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Nativity

CREATE A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS SCENE

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Make your very own Mary, Joseph and Jesus

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• Shepherds • Sheep • Donkey • Star





Welcome!



The Nativity is the greatest story ever told – and now you can tell it in yarn!

Ann Franklin's gorgeous 'knitvity' includes all the characters from the classic scene, from the Holy Family to the three wise men bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh – and even the trusty donkey who carried Mary to Bethlehem. Knitting these figures is a lovely

way to evoke happy memories of school Christmas plays, and the set is sure to become a family heirloom to display every year.

The beauty of these patterns is that you can customise some of them – such as the colours of the wise men's robes – to ensure your Nativity set is unique. To complete the collection, download a stable template for free from The Yarn Loop at <http://bit.ly/yarnstable>, so you can create a charming tableau in your window or hearth, setting the scene for a wonderful Christmas!



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*Away in a
manger, no crib
for a bed...*





TO MAKE THE COMPLETE NATIVITY, YOU WILL NEED

- Needles (3.25mm/UK size 10)
- Two 100g balls of Hayfield Bonus DK Flesh Tone (0963)
- One 50g or 100g ball of all other Hayfield Bonus DK shades listed
- Pipe cleaners
- Drinking straws
- Toy stuffing

TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 24 sts and 36 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3¼mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Basic figures: 20.5cm (8in) tall
 Jesus: 12¾cm (5in) long
 Manger: 14cm (5½in) long
 Donkey: 25cm (10in) from nose to tail

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list of abbreviations see page 14

YARN NOTES

All of the Hayfield Bonus DK shades listed to make the figures are available in 100g balls. The following shades are also available in 50g balls if you prefer to buy a more economical size: Emerald, Walnut, Chocolate, White, Black, Signal Red, Sunflower, Royal, Bright Orange, Pink, Denim and Silver Grey.



Most of the figures in the Nativity are knitted from the same basic pattern.

BASIC FIGURES

PATTERN NOTES

The basic figures are used as a base for all the figures in the Nativity apart from Jesus and the donkey. For individual yarn shades, refer to the panel at the start of each section.

BODY

RIGHT LEG

Cast on 10 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [20 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Row 7 K1, (k3tog) 4 times, K7. [12 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 11 rows.

Break off the yarn and then leave the sts on a spare needle.

LEFT LEG

Cast on 10 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [20 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Row 7 K7, (k3tog) 4 times, K7. [12 sts]

Beginning with a purl row, st st 11 rows. Break off Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

Row 19 (Worked across the 12 sts of the left leg, and then the 12 sts of the right leg from the spare needle) K2, (kfb) twice, K15 (8 sts rem from left leg, and first 7 sts of right leg), (kfb) twice, K3. [28 sts]

TORSO

Beginning with a purl row, st st 15 rows.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Row 35 K5, (k2tog) twice, K10, (k2tog) twice, K5. [24 sts]

Beginning with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

SHAPE NECK AND HEAD

Break off Yarn B and rejoin Yarn A.

Row 39 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [16 sts]

Row 40 Purl to end of row.

Row 41 (Kfb) to end of row. [32 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 13 rows.

Row 55 (K2, k2tog) to end of row. [24 sts]

Row 56 Purl.

Row 57 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [16 sts]

Row 58 Purl.

Row 59 (K2tog) to end of row. [8 sts] B&T.

ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 5 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [10 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 11 rows.

Row 13 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 14 P2tog, P to the last 2 sts, p2togtbl. [6 sts]

Row 15 K2togtbl, K to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

ROBE

Cast on 50 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn B. Knit 2 rows.

Beg with a knit row, st st 18 rows.

Row 21 (K3, k2tog) to end of row. [40 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

SLEEVES (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 18 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn B. Knit 2 rows.

Beg with a knit row, st st 4 rows.

Row 7 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [12 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 11 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]

Row 12 P2tog, purl to the last 2 sts, p2togtbl. [8 sts]

Row 13 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

HEADRESS

Cast on 42 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn C. Knit 2 rows.

Row 3 K24, W&T.

Row 4 K6, W&T.

Row 5 K7, W&T.

