



#### **Week 4 - Santa**

Knitcraft Everyday Dk:

Red

Pistachio

Peach

White

Crochet hook, 3.5mm

Small amount of polyester toy stuffing

1 pair of 6mm safety eyes

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

Card (optional for base)

Toy beads or pellets (optional for weight)

#### **Tension**

Is not critical for this project

## Size

Approx 19cm in height.

## Abbreviations (UK terms)

**Ch** Chain/chain stitches

**BLO** Back loop only

**Dc** Double crochet

**Dc2tog** Double crochet 2 sts together: (insert hook into next st, yarn over and pull a loop through) twice, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

**Rnd** Round

**Sl st** Slip stitch

**St(s)** Stitch/stitches

(...) Indicates a repeat sequence to be repeated as many times as stated

(... sts) Shows stitch count at end of row/rnd

## Notes

- Santa is made by working in the round, in a continuous spiral *without* joining each round with a slip stitch.
- It may help to use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of the round, and move it up as you work.
- Instead of starting with a magic ring, you could ch2 and work Rnd 1 into the second ch from hook.

## Body & Head

Using 3.5mm hook and Red, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch1 (does not count as a st), 6dc into ring. (6 sts)

**Rnd 2:** 2dc in each st. (12 sts)

**Rnd 3:** (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. (18 sts)

**Rnd 4:** (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. (24 sts)

**Rnd 5:** In BLO 1dc in each st. (24 sts)

**Rnds 6-12:** Dc in each st. (24 sts)

If you want your decoration to be standing rather than hanging, then at this point take a piece of cardboard and draw around the base of your Santa. Cut out the circle (slightly smaller than the line drawn), and insert the card into the base. You could also insert a small amount of weighted toy pellets sewn into a fabric pouch to help it stand.

Stuff as you go.

**Rnd: 13:** (Dc2tog, 10dc) 2 times. (22 sts)

**Rnd: 14:** (Dc2tog, 9dc) 2 times. (20 sts)

**Rnd: 15:** (Dc2tog, 8dc) 2 times. (18 sts)

**Rnd: 16:** (Dc2tog, 7dc) 2 times. (16 sts)

**Rnd: 17:** (Dc2tog, 6dc) 2 times. (14 sts)

**Rnd: 18:** (Dc2tog, 5dc) 2 times. (12 sts)

Change to Peach

**Rnd 19:** 2dc in each st. (24 sts)

**Rnds 20-26:** Dc in each st. (24 sts)

Making sure the decreases are at the sides of the body, if using safety eyes insert between rnds 23-24 and about 5 sts apart.

**Rnd 27:** (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. (18 sts)

**Rnd 28:** (Dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times. (12 sts)

**Rnd 29:** (Dc2tog) 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off. Using the tail end and a tapestry needle sew around the last round and pull tight to close the hole.

Use a length of Pistachio and a tapestry needle to make small horizontal stitches all over the body by weaving in and out of the spaces between the stitches, starting at the base and finishing at the neck. Pull the stitches gently so as not to distort the shape of the body. (see image for guidance).

## **Arms (make 2)**

Using 3.5mm hook and Peach, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch1 (does not count as a st), 4dc into ring. (4 sts)

**Rnd 2:** 2dc in each st. (8 sts)

**Rnd 3:** Dc in each st. (8 sts)

Change to Red.

**Rnds 4-12:** Dc in each st. (8 sts)

Fasten off leaving a long tail the sewing.

## **Hat**

Using 3.5mm hook and Red, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch1 (does not count as a st), 6dc into ring. (6 sts)

**Rnd 2:** (2dc in next st, 2dc) 2 times. (8 sts)

**Rnd 3:** (2dc in next st, 3dc) 2 times. (10 sts)

**Rnd 4:** (2dc in next st, 4dc) 2 times. (12 sts)

**Rnd 5:** (2dc in next st, 5dc) 2 times. (14 sts)

**Rnd 6:** (2dc in next st, 6dc) 2 times. (16 sts)

**Rnd 7:** (2dc in next st, 7dc) 2 times. (18 sts)

**Rnd 8:** (2dc in next st, 8dc) 2 times. (20 sts)

**Rnd 9:** (2dc in next st, 9dc) 2 times. (22 sts)

**Rnd 10:** (2dc in next st, 10dc) 2 times. (24 sts)

**Rnd 11:** (2dc in next st, 11dc) 2 times. (26 sts)

**Rnd 12:** (2dc in next st, 12dc) 2 times. (28 sts)

**Rnd 13:** Dc in each st. (28 sts)

Change to White.

**Rnds 14-15:** Dc in each st. (28 sts)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing on.

Use a length of Pistachio and a tapestry needle to make small horizontal stitches 1 stitch wide all over the hat by weaving in and out of the spaces between the stitches, starting at the base and finishing at the neck. Pull the stitches gently so as not to distort the shape (see image for guidance).

### **Pom Pom**

Using 3.5mm hook and White, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch1 (does not count as a st), 6dc into ring. (6 sts)

**Rnd 2:** 2dc in each st. (12 sts)

**Rnd 3-4:** Dc in each st. (12 sts)

**Rnd 5:** (Dc2tog) 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off. Using the tail end and a tapestry needle sew around the last round and pull tight to close the hole. Sew onto the top of the hat.

### **Beard**

Using 3.5mm hook and White, ch5 leaving a long starting tail, join with sl st in the first ch to form a ring.

**Row 1:** 6dc into ring, turn. (6 sts)

**Row 2:** Ch3, dc in 2nd ch from hook, 2dc in next ch, 6dc, turn. (9 sts)

**Row 3:** Ch3, dc in 2nd ch from hook, 2dc in next ch, 1dc, 3htr, 1dc, sl st in next st and leaving remaining sts unworked.

Fasten off, weave in end.

### **To make up**

Sew the arms onto the side of the body at an angle so they meet in the middle. Make a small stitch to join the hands together.

Sew the beard onto the face along the top edge using the starting tail.

Embroider eyes using image as a guide for placement. (See our video on embroidered eyes on the Knitcraft Instagram page for guidance).

Using a tapestry needle and White, make large vertical stitches around the back of the head

between rnds 21-24.

Stuff the top half of the hat, then sew in place on top of the head.

To create a hanging loop, ch40 in White and attach to the top of the hat.