using yellow cast on 27 sts.

Note that first row is *right* side of the piece.

Now work as given for right front from ★ to ★★.

Cast off P wise.

To make up

Place the two pieces together, with right sides facing and matching all the edges. Oversew the cast off edges together.

Buttons [make three]

Make as given for the holly berries on page 9. Sew them to centre front seam of the waistcoat, spacing them out equally.

To sew to figure

Pin the waistcoat piece to the figure, so that the shaped neck edges just overlap the row ends of the cravat. Sew all edges to the figure and to shaped side edges of the cravat.

TIE-PIN

Begin at back and using gold cast on 6 sts. Noting that first row is *wrong* side, P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Break off gold and join on white for the diamond.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T loosely.

Oversew row ends together. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly then fasten off.

Facets on the diamond

Use a length of black sewing thread. Work four small stitches to form a square at centre of diamond.

Work a stitch radiating from each corner of the square to outer edge of the diamond. Work a stitch from centre of each side of the square to outer edge of the diamond. Now work short stitches all round outer edge of the diamond, connecting each of the radiating stitches.

Sew back of the tie-pin to centre of the cravat, taking stitches through cravat and into the figure.

HEARTS ON THE HAT

Make six pieces, two for each heart.

Begin at lower point of the heart-shape and using red cast on 2 sts.

Work in st-st and inc 1 st K wise at beginning of first and every following row until there are 10 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Shape top

★ **Next row:** Slip 1, K1, pss0; K1; K2tog — 3 sts now remain on right hand needle. B & T these 3 sts tightly ★★.

With right side of st-st facing, rejoin yarn to first st of the remaining 5 sts on knitting needle. Repeat from ★ to ★★.

With right side of st-st outside, place two of the pieces together.

Oversew them together round the edges, stuffing the shape lightly before completing oversewing.

Pin one heart to centre front of the hat band, in line with the nose on figure. Sew back of heart to the hat band. Sew the other two on either side, spacing them out equally.

HEARTS ON THE SHOES

Make two hearts in same way as those on the hat. Pin one to toe of each shoe, as shown in the illustration. Catch lower portion of each heart in place, at back of the heart.

NUMERALS ON THE HAT

Any numeral or combination of numerals can be made by casting on, then casting off an appropriate number of sts as given below. Note that cast off row of each numeral is the *right* side.

Using green cast on, then cast off the following number of sts, for the appropriate numerals required.

0 = 24 sts
1 = 10 sts
2 = 22 sts
3 = 22 sts
4 = 24 sts
5 = 22 sts
6 = 22 sts
7 = 16 sts
8 = 16 sts and also 10 sts
9 = 22 sts

Each strip is pinned into shape on the front of the hat and each numeral should be approximately 3cm [1¼in] in height. The lower edge of each numeral should be about 1cm [¾in] above the top edges of the hearts.

Refer to the diagram which shows the shape of each numeral. For the numeral 0, oversew the row ends together. For 8, there are two pieces. First, oversew the row ends of the longest strip together. The shorter piece forms a semi-circle which fits on top of the first piece as shown in the diagram.

Where there are right angles or sharp corners such as in 5 or 7, pin the strip in place at every corner, to make them as angular as possible.

If two or more numerals are required, make sure they are the same height when pinning out.

Sew all edges of the numerals in place, using matching sewing thread.

CELEBRATION CAKE

Plate

Begin at upper surface and using blue cast on 36 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 54 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Join on another strand of blue. Using the two strands and beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Shape the base

1st row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 45 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

5th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

7th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

9th row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out. Cut an 8cm [3in] diameter circle of cardboard and push it inside cast on edge so that it lies flat against the base. Gather round cast on sts. Pull up the gathers slightly, until the two rows worked in double yarn are around outer edge of the cardboard circle. Fasten off. Lay the plate aside.

Cake

Begin at base and using white cast on 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 36 sts.

P 1 row.

Join on another strand of white. Using the two strands and beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 7 rows.

Join on another strand of white. Using the two strands and beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (P2, P2tog) to end — 27 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: K.