Row 6 K8, W&T.

Row 7 K9, W&T.

Row 8 K10, W&T.

Row 9 Knit.

Knit 21 rows straight.

Row 31 K16, (k2tog) 5 times, K16. [37 sts]

Cast off.

HEADBAND

Cast on 50 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn D.

Cast off.

WAISTBAND/SASH

Cast on 38 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn D. Knit 5 rows.

Cast off.

SANDALS (MAKE TWO)

SOLE

Cast on 20 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn E. Knit 2 rows.

Row 3 (K2tog) twice, K2, (k2tog) 4 times, K2, (k2tog) twice. [12 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 (K2tog) to end of row. [6 sts] B&T.

STRAP

Cast on 15 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn E.

Cast off.

WAISTCOAT

Cast on 40 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn F. Knit 20 rows.

Row 21 K8, turn.

Working on these 8 sts only, knit a further 18 rows then **cast off**.

With the RS facing, rejoin the yarn to the rem 32 sts.

Next row K24, turn.

Working on these 24 sts only, knit a further 18 rows.

Cast off.

With the RS facing, rejoin the yarn to the rem 8 sts.

Knit 19 rows.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Legs, body and head At the base of each leg, sew a running thread through the cast on sts and draw up the sts to make a closed circle. Join the side seams of the legs, up to the body portion. Join the main seam of the head and body, matching the colour changes, and leaving a small gap for turning. Turn and stuff firmly. Close the gap. Sew a running st through the first row of the neck using Yarn A and pull these up slightly to help form the neck.

Face Using Yarn A, sew two horizontal sts over the centre st, five rows above the head increase row for the nose. Using Yarn E, make the eyes by working two vertical sts over one row of knitting for each eye, three knitted sts apart and seven rows above the head increase row. Using Yarn G, sew a long horizontal stitch over the two centre sts three rows above the head increase row. Catch down the centre of the mouth stitch one row below the ends to form a smile.

Arms Sew a running thread through the cast on sts and draw these up to make a closed circle. Join the side seam up to the shaped portion at the top of the arm. Turn and stuff the arm. Sew the open, shaped portion to the sides of the body, placing the cast off sts at the shoulder shaping.

Sleeves Sew the main side seam up to the shaped portion at the top of the sleeves. Turn to the right side and place over the arms. Sew the shaped portion to the body around the arms.

Robe Sew the main seam to form a skirt. Place the skirt on the figure, having the main seam at the centre back, and the cast off edge 13 rows down from the neck row. The hem should be level with the bottom of the feet. Sew the cast off edge of the robe to the figure.

Sash/waistband Join the side seams to form a circle. Place the sash around the centre of the figure, between the top of the robe skirt and the arms. Sew in place.

Headdress Fold in half and sew the two sides of the cast off edge together to form a hood shape. Place on the head and sew in place.

Headband Join the sides to form a circle. Place over the head-dress, two rows above the cast on edge at the front and going around the head. Sew in place.

Sandals Join the side seams of the sole to form an oval. Sew each end of the strap to each of the long sides of the oval about halfway down forming a sandal. Place the sandals onto the feet, with the strap lying across the foot's shaping. Sew in place.

Waistcoat Join the fronts to the back at the shoulders.

MARY

Make the basic figure in the colours detailed in the panel on page 8, omitting the waistcoat and headdress. The latter is replaced with a different headdress.

MARY'S HEADDRESS

Cast on 74 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn C. Knit 2 rows.

Row 3 K40, W&T.

Row 4 K6, W&T.

Row 5 K7, W&T.

Row 6 K8, W&T.

Row 7 K9, W&T.

Row 8 K10, W&T.

Row 9 Knit.

Knit 21 rows straight.

Row 31 K32, (k2tog) 5 times, K32. [69 sts]

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Make up as for the basic figure, omitting the waistcoat details.



Hide the cast-on and cast-off edges of Joseph's beard under the headdress.

JOSEPH

Make the basic figure in the colours detailed in the panel on page 8.

JOSEPH'S BEARD

Cast on 5 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn F. Knit 42 rows.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Make up as for the basic figure. Sew the beard around the face, with the cast on and cast off edges lying below the headdress at the sides of the head.

