



MERRY THE XMAS TREE ORNAMENT



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Skill Level: Intermediate

Materials:

approx. 30 yards of I Love This Yarn in Jellybean (744)

approx. 5 yards of Craftsy Sprightly Yarn in Brown (501-018)

- Substitute with any medium weight yarn.

Other Materials:

- 3 stitch markers (1 in a contrasting color)
- 2 6mm black safety eyes (embroider the eyes if the toy will be for a child under 3)
- Polyfill
- yarn needle
- embroidery needle

7" DPNs: 3.5 mm [US 4]

Gauge: 2" = 9 sts and 14 rows

Finished Height: approx. 5" tall

Gauge is not important unless you want the exact same size doll as I made. Otherwise just use a hook that will keep your stitches tight enough that the stuffing will not show through.

Special Instructions

- Please read through all the instructions before beginning.
- Increase and decrease using your preferred method.
- Use scraps of yarn if you don't have polyfill on hand.



Body

With **CA**, cast on 6 sts onto 3 needles and join in a Rnd. 6 sts

Use your contrasting stitch marker to mark the beginning of the Rnd from here on out.

Rnd 1: [Kfb] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 2: [Kfb, k1] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 3: [K8, make 3 (after first of 3, place st marker (in other words, after your first knit in the front before you knit in the back))] 2 times. 22 sts

Rnd 4: [K to st marker, make 3, place stitch marker after 1st of 3 made] 2 times, knit to beginning of Rnd. 26 sts

Rnds 5-7: Repeat Rnd 4. 38 sts at end of Rnd 7.

Rnds 8-9: Knit. 38 sts

Rnd 10: [K to four sts before st marker, k2tog two times, slip marker, k1, k2tog two times] 2 times, knit to beginning of Rnd. 30 sts

Rnds 11-16: Repeat Rnd 4. 54 sts at end of Rnd 16.

Rnds 17-18: Knit. 54 sts

Rnd 19: Repeat Rnd 10. 46 sts

Rnds 20-25: Repeat Rnd 4. 70 sts at the end of Rnd 25.

Rnd 26: Repeat Rnd 10. 62 sts

Rnd 27: Knit. 62 sts

Rnd 28: Repeat Rnd 10. 54 sts

Rnd 29: Knit. 54 sts

Bind off knitwise.

Fasten off with long tail for sewing.

Attach Eyes

Attach eyes on Rnd 20 approx. 8 sts apart, or, wherever you like. Set body aside until legs are finished.

Legs (make 2)

With **CB** and a long tail for sewing, CO 8 sts onto 3 needles and join in a Rnd. 8 sts

Rnds 1-5: Knit. 8 sts

Fasten off with tail to sew leg shut.

Finishing

Sew one end of each leg shut. Sew the opening flat using whatever stitch you are comfortable with. I chose to whip stitch mine.

Stuff the legs minimally so they will lay relatively flat. I used the yarn tail from sewing.

You can either sew the other end closed before joining to the tree, or use the join to close the legs. Whatever you prefer.

Embroidery

With black embroidery thread embroider mouth as shown in photo below.

Sewing

Stuff the body lightly.

Using whatever stitch you prefer, begin closing the bottom of the body off. Place each leg where you would like it and sew it with the body closing to attach.

Weave in ends. Use a length of yarn to create the ornament hanger.



Abbreviations Used:

Rnd: round

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 together (dec 1 st)

kfb: knit front and back (inc 1 st)

make 3: knit in the front, back and front again of the next st (inc 2 sts)

st(S): stitch(es)

[...]: repeat instructions within brackets the number of times it states after the brackets.