

*Fuzzy Mitten's  
Reindeer*



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# Reindeer

This reindeer is much bigger than my other toys and more complicated to make, but is still fun, and the perfect cuddly toy for an older child. The main parts can be knit in light brown, brownish-gray, or cream with your choice of contrasting colour. The eyelash yarn adds great texture and character, but I give alternate instructions if you prefer to use a plainer yarn. There is some hand-sewing required for the antlers. Happy knitting!

## Materials

100g of DK yarn in main colour (MC), 50 g DK yarn in contrasting colour (CC), 20g of eyelash yarn (optional), small amount of yarn for embroidery, cream or brown felt, 2 small buttons or safety eyes, stuffing, pair of 3.75 mm (US size 5) needles, tapestry/darning needle, soft-sculpture needle (sharp needle 3-4 inches long), hand-sewing needle and thread, stitch holders or extra scraps of yarn

## Measurements

About 16 inches tall (including antlers) and 12 inches long.

## Gauge/Tension

26 sts to 4 inches over st st.

Note: Use a cast on method that gives a firm, non-stretchy edge - this will make it much easier to sew the body pieces together.

### *Upper Body*

#### Start at bum

Knit with MC. Cast on 30 sts. P 1 row. Mark center of this row.

**Next row:** Cast on 5 sts, k to end.

**Next row:** Cast on 5 sts, p to end. (40 sts) Mark each end of this row.

**Next row:** K19, m1, k2, m1, k19. (42 sts)

Work 3 rows in st st.

**Next row:** k20, m1, k2, m1, k20. (44 sts)

Work 3 rows.

**Next row:** k21, m1, k2, m1, k21. (46 sts)

Work 3 rows.

**Next row:** k22, m1, k2, m1, k22. (48 sts)

Work 3 rows.

**Next row:** k23, m1, k2, m1, k23. (50 sts)

Work 3 rows.

**Next row:** skpo, k22, m1, k2, m1, k22, k2tog. P 1 row.

**Next row:** skpo, k46, k2tog. (48 sts)

Work 21 rows in st st, increasing 1 st on each end of rows 18 and 20. (52 sts)

**Next row:** k25, m1, k2, m1, k25. (54 sts)

Work 3 rows.

**Next row:** k26, m1, k2, m1, k26. (56 sts)

Work 3 rows.

**Next row:** k27, m1, k2, m1, k27. (58 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** k28, m1, k2, m1, k28. (60 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** k29, m1, k2, m1, k29. (62 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** k30, m1, k2, m1, k30. (64 sts)

**Next row:** p31, m1, p2, m1, p31. (66 sts)

#### Shape neck, right side

**Next row:** k33, place 33 remaining sts on a holder.

Work on first set of sts only.

Cast on 25 sts. (58 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** skpo, k to last st, m1, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows once more.

**Next row:** skpo, k to last st, m1, k1.

**Next row:** p to last 2 sts, p2tog. (57 sts)

Repeat last 2 rows once more. (56 sts)

**Next row:** Cast off 5 sts, k to last 7 sts. slip these 7 onto stitch holder for head gusset.

P 1 row on remaining 44 sts.

**Next row:** Cast off 7 sts, k to end. (37 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** Cast off 13 sts, k to end. (24 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** Cast off 8 sts, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. (15 sts)

### Shape head, right side

Work 3 rows.

**Next row:** k7, k2tog, k4, k2tog. (13 sts)

Work 3 rows.

**Next row:** skpo, k4, k2tog, k3, k2tog. (10 sts)

Work 5 rows. Mark end of last row.

**Next row:** k8, k2tog. (9 sts)

Work 5 rows..

**Next row:** k7, k2tog. (8 sts)

**Next row:** p2tog, p4, p2tog. (6 sts)

Cast off 6 sts.

### Shape neck, left side

Place 33 sts from holder onto needle. With right side facing you, rejoin yarn at inside edge.

Cast on 25 sts. (58 sts) K 1 row.