JESUS

See page 8 for yarn information.

Cast on 5 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [10 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 5 (K1, kfb) to end of row. [15 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 9 (K2, kfb) to end of row. [20 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Row 15 (K2, k2tog) to end of row. [15 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 19 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [10 sts]

Purl one row.

Break off Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

Row 21 (Kfb) to end of row. [20 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 7 rows.

Row 29 (K2tog) to end of row. [10 sts]

SWADDLING/SHAWL

Cast on 50 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Knit 18 rows.

Row 19 K19, (k2tog) 6 times, K19. [44 sts]

Knit 5 rows.

Row 25 K18, (k2tog) 4 times, K18. [40 sts]

Knit 1 row.

YARN FOR MARY

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic) in the following shades:

- Yarn A Flesh Tone (0963)
- Yarn B Denim (0994)
- Yarn C White (0961)
- Yarn D Bluebell (0963)
- Yarn E Chocolate (0947)
- Yarn G Pink (0992)

YARN FOR JOSEPH

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic) in the following shades:

- Yarn A Flesh Tone (0963)
- Yarn B Orchard (0904)
- Yarn C Aran (0993)
- Yarn D Emerald (0916)
- Yarn E Chocolate (0947)
- Yarn F Oatmeal (0964)
- Yarn G Pink (0992)

YARN FOR JESUS

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic) in the following shades:

- Yarn A White (0961)
- Yarn B Flesh Tone (0963)
- Yarn C Chocolate (0947)
- Yarn D Pink (0992)
- Yarn E Sunflower Yellow (0978)

YARN FOR MANGER

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic) in the following shades:

- Yarn A Chocolate (0947)
- Yarn B Primrose (0957)

YARN FOR DONKEY

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic)

- Yarn A Silver Grey (0838)
- Yarn B Dark Grey Mix (0790)
- Yarn C Pink (0992)
- Yarn D Aran (0993)
- Yarn E Black (0965)

YARN FOR ANGEL AND STAR

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic)

- Yarn A Flesh Tone (0963)
- Yarns B, D & E White (0961)
- Yarn G Pink (0992)
- Yarn I Sunflower Yellow (0978)
- Yarn J Bright Lemon (0819)

Row 27 K18, (k2tog) twice, K18. [38 sts]

Cast off.

HALO

Cast on 30 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn E.

Knit 2 rows.

Row 3 (K2tog) to end of row. [15 sts]

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Baby Sew a running st through the cast on sts and draw up to form a closed circle. Join the main seam, matching shaping and colour change and leaving a small gap for turning. Turn and stuff firmly. Close the gap.

Face Using Yarn B, sew two horizontal sts over the centre st, three rows above the head increase row for the nose.

Using Yarn E, make the eyes by working two vertical sts over one row of knitting for each eye, three knitted sts apart, and four rows above the head increase row. Using Yarn G, sew a long horizontal stitch over the centre st, one row above the head increase row. Catch down the centre of the mouth stitch half a row below the ends to form a smile.

Swaddling Fold in half and sew the two sides of the cast off edge together to form a hooded cape. Place on the head, and wrap the cape around the body, catching down the sides at the neck and about half way down. Sew a running stitch around the neck and pull up slightly to further shape the neck.

Halo Sew the side edges together to form a flat halo shape. Sew the halo onto the back of the head, having the top of the halo showing above the head from the front.

MANGER

Cast on 30 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (Kfb) 3 times, K9, (kfb) 6 times, K9, (kfb) 3 times. [42 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 5 K2, (kfb) twice, K13, (kfb) twice, K4, (kfb) twice, K13, (kfb) twice, K2.

[50 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 9 K3, (kfb) twice, K15, (kfb) twice, K6, (kfb) twice, K15, (kfb) twice, K3.

[58 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 13 K4, (kfb) twice, K17, (kfb) twice, K8, (kfb) twice, K17, (kfb) twice, K4.

[66 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 17 K5, (kfb) twice, K19, (kfb) twice, K10, (kfb) twice, K19, (kfb) twice, K5.