3rd row: (P1, P2tog) to end — 18 sts.

5th row: (P2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T loosely.

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard. At centre of one circle, cut out a small hole, about 1cm [¾in] in diameter.

This opening is for inserting the candle later on. Push this cardboard circle inside the cake, so that it lies flat on the shaped top.

Now pull up the B & T length of yarn, leaving a hole a little smaller than the one at centre of the cardboard circle. Fasten off.

Stuff the cake lightly. Push the other cardboard circle inside cast on edge, so that it lies flat on top of the stuffing. Gather round cast on sts and pull up slightly until the rows worked in double yarn are around outer edge of cardboard circle. Fasten off.

For the bow make a 10cm [4in] single twisted red cord. Tie in a bow and sew to side of cake as illustrated. Lay cake aside.

Candle

You will need an ordinary plastic drinking straw about 3mm [¼in] in diameter. Cut a 3cm [1¼in] section off the straw for the candle. To cover the straw, use red and cast on 5 sts. Work in st-st until the strip is almost the same length as the straw. B & T tightly.

DIAGRAM, showing the shapes of the numerals.
The actual height of each numeral is 3cm [1¼in].



Mr Wonderful



Starting at the B & T end and with right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together, enclosing the straw as you go. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. For the flame, secure a length of yellow yarn at cast on end of candle. Pass needle up through centre of straw to top then back again, leaving a small loop of yarn. Fasten off.

Put a small dab of glue at top of loop and pinch to make a pointed shape.

To assemble the pieces

Push 1cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ in] at lower end of candle through hole at centre of cake. Catch to cake where candle passes through it.

Place cake centrally on the plate, covering the exposed portion of the cardboard circle which is inside the plate. Sew cake to plate.

Sew centre of underside of plate to top of the hat on the figure.

TAIL COAT

Notes: The coat body piece, collar and sleeves are all worked using two strands of yarn on 5½mm [No 5, USA 8] knitting needles. The **BASIC SLEEVES** are not required on this figure because they are replaced by the coat sleeves.

Tension: Using two strands of yarn and 5½mm [No 5, USA 8] knitting needles, 4 sts = 2.5cm [1in] in width over st-st.

Body piece, left tail

Begin at lower edge and using blue cast on 21 sts.

G-st 2 rows ★.

Begin shaping

1st row: K to last 4 sts, inc in next st, K3 — 22 sts.

2nd row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Repeat these two rows 10 more times — 32 sts.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Body piece, right tail

Work as given for left tail as far as ★.

Begin shaping

1st row: K2, inc in next st, K to end — 22 sts.

2nd row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Repeat these two rows 10 more times — 32 sts.

Main body piece

With right side of work facing, K across the 32 sts of right tail on the knitting needle, then across the 32 sts of left tail on the spare needle — 64 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows, but K the first 2 sts and last 2 sts on every P row.

Begin front and side shaping

1st row: K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog through back of loops — 62 sts.

2nd row: P.

3rd row: Work as for 1st row — 60 sts.

4th row: P8, (P2tog, P1) 3 times, P26, (P1, P2tog) 3 times, P8 — 54 sts.

5th row: Work as for 1st row — 52 sts.

6th row: P.

7th row: Work as for 1st row — 50 sts.

8th row: P4, (P2tog, P1) 4 times, P18, (P1, P2tog) 4 times, P4 — 42 sts.

9th row: Work as for 1st row — 40 sts.

10th row: P.

11th row: (K2tog) twice, K to last 4 sts, (K2tog through back of loops) twice — 36 sts.

Break off one strand of yarn and continue with remaining strand of yarn.

Next row: (P2tog) twice, (P1, P2tog) 9 times, P1, (P2tog) twice — 23 sts.

Cast off.

To block the body piece

To make the g-st edges lie flat, first wet them thoroughly by dabbing outside and inside with a wet cloth. Fold the piece, bringing front edges together with right side of st-st outside. Place on a dry towel. Pat all the g-st edges flat, then leave to dry.