**Next row:** P 1 row.

**Next row:** k1, m1, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Repeat last two rows once more. P 1 row.

**Next row:** k1, m1, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

**Next row:** p2tog, p to end. (57 sts)

Repeat last 2 rows once more. (56 sts)

**Next row:** K 7, slip these 7 onto stitch holder for head gusset, k to end. (49 sts)

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, p to end. (44 sts) K 1 row.

**Next row:** Cast off 7 sts, p to end. (37 sts) K 1 row.

**Next row:** Cast off 13 sts, p to end. (24 sts) K 1 row.

**Next row:** Cast off 8 sts, p to last 2 sts, p2tog. (15 sts)

### Shape head, left side

Work 2 rows.

**Next row:** skpo, k4, skpo, k7. (13 sts)

Work 3 rows.

**Next row:** skpo, k3, skpo, k4, k2tog. (10 sts)

Work 5 rows. Mark end of last row.

**Next row:** skpo, k8. (9 sts)

Work 5 rows.

**Next row:** skpo, k7. (8 sts)

**Next row:** p2tog, p4, p2tog. (6 sts)

Cast off 6 sts.

### Top of Head

Place sts from stitch holders onto one needle.

With right side facing you, rejoin yarn.

**First row:** k6, k2tog, k6. (13 sts)

Work 9 rows in st st.

**Next row:** skpo, k9, k2tog. (11 sts)

Work 3 rows in st st,

**Next row:** skpo, k7, k2tog. (9 sts)

Work 3 rows in st st.

**Next row:** skpo, k5, k2tog. (7 sts)

Work 3 rows in st st.

**Next row:** skpo, k3, k2tog. (5 sts)

Work 15 rows in st st.

**Next row:** skpo, k1, k2tog. (3 sts)

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts and fasten off.

### Belly

#### Start at bum.

Begin with MC. Cast on 3 sts. P 1 row.

**Next row:** k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat these two rows 3 times more. (11 sts)

Work 2 rows in st st.

**Next row:** k1, m1, k9, m1, k1.

Work 3 rows in st st.

**Next row:** k1, m1, k11, m1, k1. (15 sts)

Work 27 rows in st st.

**Next row:** skpo, k11, k2tog. P 1 row.

**Next row:** skpo, k9, k2tog. (11 sts)

Work 15 rows in st st.

**Next row:** k1, m1, k9, m1, k1. P 1 row.

**Next row:** k1, m1, k11, m1, k1. (15 sts)

Work 17 rows in st st.

Switch to fringe yarn or CC.

Work 20 rows in st st.

**Next row:** skpo, k11, k2tog.

Work 15 rows in st st.

**Next row:** skpo, k9, k2tog.

Work 9 rows in st st.

**Next row:** skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. P 1 row.

Repeat these 2 rows until 3 sts remain. Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, and fasten off.

### *Front Legs (make 2)*

Start with CC. Cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

**Next row:** k1, [m1, k1] across. (19 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** k1, [m1, k2] across. (28 sts)

Work 3 rows in st st.

**Next row:** k11, [m1, k1] 7 times, k10. (35 sts)

Purl 3 rows.

Beginning with a k row, work 6 rows in st st.

**Next row:** k10, k2tog, k11, skpo, k10. (33 sts)

P 1 row.

**Next row:** skpo, k5, [k2tog, k1] 3 times, k1, [k1, skpo] 3 times, k5, k2tog. (25 sts)

Switch to MC.

Work 5 rows in st st.

**Next row:** k1, m1, k2, m1, k19, m1, k2, m1, k1. (29 sts) \*

Work 23 rows in st st.

**Next row:** k1, m1, k27, m1, k1. (31 sts)

Work 7 rows in st st.

**\*\* Next row:** k2, skpo, k8, k2tog, k3, skpo, k8, k2tog, k2. (27 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** k2, skpo, k6, k2tog, k3, skpo, k6, k2tog, k2. (23 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** k2, skpo, k4, k2tog, k3, skpo, k4, k2tog, k2. (19 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** k2, skpo, k2, k2tog, k3, skpo, k2, k2tog, k2. (15 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** [skpo] twice, k2tog, k3tog, skpo, [k2tog] twice. (7 sts)

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, and fasten off. Sew together along back seam, leaving a small opening. Stuff firmly and sew shut.