[74 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 21 K6, (kfb) twice, K21, (kfb) twice, K12, (kfb) twice, K21, (kfb) twice, K6.

[82 sts]

Knit 5 rows.

Purl 1 row (to mark fold).

Knit 5 rows.

Row 33 K6, (k2tog) twice, K21, (k2tog) twice, K12, (k2tog) twice, K21, (k2tog) twice, K6. [74 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 37 K5, (k2tog) twice, K19, (k2tog) twice, K10, (k2tog) twice, K19, (k2tog) twice, K5. [66 sts]

Knit 2 rows.

Cast off.

HAY

Cast on 17 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 (ML) to end of row.

Rep Rows 1-2 until 9 rows of loops have been made in total.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join the side seams together. Fold the top of the manger to the inside along the fold line, with the bumpy side of the st st fold section to the outside. Sew down the cast off edge to the sides.

Place the hay loop side up into the gap in the centre of the manger and sew the outside edge of the hay to the cast off



The hay lining the manger is made by creating loops and then cutting them.

stitches of the manger. Cut through the loops to make the hay.

DONKEY

BODY AND HEAD

Cast on 8 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [16 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (K1, kfb) to end of row. [24 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (K2, kfb) to end of row. [32 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 25 rows.

Row 31 K2togtbl, knit to last 2sts, k2tog. [30 sts]

Row 32 Purl.

Rep rows 31-32 until 22 sts are on the needle.

Row 41 K7, (k2tog) 4 times, K7. [18 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 7 rows.

INCREASE FOR HEAD

Row 49 (K1, kfb) to end of row. [27 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 11 rows.

Row 61 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [18 sts]

Row 62 Purl.

Row 63 (K2tog) to end of row. [9 sts]

LEGS (MAKE FOUR)

Cast on 6 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [12 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Beg with a knit row, st st 3 rows.

Break off Yarn B and join in Yarn A.

Beg with a purl row, st st 11 rows.

Cast off.

TAIL

Cast on 12 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 P8, turn.

Row 3 Sl1, knit to end.

Cast off.

OUTER EAR (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 4 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

St st 4 rows.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) twice. [6 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 9 K2togtbl, Knit to the last 2sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 13 K2togtbl, k2tog. [2sts]

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 K2tog to **cast off.**

INNER EAR (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 3 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn C.



Take care not to overstuff the donkey so you achieve the right shape.

St st 4 rows.

Row 5 (Kfb) twice, K1. [5 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 9 K2togtbl, K1, k2tog. [3 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 13 Sl1, k2tog, pssso to **cast off.**

MANE

Cast on 20 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (ML) to end of row.

Cast off.

NOSE

Cast on 16 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn D.

St st six rows.

Row 7 (K2tog) to end of row. [8 sts]. B&T.

TO MAKE UP

Body and head Sew a running thread through the cast on sts and draw up to close the sts into a circle. Continue to sew the main seam from the back to the head, leaving a small gap for turning. Turn and stuff firmly, then close the gap.

Legs Sew a running thread through the cast on stitches and draw up to close the stitches into a circle. Sew the side seam, leaving the top (cast off edge) open. Stuff firmly. Sew the legs to the base of the body.

Tail Fold in half lengthways and sew the cast on stitches to the cast off stitches. Using B, sew three threads of yarn at the narrow end of the tail and trim these to 1.5cm (¾in) long. Sew the opposite end of the tail to the back of the body.

Nose Sew the side seam, leaving the cast on edge open. Stuff firmly. Sew the nose onto the front of the head, having

the top of the nose lying over the B&T sts of the head.

Mane Fold the mane in half lengthways. Sew the cast on and cast off edges of the mane together and along the top of the head and running down the back. Cut through the loops.

Ears Over sew the outer and inner ears together along the side seams. Sew the completed ears to the head on either side of the mane.

Eyes Using Yarn E, embroider the eyes by working 2-3 horizontal sts about four stitches apart and about 1cm (½in) up from the top of the nose.



Jesus' halo is sewn to the back of his head and positioned so it peeps over the top.

