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SKILL LEVEL INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:
RED HEART ${ }^{\circledR}$ Super Saver ${ }^{\circledR}$ : 1 skein each of 316 Soft White A, 672 Spring Green B, 334 Buff C, 512 Turqua D 319 Cherry Red E and 3950 Charcoal F
Notes: Yarn quantities are sufficient to make at least one of each of the three Santas. Only a small amount of each yarn color is needed for each Santa.

Susan Bates ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Knitting Needles: 4.5 mm [US 7] set of double pointed needles

Polyester fiberfill, stitch marker, yarn needle

GAUGE: 18 sts $=4^{\prime \prime}[10 \mathrm{~cm}]$; 24 rows $=4 "[10 \mathrm{~cm}]$ over Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.


RED HEART ${ }^{*}$ Super Savere, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yds ( 333 m ); stripes, prints, multis and heathers 5 oz ( 141 g ), 236 yds ( 215 m ); flecks 5 oz ( 141 g ), 260 yds ( 238 m ) skeins


## Fair Isle Santas

Knit in the round using no more than two colors at a time, this trio of Santas will add charm to your holiday décor. They are just the right size to add to your mantel or a shelf.

Small Santa measures about 51⁄2" [14 cm ] tall and $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}[6.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ ] wide at base. Medium Santa measures about 61/2" [ 16.5 cm ] tall and $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ [ 6.5 cm ] wide at base.
Large Santa measures about 7½" [19 cm ] tall and $2^{11 / 2 "}$ [6.5 cm] wide at base.

## Special Stitch

M1 (make 1 knit) = Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole -1 st increased.

## Notes

1. Each Santa is made from two pieces: Body and Base. Each piece is worked in rounds with double pointed needles.
2. Fair Isle colorwork patterns are worked on each Santa. In Fair Isle colorwork, each round is worked with at most two different yarn colors. When changing color, pick up new color from underneath old color to twist the strands together, preventing holes. Carry color not in use across wrong side of piece.
3. The Body of each Santa can be made by following the written instructions or following the chart. Read all rows of charts from right to left. The charts are divided into 3 sections, each section represents the stitches on one of three needles, beginning with 10 stitches on each needle. If desired, transfer stitches between needles from time to time to make it easier to work decreases and make color changes.


## LARGE SANTA

The large Santa is grey with green colorwork Christmas trees.

## Body

With A, cast on 30 sts. Place 10 sts on each of 3 double pointed needles, being careful that stitches are not twisted. Place marker for beginning of round. Prepare to work in rounds.
Rounds 1 and 2: With A, knit.
Rounds 3 and 4: With F, knit.
Round 5: *With F, k4; with B, k1; with F, k5; repeat from * around.
Round 6: *With B, k9; with F, k1; repeat from * around.
continued.


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Round 7: Repeat Round 5
Round 8: *With F, k1; with B, k7; with F, k2; repeat from * around.
Round 9: Repeat Round 5.
Round 10: *With F, k2; with B, k5; with F, k3; repeat from * around.
Round 11: *With F, k4; with B, k1; with F,
k3, k2tog; repeat from * around-27 sts.
Round 12: *With F, k3; with B, k3; with F, k3; repeat from * around.
Round 13: *With F, k4; with B, k1; with F, k4; repeat from * around.
Round 14: *With F, k7, k2tog; repeat from * around-24 sts.
Round 15: With F, knit.
Round 16: With F, k2tog, k6, k2tog; with
A, k5; with F, k1, k2tog, k6-21 sts.
Rounds 17-20: With F, k8; with A, k5; with F, k8.
Rounds 21 and 22: With F, k8; with C, k5; with F, k8.
Rounds 23 and 24: With A, knit.
Round 25: *With F, k5, k2tog; repeat from * around-18 sts.
Round 26: With F, knit.
Round 27: *With F, k1; with B, k1; repeat from * around.
Remainder of Santa is worked with F only.
Round 28: Knit.
Round 29: *K4, k2tog; repeat from *
around-15 sts.
Rounds 30 and 31: Knit.
Round 32: *K3, k2tog; repeat from *
around-12 sts.
Rounds 33 and 34: Knit.
Round 35: *K2, k2tog; repeat from *
around-9 sts.
Rounds 36 and 37: Knit.
Round 38: *K1, k2tog; repeat from *
round-6 sts.
Rounds 39 and 40: Knit.
Round 41: *K2tog; repeat from *
around-3 sts.
Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail
through remaining stitches and remove stitches from needle. Pull tail to close opening at top of Santa. Weave in ends.

## Base

With A, cast on 30 sts. Place 10 sts on each of 3 double pointed needles, being careful that stitches are not twisted. Place marker for beginning of round.
Prepare to work in rounds.
Round 1: Knit.
Round 2: *K4, k2tog; repeat from * around-25 sts.
Round 3: *K3, k2tog; repeat from * around-20 sts.
Round 4: *K2, k2tog; repeat from * around- 15 sts.
Round 5: *K1, k2tog; repeat from * around-10 sts.
Round 6: *K2tog; repeat from * around-5 sts.
Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining stitches and remove stitches from needle. Pull tail to close opening at top of Santa. Weave in ends.


