

# Knitables

## Marie Curie Christmas Decorations



### Equipment and Materials

One pair of 3.25mm knitting needles (UK10 / US3)  
One pair of 3.25mm double pointed needles (DPNs)

One wool sewing needle

Good quality washable polyester toy filling

**Yarn A** White double knitting yarn

**Yarn B** Blue double knitting yarn

**Yarn C** Yellow double knitting yarn

Oddments of double knitting yarn in black, orange, pink and skin colour

## Abbreviations and Pattern Notes

<b>K</b>	Knit
<b>P</b>	Purl
<b>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)
<b>beg</b>	Beginning
<b>tog</b>	Together
<b>m1</b>	Make one stitch by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it
<b>Inc 1</b>	Increase one by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
<b>K2 tog</b>	Knit two stitches together
<b>sl1</b>	Slip 1 stitch (stitch is passed from the left needle to the right needle without being knitted, slip purl-wise)
<b>pssso</b>	Pass slip stitch over (pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch and off the needle)
<b>st-st</b>	Stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)
<b>g-st</b>	Garter stitch (every row knit)
<b>moss</b>	Moss stitch (K1, P1)
<b>yrn</b>	Yarn round needle (take strand of yarn under and over tip of right hand needle to make a stitch, then continue as given in instructions)
<b>yb</b>	Yarn back (take yarn to the back before working the next stitch)
<b>yfwd</b>	Yarn forward (bring yarn to the front before working the next stitch)
<b>B &amp; T</b>	Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and secure by threading yarn a second time through sts

### Instructions in round brackets

These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

### Casting on/off

The knitted casting on method is recommended. Cast off knit wise unless otherwise stated. When it states cast off *loosely* you may wish to cast off using a larger needle, for example a size 4½ or 5mm.

### Tutorials

For tips and advice on the various stitches and techniques used in this pattern, please refer to the video tutorials on [www.knitable.com](http://www.knitable.com)

### Toy Safety

Please ensure that attached pieces are sewn on very securely and seams are tightly finished off. Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing that conforms to current safety standards.

### Making Up

When making up the designs you can chose to close the back seam so that the stuffing is fully enclosed or you can leave a gap in the seam so that the decoration could be filled with small chocolates or treats!

## Stripy Christmas Tree

Begin at the base of the tree and with yarn **B** cast on 9 sts

**Row 1** (Inc 1) 8 times, K1 (17 sts)

**Row 2** Next and every following alternate row: Purl (using the same yarn colour as the previous row)

**Row 3** K1, (m1, K2) 8 times (25 sts)

**Row 5** (K2, m1, K1) 8 times, K1 (33 sts)

**Row 7** Knit

**Row 9** Purl

**Row 11** In yarn **C**, Knit

**Row 13** In yarn **A**, Knit

**Row 15** In **B**, K1, (K3, K2tog, K3) 4 times (29 sts)

**Row 17** In **C**, Knit

**Row 19** In **A**, Knit

**Row 21** In **B**, K1, (K2, K2tog, K3) 4 times (25 sts)

**Row 23** In **C**, Knit

**Row 25** In **A**, Knit

**Row 27** In **B**, K1, (K2, K2tog, K2) 4 times (21 sts)

**Row 29** In **C**, Knit

**Row 31** In **A**, Knit

**Row 33** In **B**, K1, (K1, K2tog, K2) 4 times (17 sts)

**Row 35** In **C**, Knit

**Row 37** In **A**, Knit

**Row 39** In **B**, K1, (K1, K2tog, K1) 4 times (13 sts)

**Row 41** In **C**, Knit

**Row 43** In **A**, K1, (K2tog, K1) 4 times (9 sts)

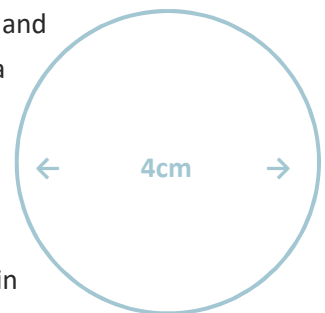
**Row 45** In **B**, (K1, K2tog) 3 times (6 sts)

**Row 46** Purl B&T



Height approximately 11cm

Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches at the base, pull up tightly and join the seam from the bottom of the tree to about a third of the way up. Cut a circle out of cardboard approximately 4cm in diameter and place this at the base. Working down from the gathered top of the tree, join the seam, leaving an opening of approximately 3cm. Stuff the tree, shaping as you go, then close the seam.