To join the tails

Starting at the top, oversew the centre back edges of the tails together, ending half way down the length.

To sew to figure

Place cast off edge around back of neck, smoothing the coat around the figure. Sew cast off edge in place. Catch upper shaped front edges to the waistcoat.

Collar

Begin at outer edge and using blue cast on 58 sts.

Note that first row is *right side*.

1st row: K to last 2 sts, turn.

2nd row: Slip first st, K to last 2 sts, turn.

3rd row: Slip first st, K to end.

4th row: K to last 6 sts, turn.

5th row: Slip first st, K to last 6 sts, turn.

6th row: Slip first st, K to end.

Break off one strand of yarn.

Cast off, using the remaining strand of yarn.

Catch row ends together at each end of the collar.

Pin the cast off edge round back of neck and down the shaped front edges of coat. Sew cast off edge in place as pinned.

Sleeves [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using blue cast on 24 sts.

St-st 28 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

Cast off.

Oversew row ends of each sleeve together, then turn right side out. Note that the sleeve seam is the underarm seam when sewing to the figure. Stuff the sleeves to fill them, but take care not to stretch the knitted sts. Lay the sleeves aside until required.

HEARTS ON BACK OF COAT

Make two as given for hearts on the hat on page 18. Pin the hearts to centre back of coat just above the tail sections, leaving a 2.5cm [1in] space between them. Sew to coat as pinned.

COAT POCKET

Begin at lower edge and using blue cast on 8 sts.

G-st 13 rows, then cast off.

Sew side and lower edges to left front of coat as illustrated.

HANDKERCHIEF

Using white cast on 8 sts.

St-st 9 rows, then cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, fold one corner of the piece to opposite corner. Oversew the edges together. Place handkerchief in coat pocket.

HANDS

Make **BASIC HANDS** using white.

ASSEMBLING SLEEVES AND HANDS

These are assembled in the same way as for **BASIC SLEEVES** and **HANDS**.

Refer to detailed instructions on page 5 and use the coat sleeves. Turn the coat collar up so that it is out of the way when working on the sleeves.

Point both thumbs toward front of the figure. Angle both the wrists upward, away from the figure.

Sew the sleeves to hands as given in the basic instructions on page 5, but do not sew sleeves to the figure until the sleeve cuffs have been added.

SLEEVE CUFFS

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using two strands of light blue cast on 38 sts.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

St-st 5 rows.

Cast off loosely.

Oversew row ends of each cuff together. Turn right side out. Place cuffs on sleeves with lower edges at cast on edges of sleeves. Match the cuff seams to sleeve seams also.

Sew lower edges of cuffs to hands, just below cast on edges of sleeves. Sew cast off edges of cuffs to sleeves.

Now sew the sleeves to figure as given in basic instructions, taking stitches through the coat and into figure to secure.

ROSE IN COAT LAPEL

The flower

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 18 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 36 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, yrn twice, K2tog) 3 times, (K3, yrn twice, K2tog) 5 times, K2.

Next row: P, dropping the extra loop on each of the wound-round sts — 36 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 18 sts.
P 1 row, then cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew each set of row ends together at each side.

Starting at the end with the smallest petals, roll up the cast on/cast off edge, making sure that cast off edge is outermost. Secure with a pin.

Now sew back and forth through the rose near to the base, to secure the rolled-up shape. Catch the row ends of the end petal to the rose.

The leaves [make two]

Begin at base and using green cast on 4 sts.
Note that first row is *right* side.

G-st 2 rows.

Next row: Inc in first 3 sts, K1 — 7 sts.

Begin leaf pattern

1st row: K3, P next st through back of loop, K3.

2nd row: K3, K next st through back of loop, K3.

Repeat these two rows 3 more times.

Shape leaf tip

1st row: Slip 1, K1, pssso; K1; P next st through back of loop; K1; K2tog — 5 sts.

2nd row: K2, K next st through back of loop, K2.

3rd row: Slip 1, K1, pssso; P next st through back of loop; K2tog — 3 sts.

