Hearty Holiday Santa
Designed by Michele Wilcox

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Height: 14"

MATERIALS
Universal Yarn *Uptown Worsted* (100% anti-pilling acrylic; 100g/180 yds)
- 312 Race Car Red (MC) – 1 ball
- 302 White Glow (CC1) – 1 ball
- 324 Black (CC2) – 1 ball
- 335 Acorn (CC3) – 1 ball

Needles: US Size 7 (4.5 mm) *or size needed to obtain gauge*
Notions: US Size H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook (for fringe), yarn needle, polyester fiberfill, red crayon (for cheeks), a small hairbrush, 4" strip of cardboard (for pompom)

GAUGE
20 sts x 24 rows = 4" in St st
Save time, check your gauge.

Note: Originally worked in a discontinued yarn, Classic Worsted Holiday, Uptown Worsted makes a great substitute!

Knit, Relax, Smile, Repeat!

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning)
dec = decrease(ing)
k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 sts together
Kfb = knit in front and back of st
p = purl
P2tog = purl two together
rep = repeat
RS = right side
sl = slip
St st = stockinette stitch
WS = wrong side

SANTA

Legs (Make 2)
With CC2, cast on 24 sts.
Rows 1-3: Knit.
Row 4 (and all WS rows): Purl.
Rows 5-8: Work even in St st.
Row 9: K5, [k2tog] 3 times, k2, [k2tog] 3 times, k5 – 18 sts rem.
Rows 10-12: Work even in St st. Break yarn, leaving a 10" tail for seaming.
Row 13: Join MC and knit.
Rows 14-22: Work even in St st. Break yarn, leaving a 10" tail for seaming, and slide sts to end of LH ndl.
Work second leg same as first, with sts for first leg still on ndl.

Body & Head
Row 23 (joining row): [K 1, kfb] 9 times, cont across sts for first leg [K 1, kfb] 9 times – (54sts).
Rows 24-26:
Work even in St st.
Row 27: * K2, kfb; rep from * to end – 72 sts.
Rows 28-44: Work even in St st.
Row 45: * K10, k2tog; rep from * to end – 66 sts rem.
Row 47: * K9, k2tog; rep from * to end – 60 sts rem.
Row 49: * K8, k2tog; rep from * to end – 54 sts rem.
Row 51: * K1, k2tog; rep from * to end – 36 sts rem.
Row 53: * K4, k2tog; rep from * to end – 30 sts rem.

Row 54: Purl. Break yarn, leaving a 20" tail for seaming.
Row 55: With CC3, knit.
Row 57: [K6, [kfb] 6 times] twice, k6 – 42 sts.
Row 58-68: Work even in St st.
Row 69: [K6, [k2tog] 6 times] twice, k6 – 30 sts rem.
Rows 70-72: Work even in St st.
Row 73: * K3, k2tog; rep from * to end – 24 sts rem
Row 75: * K2, k2tog; rep from * to end – 18 sts.
Row 77: * K1, k2tog; rep from * to end –12 sts.
Row 78: * P2tog; rep from * to end – 6 sts. Bind off rem sts, and break yarn, leaving a 14" tail for seaming. Sew seams at back head, body, and legs, stuffing as you go and being sure to match colors.

Ears (Make 2)
With CC3, cast on 6 sts.
Row 1 (RS): K2, k2tog, k2 – 5 sts rem.
Row 2: K1, k3tog, k1 – 3 sts. Bind off all sts.

Beard
With CC1, cast on 26 sts.
Row 1: Knit. Bind off all sts. Cut 104 – 9" lengths of CC1. Insert hook into first cast on st, place 2 lengths over hook, pull loop through and thread ends through loop to create fringe. Repeat for each st along cast on and bound off row. With a small hairbrush, brush beard to fluff and separate yarn strands.
Sew row 1 of beard in place on face, approx 1" above start of CC3 on head. With MC, embroider a couched st smile under nose. Sew ears to either side of beard on each side of head. With CC3, embroider a satin st nose above center of beard. With CC2, embroider French Knot eyes above nose, approx 2 rows above. Color cheeks with crayon.

Moustache
Cut 5 – 6" strands of CC1. Tie strands together at center with a knot, brush strands as for beard, and sew in place under nose, with knot at center. Trim moustache and beard as desired.

Collar
With CC1, cast on 40 sts.
Row 1 (RS): Knit. Work even in Garter st for 5 rows. Bind off all sts and sew in place, just below head, leaving side seam of collar partially unsewn at center front.

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Hat

With MC, cast on 32 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (and all WS rows): Purl.

Rows 3-4: Work even in St st.

Row 5: * K6, k2tog; rep from * to end – 28 sts rem.

Row 7: * K5, k2tog; rep from * to end – 24 sts rem.

Row 9: * K4, k2tog; rep from * to end – 20 sts rem.

Row 11: * K3, k2tog; rep from * to end – 16 sts rem.

Rows 13-16: Work even in St st.

Row 17: * K2, k2tog; rep from * to end – 12 sts rem.

Row 19: * K1, k2tog; rep from * to end – 8 sts rem.

Row 21: * K2tog; rep from * to end – 4 sts rem. Break yarn, leaving a 14" tail and thread through rem sts. Pull tightly and sew back seam of hat. Stuff hat and sew in place at top of head.

Waistband

With CC1, cast on 74 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit. Work even in Garter st for 5 more rows. Bind off all sts and sew in place at center waist, approx 3" above placement of legs.

Leg Cuffs (Make 2)

With CC1, cast on 20 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit. Work even in Garter st for 2 more rows. Bind off all sts and sew to leg at row 14.

Hat Brim

With CC1, cast on 34 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit. Work even in Garter st for 3 more rows. Bind off all sts and sew around bottom of hat.

Arms (Make 2)

With MC, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1 (RS): * Kfb; rep from * to end – 12 sts.

Row 2 (and all WS rows): Purl.

Row 3: * K3, kfb; rep from * to end – 15 sts.

Rows 5-22: Work even in St st.

Row 23: * K3, k2tog; rep from * to end – 12 sts rem.

Row 24: * P2tog; rep from * to end – 6 sts rem. Break yarn, leaving a 14" tail. Thread tail through rem sts, pull tightly, and sew arm seam, stuffing before closing. Sew arms to body, below collar.

Arm Cuff (Make 2)

With CC1, cast on 17 sts. Knit 2 rows. Bind off and sew cuffs in place, approx 1" from end of arm.

Pompom

With CC1, wrap yarn around strip of cardboard 40 times. Trim and attach to top of hat.

Buckle

With CC2 held double, embroider 4 long sts around center waist for buckle.

Weave in rem ends.