The *bow* is made from a *twisted cord*. Cut a strand of yarn **B**, approximately 1m in length. Knot one end round a door knob or hook and knot a loop in the other end to fit around the index finger of your right hand. Now keeping the yarn taught, twist your finger round and round in a clockwise direction. Keep twisting until when relaxed, the strand of yarn begins to curl back on itself. Fold cord at centre, bringing ends together. Allow yarn to twist tightly and knot ends. Make into a bow and securely attach the bow onto the top of the tree.

## Spotty Christmas Tree

Begin at the base of the tree and with yarn **B** cast on 9 sts

**Row 1** (Inc 1) 8 times, K1 (17 sts)

**Row 2** Next and every following alternate row: Purl in yarn **B**

**Row 3** K1, (m1, K2) 8 times (25 sts)

**Row 5** (K2, m1, K1) 8 times, K1 (33 sts)

**Row 7** Knit

**Row 9** Purl

**Row 11** K1, (in **B** K1, in **C** K1, in **B** K2) 8 times

**Row 13** Knit

**Row 15** K1, (K3, K2tog, K3) 4 times (29 sts)

**Row 17** K1, (in **B** K1, in **C** K1, in **B** K2) 7 times

**Row 19** Knit

**Row 21** K1, (K2, K2tog, K3) 4 times (25 sts)

**Row 23** K1, (in **B** K1, in **C** K1, in **B** K2) 6 times

**Row 25** Knit

**Row 27** K1, (K2, K2tog, K2) 4 times (21 sts)

**Row 29** K1, (in **B** K1, in **C** K1, in **B** K2) 5 times

**Row 31** Knit

**Row 33** K1, (K1, K2tog, K2) 4 times (17 sts)

**Row 35** K1, (in **B** K1, in **C** K1, in **B** K2) 4 times

**Row 37** Knit

**Row 39** K1, (K1, K2tog, K1) 4 times (13 sts)

**Row 41** K1, (in **B** K1, in **C** K1, in **B** K2) 3 times

**Row 43** K1, (K2tog, K1) 4 times (9 sts)

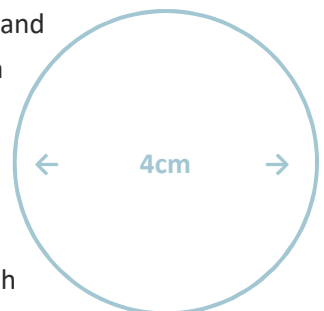
**Row 45** (K1, K2tog) 3 times (6 sts)

**Row 46** Purl B&T



Height approximately 11cm

Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches at the base, pull up tightly and join the seam from the bottom of the tree to about a third of the way up. Cut a circle out of cardboard approximately 4cm in diameter and place this at the base. Working down from the gathered top of the tree, join the seam, leaving an opening of approximately 3cm. Stuff the tree, shaping as you go, then close the seam.



To make the *pom pom* hold the end of the yarn on your palm using your thumb. With your other hand, start wrapping the yarn around two of your fingers. Wrap the yarn around your fingers for a minimum of 35 times. Cut another piece of yarn about 20cm long. Thread this yarn between your two fingers and tie a tight knot around the bundle. Slip the tied bundle off your hand and cut all the loops around the bundle. Cut around the pom-pom to make all the yarn pieces uniform in length. Use the two ends of the 20cm long piece of yarn to fasten the pom-pom onto the top of the Christmas tree.

## Stripy Stocking

Begin at the top of the stocking and with yarn **B** cast on 26 sts

**Row 1** (K1, P1) to end (moss stitch)

**Row 2** (P1, K1) to end

**Row 3** (K1, P1) to end

**Rows 4 - 5** In yarn **A**, beg with a Knit row, st-st 2 rows

**Rows 6 - 7** In yarn **C**, beg with a Knit row, st-st 2 rows

**Rows 8 - 17** Beg with yarn **A**, continue in 2 row alternating stripes of yarn **A** and yarn **C** for 10 rows

**Row 18** *Shape Heel* In **C**, Knit

**Row 19** In **C** P6, in **B** P14, turn

*sl1, K12, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P11, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K10, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P9, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K8, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P7, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K7, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P8, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K9, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P10, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K11, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P12, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K13, turn*

in **C**, Purl to end

**Row 20** In **A** K5, K2tog, K12, K2tog, K5 (24 sts)

**Row 21** In **A**, Purl

**Rows 22 - 29** Beg with yarn **C**, continue in 2 row alternating stripes of yarn **C** and yarn **A** for 8 rows

**Rows 30 - 31** *Shape Toe* In **B**, beg with a Knit row, st-st 2 rows

**Row 32** (K2, K2tog, K2) 4 times (20 sts)

**Row 33** Purl

**Row 34** (K2, K2tog, K1) 4 times (16 sts)

**Row 35** Purl

**Row 36** (K1, K2tog, K1) 4 times (12 sts) B&T

*Hanging Loop* With yarn **B**, cast on 25 sts

**Row 1** (K1, P1) to end

**Row 2** Cast off



*Height approximately 11cm*

Join the side edges of the stocking, working up from the gathered toe. Stuff the stocking and attach the hanging loop.