B & T tightly.

Sew base of each leaf to outer edge at lower end of the rose.

Sew lower edge of the rose to the coat collar at left side as illustrated.

BOUQUET OF ROSES

The wrapping paper

Note: This is a stuffed cone-shape. The top section is worked in green, to provide a raised cushion on which to sew the roses.

Begin at top and using green cast on 8 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 24 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Break off green and join on light yellow.

G-st 4 rows.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 6 rows.

Begin shaping

Next row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.
St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 16 sts.
St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 12 sts.
St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.
B & T tightly.

Join row ends of the light yellow section. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly then fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff. Oversew row ends of the green section together, adding more stuffing as you do this to round off the top.

The roses

Refer to the instructions for the rose in the coat lapel on this page. Make 7 roses and 7 leaves. Sew base of each leaf to outer edge at lower end of each rose. Sew lower end of one rose to centre top of the wrapping paper piece. Pin the remaining 6 roses in a circle around and below the centre rose. Sew each one in place.

The ribbon bow

Using gold, cast on 66 sts, then cast off.

Tie in a bow and sew to the bouquet as illustrated.

The gift card

Using gold, cast on 24 sts.
K 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 36 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Shape back

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

5th row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.
B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together then turn right side out. For the card you will need a white postcard or plain portion of an old greetings card. Glue two pieces together for strength. Cut a 3.5 by 5cm [1½ by 2in] piece, then round off all the sharp corners.

Write on the appropriate greeting. Push the card inside the knitted piece, easing the cast on edge onto front of the card all round. Tuck one corner among the roses, then catch it to the green cushion top.

To sew bouquet to figure

Pin upper section of the wrapping paper between thumb and adjacent finger of the left hand. Sew in place as pinned.





CHAMPAGNE

The bottle

Begin at centre of base and using dark green cast on 8 sts loosely.
P 1 row.

Shape base

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 24 sts.

5th row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 32 sts.

7th row: (K3, inc in next st) to end — 40 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 25 rows.

Begin shaping

Next row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 35 sts.
St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 25 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

Break off dark green and join on gold.
St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 15 sts.
St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 12 sts.
St-st 7 rows.

Join on another strand of gold and continue with the two strands.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, P1) to end.
Repeat this row 4 more times.

K 1 row.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.
B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, leaving a 4cm [1½in] gap at centre of seam for turning and stuffing. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out.

Cut a 5.5cm [2¼in] diameter circle of cardboard.

Thread a darning needle with a length of dark green yarn and knot end. Pass needle through centre of circle and pull yarn through. With needle inside the bottle, pass it through the centre of cast on sts at base. Pull needle and yarn through to outside of bottle inserting the cardboard circle into bottle. Pull yarn tight so that cardboard circle lies flat on the base of bottle. Fasten off yarn securely.

Stuff lower section of bottle, to measure about 20cm [8in] around. Stuff top end, then continue stuffing, widening toward the lower section. Oversew the gap in seam, adding more stuffing if necessary.

The rectangular label

Begin at lower edge and using light yellow cast on 16 sts.

St-st 13 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.
Cast off.

Using gold, work small back-stitches all round the label, just within the edges. Using brown, work the word BUBBLY in short back-stitches as shown in the illustration. Sew label to bottle, with lower edge about 1cm [¾in] above base of bottle.

The neck label

Begin at lower edge and using yellow cast on 38 sts.

Break off yellow and join on black.

St-st 2 rows.

Break off black and join on yellow.

Cast off P wise.

Place the strip around bottle at lower end of the gold section, just covering the last knitted row of dark green. Cross the ends over at front as illustrated, then pin. The label should fit tightly around the bottle. Sew in place as pinned.

The seal

Using red, cast on 18 sts.

1st row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.
B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together. Sew the seal to neck label at the cross-over position.

To sew bottle to figure

Pin neck of the bottle between thumb and adjacent finger of the right hand as illustrated. Sew in place as pinned.