YARN FOR SHEPHERD 1

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic)

- Yarn A Flesh Tone (0963)
- Yarn B Walnut (0927)
- Yarn C Aran (0993)
- Yarn D Classic Red (0833)
- Yarn E Chocolate (0947)
- Yarn F Oatmeal (0964)
- Yarn G Pink (0992)

YARN FOR SHEPHERD 2

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic)

- Yarn A Flesh Tone (0963)
- Yarn B Grouse (0815)
- Yarn C White (0961)
- Yarn D Orchard (0904)
- Yarn E Chocolate (0947)
- Yarn F Wheat (0816)
- Yarn G Pink (0992)

YARN FOR SHEPHERD 3

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic)

- Yarn A Flesh Tone (0963)
- Yarn B Wheat (0816)
- Yarn C White (0961)
- Yarn D Fox (0779)
- Yarn E Chocolate (0947)
- Yarn F Walnut (0927)
- Yarn G Pink (0992)

Shades Grouse and Wheat have been discontinued. You may still find them on sale, or use Walnut and Oatmeal, or any brown DK yarn from your own stash.

YARN FOR CROOK AND LAMB

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic)

- Yarn H Chocolate (0947)
- Yarn I White (0961)
- Yarn J Black (0965)



The third shepherd is carrying a sweet little lamb to bring to the stable.

ANGEL & STAR

Make the basic figure in the colours detailed in the panel on page 8, omitting the waistcoat, headdress and headband. These are replaced by wings, hair and a halo. The Angel holds a star.

WINGS

Cast on 12 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 Kfb, knit to the last st, kfb. [14 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 until 32 sts are on the needle.

Row 21 K16, W&T.

Row 22 Knit.

Row 23 K14, W&T.

Row 24 Knit.

Row 25 K12, W&T.

Row 26 Knit.

Row 27 K10, W&T.

Row 28 Knit.

Row 29 K8, W&T.

Row 30 Knit.

Row 31 Cast off 16 sts, knit to end of row. Rep from Row 23-30.

Cast off all sts.

HALO

Cast on 30 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn B.

Cast off.

STAR (MAKE 2 PIECES THE SAME)

Cast on 5 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn J.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [10 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end of the. [20 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 (Kfb, K2, kfb) 5 times. [30 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 (Kfb, K4, kfb) 5 times. [40 sts]

Row 8 Knit.

Row 9 K8, turn.

Working on these 8 sts only:

Row 10 Knit.

Row 11 K2tog, K4, k2tog. [6 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 15 K2tog, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 19 (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Row 20 Knit.

Row 21 K2tog to cast off.

With right side facing, rejoin the yarn to the sts left on the left hand needle, then work from Rows 9–21 four more times.

TO MAKE UP

Make up as for the basic figure.

Wings Fold the wings in half lengthways.

Sew a running stitch through the centre stitches of the fold and pull these stitches up slightly to make the centre fold line of the wings slightly shorter. Sew the wings to the Angel's back, having the centre fold line level with the centre back seam of the doll, and with the cast on edge of the wings at the top.

Halo Join the side seams to make a circle. Sew the join to the back of the head, about 1.5cm (½in) above the lower edge of the hair.

Hair Cut 50-60 x 25cm (10in) lengths of Yarn I. Sew each strand to the head, having the centre of each strand along the centre back seam and continuing onto the front of the head, ending 5 rows above the eyes at the front, and 8 rows above the head increase row at the back. Using a spare length of yarn, tie each side of the hair into a bunch/pony tail, and sew this to the side of the head, 5



The wings are shaped by a running stitch that's gathered down the centre.

rows up from the head increase row. Trim the ends of each bunch.

Star On each piece sew a running stitch around the cast on edge and draw up to make a closed circle. Sew the side seams together using ladder stitch from the closed circle at the centre to the edge of the main body (Row 7), leaving the 'arms' of the star free. Neaten all the loose threads. With wrong sides together, oversew the two stars together, leaving a small gap for stuffing. Stuff, and then close the gap. Using a yarn colour to match the hands, sew the star to the Angel to make it appear as if she is holding it.



A pipe cleaner and drinking straw make the shepherds' crooks strong but flexible.

