



This hanging Santa decoration is knit top-down in the round using double pointed needles and small quantities of Hayfield Bonus DK yarn. The head and body are knit in one piece using a tight gauge (on 3.25mm needles) so the stuffing doesn't show through.

**You will need:**

- [Hayfield Bonus DK](#) in red and white plus additional scraps for sewing details.
- Small quantities of [King Cole Tinsel](#) for Santa's beard.
- 3.25mm double pointed needles.
- Small quantity of toy filling.
- A pair of googly eyes.
- Selection of needles for sewing up.
- *For elves: small bell (optional).*

**Skills required:**

- Knitting in the round on DPNs.
- Kfb = increase by knitting into the front and back of the same stitch.
- K2tog = decrease by knitting two stitches together.
- Knit and purl.
- Knitting an icord.

### **Instructions:**

#### Head:

1. Using the **white yarn**, cast on 6 sts.
2. Split the sts evenly onto 3 DPNs and join to knit in the round.
3. Kfb all sts = 12 sts.
4. (K1, kfb) repeat to end = 18 sts.
5. Knit 5 rounds.
6. (K1, k2tog) repeat to end = 12 sts.
7. Fill the head with stuffing until it is round and full.
8. K2tog all sts = 6 sts.

#### Body: Switch to **red yarn**.

9. Knit one round to form the neck.
10. (K1, kfb) to end = 9 sts.
11. (K2, kfb) to end = 12 sts.
12. (K3, kfb) to end = 15 sts.
13. (K4, kfb) to end = 18 sts.
14. (K5, kfb) to end = 21 sts.
15. (K6, kfb) to end = 24 sts.
16. Knit all rounds until the work measures approx 4cm from the neck.
17. K2tog all sts = 12 sts.
18. Fill body with stuffing, padding it out to a suitable shape.
19. K2tog all sts = 6 sts.
20. K2tog all sts = 3 sts.
21. Ensuring enough yarn is left for the sewing, break off yarn and thread it onto a darning needle. Draw the needle through the last three stitches and pull tight before sewing closed.

#### Arms:

- Using **red yarn**, knit a 4 stitch icord for 7 cms.
- Thread the yarn end onto a blunt ended needle and pull the icord through the body.
- Sew in both ends, using a few stitches to secure the arms in place.

#### Hat: This is knit in the round using 3 DPNs and the **red yarn**.

- Leaving approx. 15 cm tail, cast on 2 st in red yarn, and split onto two DPNs to work in the round.
- Kfb all sts = 4 sts
- A: Knit two rounds.
- B: Kfb, knit to last st on needle, Kfb, repeat on second needle.
- Repeat A and B until you have 10 sts on each needle (= 20 sts).
- Knit until the hat measures approx 5 cms.
- Purl 3 rounds.
- Bind off, leaving enough yarn to sew the hat in place.
- Using the yarn tail at the tip of the hat, make a hanging loop and sew in any ends.
- If you wish, you can place a small amount of filling to add structure to the hat, then sew the hat into place with the tail from the bind off.

#### Beard & Face:

- Using tinsel yarn, cast on 3 sts.
- Knit 4 rows.
- Bind off, leaving a tail for sewing.
- Sew the beard in place, and trim around as necessary.
- Using a little red yarn, sew a stitch onto the beard to suggest a mouth.
- Stick on eyes.

This same pattern can be used, with different coloured yarn and without the beard, to make some little elf helpers.