Percival, the Party Postbox

Percival is all dressed-up for a party in wing collar and bow tie. On his top there are colourful little gift parcels, while the pretty heart-shaped bunting spells out the message BEST WISHES!

Measurement: The postbox is about 30cm [12in] in height.

Yarn requirements: 80g [3oz] of red, 30g [1oz] of black; oddments of the other colours.

Stuffing: You will need 300g [11oz] of stuffing.

MAIN PIECE

Make as given for Christmas postbox on page 15.

TOP PIECE

Make as given for Christmas postbox on page 15, using red throughout.

FACE PIECE AND LETTER SLOT

Make all the items as given for Christmas postbox on page 16.

WING COLLAR

The collar is made in two pieces.

Begin at centre front of one piece and using white cast on 12 sts.

Work in st-st and inc 1 st K wise at beginning of first and every following row until there are 24 sts.

Now dec 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until 14 sts remain.

Continue in st-st. Work until the strip is long enough [when slightly stretched] to go exactly half way around the postbox. End with a K row, then cast off.

Make the second piece in exactly the same way.



To make up

Oversew the cast off edges of the two pieces together. With right side of st-st outside, fold the pieces, bringing row ends of each piece together. Oversew all the row ends of each of the pieces together. Oversew across each set of cast on sts.

Place the collar around the postbox as illustrated, with cast on edges meeting at centre front. Oversew these edges together. Adjust this cast on edge seam, so that it just covers the cast on edge of the face piece. Catch to postbox at this position.

BOW TIE

Using light green, cast on 24 sts.
St-st 4 rows.

Join on green and st-st 4 rows using green.

Repeat these 8 rows once more.

Break off light green and continue in green.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Join on light green and st-st 4 rows using light green.

Using green, st-st 4 rows.

Break off green and continue in light green.

St-st 4 rows.

Cast off P wise.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out. Place seam at centre back of the bow. Stuff each end very lightly. Oversew across cast on sts, then cast off sts.

For the centre strip, use light green and cast on 12 sts. St-st 5 rows, then cast off loosely. Place the strip around centre of the bow and oversew row ends together at back. Sew centre back of the bow to collar seam at front.

GIFT BOX

Use light green yarn. Work as given for Jolly Mr Jingle's gift box on page 11, but instead of working 7 rows of st-st, work 11 rows.

Use red yarn for the string and the gift bow. Omit the twisted cord loop.

Sew gift box to centre top of the postbox.

STRIPED PARCELS

Note: Both parcels are worked in the same way. Colours required for the second parcel are given in {} brackets. Make two pieces alike for each parcel.

Using gold {blue} cast on 14 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Join on yellow {light blue} and st-st 20 rows in two-row stripes of yellow and gold {light blue and blue} alternately.

Cast off P wise using gold {blue}.

Place the two pieces together and join them around the edges leaving a small gap in seam. Turn right side out and stuff, keeping the shape fairly flat. Close gap in seam.



For the string make a 40cm [16in] twisted cord using green {white}. Tie this around the parcel as illustrated, ending with a bow at centre top. Sew through the bow to secure. Sew the parcels to top of the postbox as illustrated.

'BEST WISHES' BUNTING

The hearts

Refer to page 18 'HEARTS ON THE HAT'. Make 11 hearts. Ten of these are for the letters and the remaining one is for the space between the two words.

Using light green yarn, make a loose hanging loop at centre top of each heart.

The letters for 'BEST WISHES' are worked in a sequence of colours — gold, light blue, light green and white. This sequence is repeated, ending with light blue for the last letter.

Work the appropriate letter on each heart in small back-stitches, then oversew through each back-stitch to make a well-defined shape.

The cord

Make an 80cm [31½in] single twisted light green cord. This length allows for adjustment to the ends after tying the bow.

Thread the cord through the hanging loops on the hearts in the correct sequence, forming the two words with the plain heart between the words.

Place the cord around the postbox at top of the black section. Tie ends in a bow at centre front. Slide the hearts along the cord to space them out equally.

Now re-knot each end of the cord to a suitable length and trim off the excess. Sew through the bow to secure.

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