SHEPHERDS

Make the basic figure in the colours detailed in the panel on page 10.

CROOK (MAKE TWO)

One each for Shepherd 1 and Shepherd 2.

Cast on 50 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Make up as for the basic figure.

Crook Take the drinking straw and cut through one side from the top to the bottom, enabling the straw to be curled inwards on itself. Cut the pipe cleaner so that it is just a little longer than the straw with the straw's bend extended fully.

Fold over each end of the pipe cleaner and twist so that the pipe cleaner is the same length as the straw. Push the pipe cleaner through the straw to act as stuffing. With the 'purl' side out, fold the knitted piece around the straw, and join the side seams, working from the bendy end of the straw downwards. The straw will curl inwards to make it narrower as you sew. If the straw is longer than the knitted piece, trim the long straight length of the straw to fit before closing the ends of the knitting, making sure to twist the ends of the pipe cleaner to fit.

Close the two ends of the knitted piece at the top and bottom of the straw. Bend over the top of the straw to make the shape for a shepherd's crook. Sew the crook to one arm of the shepherd.



The halo is a simple loop of cast-on stitches that's then sewn to the hair.



All the figures are full of wonderful details, such as these strapped sandals.

LAMB

BODY AND HEAD

Cast on 10 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn I.

Row 1 and every alt row (ML) to end of row.

Row 2 (Kfb) to end of row. [20 sts]

Row 4 (K1, kfb) to end of row. [30 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Repeat Rows 5 and 6 once, then Row 5 once.

Row 10 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [20 sts]

Row 11 (ML) to end of row.

Row 12 Knit.

Row 13 As Row 1.

Break off Yarn I and join in Yarn J. Beg with a purl row, work st st for 7 rows.

Row 21 (K2tog) to end of row. [10 sts]

LEGS (MAKE FOUR)

Cast on 6 sts using 3¼mm needles and



If you prefer, you can trim the angel's hair to a shorter length.

Yarn J.

Beg with a knit row, st st 3 rows. B&T.

TO MAKE UP

Body and head Join the main seam, leaving a small gap for turning. Turn to the right side and stuff. Close the gap. Using a length of Yarn J, work a running stitch along the first colour change row and pull this up very slightly to shape the neck. Using Yarn I, embroider the eyes on either side of the head, using two tiny back stitches for each eye.

Legs Sew the main seam, leaving the cast on edge open. Stuff the legs and sew the open cast on edge to the bottom of the main body. Using matching yarn, sew the finished lamb to the arms of the third shepherd.

YARN FOR CASPAR

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic)

- Yarn A Flesh Tone (0963)
- Yarn B Bright Purple (0828)
- Yarn D Sunflower (0978)
- Yarn E Signal Red (0977)
- Yarn G Pink (0992)
- Yarn H Bright Orange (0981)

YARN FOR MELCHIOR

Hayfield Bonus DK, (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic)

- Yarn A Flesh Tone (0963)
- Yarn B Azure (0824)
- Yarn D Signal Red (0977)
- Yarn E Royal (0979)
- Yarn G Pink (0992)
- Yarn H Silver Grey (0838)

YARN FOR BALTHAZAR

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic)

- Yarn A Flesh Tone (0963)
- Yarn B Bright Pink (0887)
- Yarn D Bright Lemon (0819)
- Yarn E Purple (0840)
- Yarn G Pink (0992)
- Yarn H Sunflower (0978)

YARN FOR STAR

Hayfield Bonus DK (50g/140m or 100g/280m, 100% acrylic)

- Yarn D Bright Lemon (0819)



The kings' collars can be worn up or down, depending on your preference.

WISE MEN

Make the basic figure in the colours detailed in the panel on page 12, omitting the waistcoat, headdress and headband. These are replaced with a crown/turban, cloak and collar. These are the same for each of the Wise Men and just vary in the colours used.

CLOAK

Cast on 24 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn E.

Knit 36 rows.

Row 37 (K2, k2tog) to end of row. [18 sts]

Knit nine rows.

Row 47 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [12 sts]

Knit two rows.

Cast off.

COLLAR

Cast on 44 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn D.

