



Rudolf

Wine Topper

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MATERIALS

Knitting Bee Rudolf Kit* - or -
Sport weight yarn, small amounts of beige, dark brown and red (*We use about 12 grams of soft & fuzzy Classic Elite Yarns Fresco and just a few grams of Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino and Filatura di Crosa Sportwool.*)

US size#3 double pointed needles
(or 32-40" circular for magic loop)

Crochet hook, size C (2.75mm)

2 small jingle bells

3 cotton balls for stuffing

Stitch marker, small darning needle

**Kit includes yarn, jingle bells and stuffing to make 2 toppers.*

Gauge: Approx. 5.5 sts = 1" in stockinette stitch

Size: Fits neck of standard wine bottle



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DIRECTIONS

Reindeer Head and Neck:

Using beige yarn, cast on 24 stitches, and divide evenly among needles.

Join into the round, being careful not to twist stitches.

Round 1: K1, P1 to end.

Rounds 2 and 3: Repeat Round 1.

Round 4: K to end. Repeat round 4 until piece measures 4".



Shape Head:

Round 1: *SSK, K8, K2tog*, repeat to end of round.

Rounds 2, 4, and 6: Knit.

Round 3: *SSK, K6, K2tog*, repeat to end of round.

Round 5: *SSK, K4, K2tog*, repeat to end of round.

Round 7: *SSK, K2, K2tog*, repeat to end of round. (8 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Use darning needle to thread yarn through remaining sts.

Pull tight and fasten off on the inside of work. Weave in ends.



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Ears (make two):

Using beige yarn, and two double pointed needles, cast on 4 stitches.

Row 1: P across.

Row 2: SSK, K2tog.

Row 3: P2tog, and tie off leaving an 8" tail.

Attach ears to sides of head, approximately 4 rows below initial decrease row. The two tail ends can be threaded through, 1 stitch apart, to the inside and knotted.



Antlers (make two):

Using dark brown yarn and crochet hook, chain 12 for main antler. Slip stitch in 2nd ch from hook; slip stitch in next chain; chain 3 for tine, slip stitch in 2nd chain from hook, slip stitch in next chain, slip stitch in each of next 2 chains on main antler; chain 3 for tine, slip stitch in 2nd chain from hook, slip stitch in next chain, slip stitch in each of next 3 chains on main antler; chain 3 for tine, slip stitch in 2nd chain from hook, slip stitch in next chain, slip stitch in each of next 4 chains on main antler. Fasten off, leaving an 8" tail. Attach antlers to head, in same manner as for ears, placing them approx two rows above ears and two stitches in, towards center of head. Note that antlers, when attached, should curve outwards from center of head. (One crocheted piece faces to the front, and the other to the back.)

Nose:

Using red yarn and two double pointed needles, make a small bobble for nose as follows:

Make slip knot for initial stitch.

Row 1: Increase into this single stitch by K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, into one stitch. (5 stitches)

Row 2: Knit across. *Do not turn work.*

Row 3: With stitches on the right hand needle, as if to bind off, pass the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th stitches over the first stitch, which is closest to the tip of the needle. Fasten off, and attach nose to cinched end of face, in same manner as for ears and antlers.



Eyes:

Using a 10" strand of dark brown yarn and small darning needle, embroider small slits for eyes, two to three stitches apart, and about seven rows above the nose.

Scarf:

Using red yarn and two double pointed needles, cast on 4 stitches and work I-Cord for 7".

To bind off: K2tog twice, and on the next row, K2tog, and fasten off. Attach one jingle bell to each end of scarf, using yarn tail.

Stuff head with three cotton balls. Tie scarf around Rudolf's neck to secure stuffing.

Let the festivities begin!



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