## Spotty Stocking

Begin at the top of the stocking and with yarn **C** cast on 26 sts

**Row 1** (K1, P1) to end (moss stitch)

**Row 2** (P1, K1) to end

**Row 3** (K1, P1) to end

**Rows 4 - 5** In yarn **B**, beg with a Knit row, st-st 2 rows

**Row 6** (In **B** K3, in **A** K1) 6 times, in **B** K2

**Rows 7 - 9** In **B**, beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 10** In **B** K1, (in **A** K1, in **B** K3) 6 times, in **B** K1

**Rows 11 - 13** In **B**, beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 14** (In **B** K3, in **A** K1) 6 times, in **B** K2

**Rows 15 - 17** In **B**, beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 18** *Shape Heel* In **B** K1, in **A** K1, in **B** K19, in **A** K1, in **B** K4

**Row 19** In **B** P6, in **C** P14, turn

*sl1, K12, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P11, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K10, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P9, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K8, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P7, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K7, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P8, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K9, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P10, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K11, yf, sl1, yb, turn*

*sl1, P12, yb, sl1, yf, turn*

*sl1, K13, turn*

in **B**, Purl to end

**Row 20** In **B** K5, K2tog, K12, K2tog, K5 (24 sts)

**Row 21** In **B**, Purl

**Row 22** In **B** K3, in **A** K1, in **B** K3, in **A** K1, in **B** K4, in **A** K1, in **B** K4, in **A** K1, in **B** K3, in **A** K1, in **B** K2

**Rows 23 - 25** In **B**, beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 26** In **B** K1, in **A** K1, in **B** K3, in **A** K1, in **B** K3, in **A** K1, in **B** K5, in **A** K1, in **B** K3, in **A** K1, in **B** K4

**Rows 27 - 29** In **B**, beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Rows 30 - 31** *Shape Toe* In **C**, beg with a Knit row, st-st 2 rows

**Row 32** (K2, K2tog, K2) 4 times (20 sts)

**Row 33** *Next and following alternate row:* Purl

**Row 34** (K2, K2tog, K1) 4 times (16 sts)

**Row 36** (K1, K2tog, K1) 4 times (12 sts) B&T



*Height approximately 11cm*

*Please follow the Stripy Stocking instructions  
for the hanging loop and making up!*



## Christmas Pudding

Begin at base of pudding and with yarn **C** cast on 8 sts

**Row 1** (Inc 1) 7 times, K1 (15 sts)

**Row 2** Next and every following alternate row: Purl

**Row 3** (K1, m1, K1) 7 times, K1 (22 sts)

**Row 5** (K2, m1, K1) 7 times, K1 (29 sts)

**Row 7** K2, (in **C** K2, in **B** K1, in **C** K6) 3 times

**Row 9** K1, (K2, m1, K1) 9 times, K1 (38 sts)

**Row 11** K5, (in **C** K5, in **B** K1, in **C** K5) 3 times

**Row 13** Knit

**Row 15** K3, (in **B** K1, in **C** K10) 3 times, in **B** K1, in **C** K1

**Row 16** In **C** P1, (in **C** P2, in **A** P2, in **C** P2) 6 times, in **C** P1

**Row 17** In **C** K1, (in **C** K2, in **A** K2, in **C** K2) 6 times, in **C** K1

**Row 18** In **C** P1, (in **C** P1, in **A** P4, in **C** P1) 6 times, in **C** P1

**Rows 19 - 20** In **A**, beg with a Knit row, st-st 2 rows

**Row 21** K1, (K1, K2tog, K1) 9 times, K1 (29 sts)

**Rows 22 - 24** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 25** K1, (K1, K2tog) 9 times, K1 (20 sts)

**Row 26** Purl

**Row 27** K2tog to end (10 sts)

**Row 28** Purl B&T



Height approximately 7cm

Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches at the base, pull up tightly and join the seam from the bottom of the pudding to about a third of the way up. Then working down from the gathered top, join the seam, leaving an opening of approximately 3cm. Fill the pudding with small amounts of stuffing at a time, then close the seam.