Knit 2 rows.

Beg with a knit row, st st 2 rows.

Row 5 (K2, k2tog) to end of row. [33 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [22 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

CROWN/TURBAN

Cast on 40 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn H.

Knit 4 rows.

Break off Yarn H and join in Yarn B.

Beg with a K row, st st a further 6 rows.

Row 11 (K3, kfb) to end of row. [50 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 15 (K3, k2tog) to end of row. [40 sts]

Row 16 Purl.

Row 17 (K2, k2tog) to end of row. [30 sts]

Row 18 Purl.

Row 19 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [20 sts]

Row 20 Purl.

Row 21 (K2tog) to end of row. [10 sts]

B&T.

TO MAKE UP

Cloak Sew the cast off edge to the back of the figure, one row below the colour change row.

Collar Place the collar around the neck of the figure. Join the side seams together. Sew the cast off edge of the collar around the neck.

Crown Sew the main seam, matching colour changes and leaving the cast on edge open. Place a small amount of toy stuffing in the top of the crown, and place the crown over the top of the head, positioning the crown just above the eyes at the front, and matching

the back seam with the back seam of the head.

CASPAR

Make the basic figure. Add the cloak, collar and crown, then make the gift (below).

GOLD

Cast on 6 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [12 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (K1, kfb) to end of row. [18 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1, kfb) to end of row. [30 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 (P1, K4) to end of row.

Row 8 (P4, K1) to end of row.

Rep Rows 7-8 three times more.

Row 15 (P1, K4) to end of row.

Row 16 Knit.

Row 17 (K2tog, K1, k2tog) to end of row. [18 sts]

Row 18 Purl.

Row 19 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [12 sts]

Row 20 Purl.

Row 21 (K2tog) to the of row. [6 sts]

B&T.

TO MAKE UP

Sew a running stitch around the cast on edge and draw up to make a closed circle. Join the side seams, leaving a small gap for turning and stuffing. Turn and stuff, keeping the cast on end flat and forming the cast on end into a blunt peak. Push the stuffing into the sides to accentuate the hexagonal shaping. Using a long length of Yarn A, sew the gift between the hands of the figure, with the flat end at the bottom.



Take care to match up the seam of the crown with the seam of the head.



MELCHIOR

Make the basic figure. Add the cloak, collar and crown, then make the gift (below).

FRANKINCENSE

Cast on 6 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [12 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (K1, kfb) to end of row. [18 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 (K2, kfb) to end of row. [24 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 (K3, kfb) to end of row. [30sts]

Row 8 Knit.

Beginning with a knit row, st st 6 rows. Knit 4 rows.

Row 19 (K3, k2tog) to end of row. [24 sts] Knit 3 rows.

Row 23 (K2, k2tog) to end of row. [18 sts] Knit 3 rows.

Row 27 (K1, k2tog) to end of row. [12 sts]

Row 28 Knit.

Row 29 (K2tog) to end of row. [6 sts] B&T.

TO MAKE UP

Sew a running stitch around the cast on edge and draw up to make a closed circle. Join the side seams, leaving a small gap for turning and stuffing. Turn and stuff, keeping the cast on end flat. Using a long length of Yarn A, sew the gift between the hands of the figure, with the flat end at the bottom and the dome at the top.

BALTHAZAR

Make the basic figure. Add the cloak, collar and crown, then make the gift (below).

MYRRH

Cast on 6 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [12 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 5 (Kfb) to end of row. [24 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 9 (K2, kfb) to end of row. [32 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 13 (K2, k2tog) to end of row. [24 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 17 (K2tog) to end of row. [12 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 21 (K2tog) to end of row. [6 sts]

Beg with a purl row, st st 5 rows. B&T.

TO MAKE UP

Sew a running stitch around the cast on edge and draw up to make a closed circle. Join the side seams, leaving a small gap for turning and stuffing. Turn and stuff, pushing the stuffing into the narrow portion at the B&T end to form the neck of the bottle. Using a long length of Yarn A, sew the gift between the hands of the figure, with the fat end at the bottom and the neck of the bottle at the top.