## MEDIUM SANTA

The medium Santa is light blue/ turquoise with white colorwork snowflakes.

## Body

With A, cast on 30 sts. Place 10 sts on each of 3 double pointed needles, being careful that stitches are not twisted.
Place marker for beginning of round.
Prepare to work in rounds.
Rounds 1 and 2: With A, knit.
Round 3: *With D, k15, M1; repeat from * around- 32 sts.
Round 4: *With D, k4; with A, k1; with D,
k3; repeat from * around.
Round 5: *With D, k2; [with A, k1; with D,
k1] 3 times; repeat from * around.
Round 6: *With D, k3; with A, k3; with D, k2; repeat from * around.
Round 7: *With D, k1; with A, k3; repeat from * around.
Round 8: Repeat Round 6.
Round 9: Repeat Round 5.
Round 10: Repeat Round 4.
Round 11: *With D, k14, k2tog; repeat
from * around-30 sts.
Round 12: With D, k10; with A, k5; with
D, k15.
Round 13: Repeat Round 12.
Round 14: With D, k8, k2tog; with A, k5;
with D, k3, k2tog, k8, k2tog-27 sts.
Round 15: With D, k9; with A, k5; with
D, k13.
Round 16: With D, k7, k2tog; with A, k5;
with D, k2, k2tog, k7, k2tog-24 sts.
Round 17: With D, k8; with C, k5; with
D, k11.
Round 18: With D, k6, k2tog; with C, k5;
with D, k1, k2tog, k6, k2tog-21 sts.
Round 19: With A, knit.
Round 20: *With A, k5, k2tog; repeat
from * around-18 sts.
Round 21: With D, knit.

Round 22: *With D, k1; with A, k1; repeat from * around.
Remainder of Santa is worked with D only.
Round 23: Knit.
Round 24: *K4, k2tog; repeat from * around-15 sts.
Round 25: Knit
Round 26: *K3, k2tog; repeat from * around-12 sts.
Rounds 27 and 28: Knit.
Round 29: *K2, k2tog; repeat from * around-9 sts.
Round 30: *K1, k2tog; repeat from * around-6 sts.
Rounds 31 and 32: Knit.
Round 33: *K2tog; repeat from * around-3 sts.
Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining stitches and remove stitches from needle. Pull tail to close opening at top of Santa. Weave in ends.

## Base

Make same as Base for Large Santa.
continued.


## SMALL SANTA

The small Santa is bright green with red and white colorwork stripes.

## Body

With A, cast on 30 sts. Place 10 sts on each of 3 double pointed needles, being careful that stitches are not twisted. Place marker for beginning of round. Prepare to work in rounds.
Rounds 1 and 2: With A, knit.
Round 3: With E, knit.
Round 4: With B, knit.
Round 5: *With A, k4; with E, k2; repeat from * around.
Round 6: *With A, k3; with E, k2; with A, k1; repeat from * around.
Round 7: *With A, k2; with E, k2; with A, k2; repeat from * around.
Round 8: With B, knit.
Round 9: *With E, k8, k2tog; repeat
from * around-27 sts.
Round 10: With B, k11; with A, k5; with B, k11.

Round 11: With B, k7, k2tog, k2; with A,
k5, k2tog; with B, k7, k2tog-24 sts.
Round 12: With B, k10; with A, k5; with B, k9.
Round 13: With B, k6, k2tog, k2; with A,
k5, k2tog; with B, k5, k2tog-21 sts.
Round 14: With B, k9; with A, k5; with
B, k7.
Round 15: With B, k9; with C, k5; with B, k7.
Round 16: Repeat Round 15 .
Round 17: With A, knit.
Round 18: *With A, k5, k2tog; repeat from * around-18 sts.
Round 19: *With B, k7, k2tog; repeat from * around-16 sts.
Round 20: *With B, k1; with E, k1; repeat from * around.
Remainder of Santa is worked with B only.
Round 21: Knit.
Round 22: *K2, k2tog; repeat from * around-12 sts.
Rounds 23 and 24: Knit.
Round 25: Repeat Round 22-9 sts.
Round 26: Knit.
Round 27: *K1, k2tog; repeat from * around-6 sts.
Round 28: *K2tog; repeat from *
around-3 sts.
Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining stitches and remove stitches from needle. Pull tail to close opening at top of Santa. Weave in ends.

## Base

Make same as Base for Large Santa.

## FINISHING

With $\mathbf{F}$, using photograph as a guide to placement, embroider straight stitch eyes on face of each Santa.
Stuff Santas with fiberfill. With A, sew edges of a Base to the bottom of each Santa.
Weave in any remaining ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C, etc. = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; $\mathbf{k}=$ knit; $\mathbf{k 2 t o g}=$ knit 2 stitches together; st(s) = stitch(es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * $=$ repeat whatever
follows the * as indicated.
see charts on next page


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30 stitches

| KEY |
| :--- |
| $\square$ knit |
| $\square$ k2tog (knit 2 stitches together) |
| $M$ make 1 |
| $\square 316$ Soft White (A) |
| $\square 672$ Spring Green (B) |
| $\square 334$ Buff (C) |
| $\square 512$ Turqua (D) |
| $\square 319$ Cherry Red (E) |
| $\square 3950$ Charcoal (F) |

