

# Christmas Pudding

A miniature knitted Christmas pudding decoration

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## Yarn

Small amounts of:

- 4ply or sock yarn in brown
- 4ply or sock yarn in cream or white
- Laceweight yarn, crochet cotton or embroidery thread in green
- 4ply or DK yarn in red

## Needles

- DPNs or circular needles, 2 to 3mm (gauge is not essential, but a smaller needle gives a denser fabric which is better for stuffing)
- Small crochet hook (2-3mm)

## Other materials

- Material for stuffing (scrap yarn, fibre filling etc)
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends

## Gauge

Use a smaller needle size than usually recommended for your yarn in order to produce a dense knitted fabric. Gauge is not essential for this project.

## Notations

RS	Right side
WS	Wrong side
k	knit
p	purl
k2tog	Knit 2 together
p3tog	Purl 3 together
CO	Cast on
st st	Stocking stitch
kfb	Knit into the front and back of the stitch (one stitch increased)
m1	Make 1 stich by picking up the loop between the next two stitches and knitting into the back of it.
sl1	slip one stitch
pssso	pass slipped stich over

## Directions

### Pudding

With brown yarn, CO 6 stitches and join for knitting in the round.

Any cast on can be used; [Judy's Magic Cast On](#) or the [Magic Ring crochet method](#) eliminate the hole at the beginning of the cast on. For other cast on methods, leave a tail or 30cm or so and use this to close the hole after a few rows of knitting.

Round 1: kfb all stitches [12 sts]

Round 2: knit

Round 3: (k1, kfb) 6 times [18 sts]

Round 4: knit

Round 5: (k2, kfb) 6 times [24 sts]

Round 6: knit

Round 7: (k3, kfb) 6 times [30 sts]

Round 8: knit

Round 9: (k4, kfb) 6 times [36 sts]

Round 10: knit

Round 11: (k8, kfb) 4 times [40 sts]

Join cream yarn in round 12 and knit chart for rows 12-14.

Round 15: (K8, k2tog) 4 times [36 sts]

Round 16: knit

Round 17: (K4, k2tog) 6 times [30 sts]

Round 18: knit

Round 19: (K3, k2tog) 6 times [24 sts]

Round 20: knit

Round 21: (K2, k2tog) 6 times [18 sts]

Round 22: knit

## Chart

(Repeat 6 times each row)

O	O	O	O	O	14
X	O	O	O	X	13
X	X	O	X	X	12
				O	Cream
				X	Brown

Stuff until fairly firm.

Round 23: (K1, k2tog) 6 times [12 sts]

Round 24: knit

Round 25: (k2tog) 6 times [6 sts]

Break yarn, thread onto yarn needle, thread through remaining 6 stitches, pull tight and tie off. Run needle down centre of pudding and out the other side. Cut yarn close so the end is hidden inside.

## Holly Leaves

### First leaf:

With green yarn, CO3. Rows 1-3: K

Row 4: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1 [5 st]

Row 5: k1, p3, k1

Row 6: k2, m1, k1, m1, k2 [7 st]

Row 7: Cast off 2, p to last stitch K1 [5st]

Row 8: Cast off 2, m1, k1, m1, k1 [5st]

Row 9: k1, p3, k1

Row 10: k2, m1, k1, m1, k2 [7 st]

Row 11: Cast off 2, p to last stitch K1 [5st]

Row 12: Cast off 2, k to end [3 st]

Row 13: p3tog

Break yarn, draw end through last stitch on needle, pull tight and weave in end.

## Second leaf:

With RS of first leaf facing you, and leaving a yarn tail of around 30cm, pick up and knit 3 sts along cast on edge. Repeat as for first leaf.

You now have 2 holly leaves joined together along a central seam. Use the yarn end from your cast on to stitch the centre of the leaves to the top of the pudding.

## Holly Berries

With red yarn, CO1.

Row 1: k1, p1, k1 in the single CO stitch. Turn. [3 sts]

Row 2: sl1, p2

Row 3: sl1, k2tog, pssso [1st]

Repeat once more for 2 berries or twice more for 3 berries. Break yarn, leaving a 30 cm tail and thread through last stitch to bind off. You now have 2 or 3 little bobbles joined together. Thread the yarn end onto a needle and join the cast on and bind off edges together. Stitch berries to centre of holly leaves, stitching through pudding as well to secure.

(Alternatively, stitch red beads on for berries.)



## Hanging Loop

To make a loop to hang up your pudding, use a small crochet hook to make a tight crochet chain of the desired length and attach to the pudding close to the holly leaves.