STAR

Cast on 5 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end of row. [10 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end of row. [20 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 (Kfb, K2, kfb) 5 times. [30 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 (Kfb, K4, kfb) 5 times. [40 sts]

Row 8 Knit.

Row 9 K8, turn.

Working on these 8 sts only:

Row 10 Knit.

Row 11 K2tog, K4, k2tog. [6 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 15 K2tog, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 19 (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Row 20 Knit.

Row 21 K2tog to **cast off**.

With RS facing, rejoin the yarn to the sts left on the left needle, then work from Rows 9-21 four more times.

TO MAKE UP

Sew a running stitch around the cast on edge and draw up to make a closed circle. Sew the side seams together using ladder stitch, from the closed circle at the centre to the edge of the main body (Row 7), leaving the 'arms' of the Star free. Neaten all the loose threads. If you wish to hang the Star, create a loop at the end of the 'arm' opposite the main seam while sewing in loose threads. ●



Abbreviations & useful info

alt alternate
approx approximately
beg beginning
B&T break yarn off and thread it through sts on needle. Pull yarn end tightly to gather cast off stitches into a closed circle.

CB cable back
CC contrast colour
CF cable front
CN cable needle
cont continue
dec decrease (by working two stitches together)

DK double knitting
DPN double-pointed needle

fol/s following/follows
g st garter stitch (knit every row)

inc increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)

K/k knit
kfb knit into front and back of stitch

kwise as if to knit the stitch
k2tog knit the next 2 stitches together (1 stitch dec)
k3tog knit the next 3 stitches together (2 stitches decreased)

LH left hand
LT left twist

meas measures
M1 make one (increase 1 stitch)
M1L make one twisted to the left (increase 1 stitch)
M1R make one twisted to the right (increase 1 stitch)
M1P make one purlwise (increase 1 stitch)

MB make a bobble
MC main colour
ML make loop by knitting into next stitch as normal, but without taking the stitch that has been off left needle. Bring the yarn forward between the needles and wrap it around your thumb at the front of the work, then take the yarn back to rear of work. Keeping the yarn looped around your thumb, knit onto the

same stitch as before. Take both stitches off left needle and onto the right needle as normal. Pass first stitch over second stitch. One loop made.

P/p purl
patt(s) pattern(s)
patt rep(s) pattern repeat(s)

PB place bead
pfb purl into front and back of stitch

PM place marker
P2tog purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
P3tog purl 3 stitches together (2 stitches decreased)

prev previous
psso pass slipped stitch over
p2sso pass 2 slipped stitches over
pwise as if to purl the stitch
rem remain/remaining
rep(s) repeat(s)
rev st st reverse stocking stitch
RH right hand
rnd(s) round(s) (on a circular needle/DPNs)

RS right side
RT right twist
skpo slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch decreased)
sk2po slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over (2 stitches decreased)

sl slip
sl1 slip 1st
slm slip marker
sl st slip stitch
ssk slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
ssp slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together through back of the loops (1 stitch decreased)

st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch
tbl through the back of the loop
tog together

W&T wrap and turn: bring the yarn forward, slip the next st onto the right hand needle, take the yarn back, then transfer the slipped stitch back onto the left hand needle. Turn the work, ready to work the next row.

WS wrong side
wyib with yarn at the back
wyif with yarn in front
ybk yarn to the back
yfwd yarn forward
yo yarn over
yrn yarn round needle
yon yarn over needle
***** work instructions immediately following * then repeat as directed

NEEDLE SIZES

UK	METRIC	US
14	2mm	0
13	2¼mm	1
12	2¾mm	2
11	3mm	–
10	3¼mm	3
9	3½mm	4
8	3¾mm	5
7	4mm	6
6	4½mm	7
5	5mm	8
4	5½mm	9
3	6mm	10
2	6½mm	10½
1	7mm	–
0	7½mm	–
00	8mm	11
000	9mm	13
–	10mm	15
–	12mm	17
–	15mm	19
–	20mm	36
–	¼mm	50



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4ply	Fingering
Double knitting	Double knitting
Aran	Fisherman/Worsted
Chunky	Bulky
Super chunky	Extra bulky





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