### *Back Legs (make 2)*

Work as for front legs until \*

Work 17 rows in st st.

**Next row:** m1, k1, k27, m1, k1. (31 sts) P 1 row.

**Next row:** skpo, k12, m1, k3, m1, k12, k2tog. P 1 row. Repeat these 2 rows 3 times more.

Work 6 rows in st st.

Work as for front legs starting at \*\*

### *Ears*

Make 2 with MC (ear backs) and 2 with CC (ear fronts).

Cast on 11 sts.

Beginning with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

**Next row:** skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. P 1 row.

Repeat these 2 rows until 3 sts left.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, and fasten off. Match ear fronts to backs, and sew together around all sides.

### *Tail*

Make one with MC and one with fringe yarn or CC.

Cast on 11 sts.

Beginning with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

**Next row:** k1, skpo, k5, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

**Next row:** k1, skpo, k3, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

Cast off sts. Match tail top to bottom and sew around all sides.

### *Antlers*

Cut 4 pieces from felt (see diagram at end of pattern). Match together 2 pieces for each antler and sew around outside edge, leaving an opening between marks shown on pattern. Stuff firmly - you can use a small knitting needle to push the stuffing into the antlers.

### *To Make Up*

Sew back of neck seam, using pins to make sure sides match up properly. Sew top of head to sides of head, being careful to keep the seams tidy. Top-of-head piece should end just under the nose. Sew together underside of head just to where throat starts. Fasten off yarn securely. If using safety eyes, fasten in place now. Sew one side of belly to upper body of reindeer starting at throat and ending at bum. Fitting can be tricky, so use pins to make sure the pieces line up properly. Stuff head firmly to give it shape. Sew other side of belly to upper body, stuffing body as you go. You will need to stuff the body fairly firmly to give it

shape and to help the toy stand. Attach legs to body using soft-sculpture needle- thread a length of yarn through left front leg about 1/2 inch from top, thread yarn through body at shoulder position, then thread yarn through right leg. Thread yarn through body again, and then the left leg and pull tight. Repeat so yarn passes through each leg 3-4 times. Pull yarn tight so legs are secure, then fasten off yarn. You can thread the yarn through buttons while sewing on the legs, although they are mostly decorative. Attach back legs in the same way, making sure the feet are at the same level as the front feet. Sew ears and antlers to head, and tail to bum. Attach button eyes and nose, or embroider them with yarn.

### Abbreviations

**K or k** = knit

**k2 tog** = knit 2 together

**k3 tog** = slip 2 sts as if to k2tog, k1, pass slipped sts over

**m1** = make one by picking up loop between stitch just worked and next stitch, and knit into the back of this loop

**P or p** = purl

**p2 tog** = purl 2 together

**skpo** = slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over

**st or sts** = stitch or stitches

**st st** = stocking stitch

**tbl** = through back of loop(s)

**yo** = yarn over

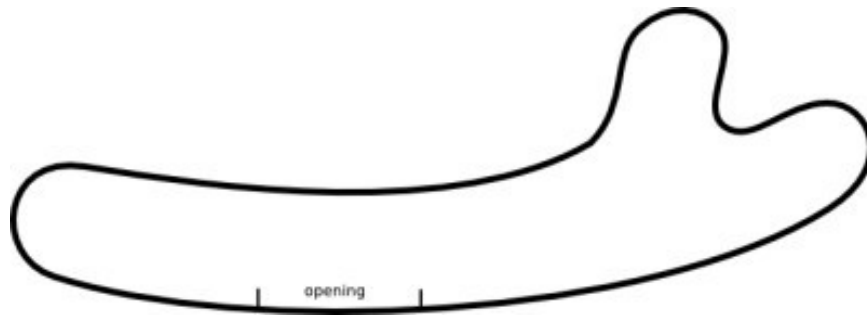


Diagram for antlers, to scale - cut 4.