### Holly Leaves (make two)

In yarn **B**, cast on 13 sts

**Rows 1 - 2** Beg with a Knit row, st-st 2 rows

**Row 3** K1, (pass yarn under and over the tip of right hand needle to make a stitch, K2tog) to end

**Rows 4 - 5** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 2 rows

**Row 6** Cast off *loosely*

Fold the strip in half and sew the cast on and cast off edges together. Then fold in half the other way and sew the rows ends together to form the leaf.

### Holly Berries (make three)

In yarn **C**, cast on 3 sts

**Row 1** Purl

**Row 2** Inc 1, Inc 1, K1 (5 sts)

**Row 3** Purl

**Row 4** Knit

**Row 5** P2tog, P1, P2tog (3 sts)

**Row 6** sl1, K2tog, pssso B&T

Make into a berry shape and sew the holly and berries onto the top of the pudding as illustrated.

## Angel

Begin at the base and with yarn **A** cast on 9 sts

**Row 1** K1, (Inc 1) 7 times, K1 (16 sts)

**Row 2** Next and every following alternate row: Purl

**Row 3** (K2, m1) 7 times, K2 (23 sts)

**Row 5** (K1, m1, K2) 7 times, K1, m1, K1 (31 sts)

**Row 7** Knit

**Row 9** Purl

**Row 11** K1, (in **C** K1, in **A** K1) to end

**Rows 12 - 18** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 7 rows

**Row 19** K1, (K1, K2tog, K2) 6 times (25 sts)

**Rows 20 - 24** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 5 rows

**Row 25** K1, (K1, K2tog, K1) 6 times (19 sts)

**Rows 26 - 29** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 4 rows

**Row 30** *Shape head row* In skin coloured yarn, Purl

**Row 31** K7, (m1, K2) 3 times, K6 (22 sts)

**Rows 32 - 40** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 9 rows

**Row 41** K4, K2tog, K10, K2tog, K4 (20 sts)

**Row 42** Purl

**Row 43** K4, K2tog, K8, K2tog, K4 (18 sts)

**Row 44** Purl

**Row 45** (K2tog) to end (9 sts) B&T

*Arms* With yarn **A**, cast on 6 sts

**Rows 1 - 12** Beg with a Knit row, st-st 12 rows

**Rows 13 - 18** In skin coloured yarn,  
beg with a Knit row, st-st 6 rows

**Rows 19 - 30** In **A**, beg with a Knit row, st-st 12 rows

**Row 31** Cast off *loosely*

*Wings* With yarn **A**, cast on 4 sts

**Rows 1 - 6** Inc 1 at beg of every row (10 sts)

**Rows 7 - 14** Knit 8 rows (garter stitch)

**Rows 15 - 20** K2tog at beg of every row (4 sts)

**Row 21** Knit

**Rows 22 - 27** Inc 1 at beg of every row (10 sts)

**Rows 28 - 35** Knit 8 rows

**Rows 36 - 41** K2tog at beg of every row (4 sts)

**Row 42** Cast off *loosely*



*Height approximately 10cm*

Join the side edges of the head, working down from the gathered top. To make the head, work a gathering thread through every stitch on the shape head row, draw up and stuff head. Sew the top edges of the arms to body sides, then bring hands together in a praying pose and catch together with a few stitches. Sew on the wings.

For the hair, starting at the front hairline, embroider a line of 7 chain stitches in yarn **C** across the top of the head, along the seam. Thread three 15cm lengths of yarn **C** through each of these chains to form hair strands. Trim the hair to the desired length. Using blue yarn embroider the eyes, using skin coloured yarn embroider a nose and with pink yarn embroider a mouth.



## Snowman

Begin at the base and with yarn **A** cast on 9 sts

**Row 1** K1, (Inc 1) 7 times, K1 (16 sts)

**Row 2** Next and every following alternate row: Purl

**Row 3** (K2, m1) 7 times, K2 (23 sts)

**Row 5** K3, m1, K6, m1, K5, m1, K6, m1, K3 (27 sts)

**Rows 6 - 24** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 19 rows

**Row 25** (K4, K2tog) 4 times, K3 (23 sts)

**Rows 26 - 32** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 7 rows

*Place row markers at each end of row 26*

**Row 33** In yarn **B**, Knit

**Row 34** (P1, K1) to end

**Row 35** (K1, P1) to end

**Rows 36 - 38** In yarn **C**, beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 39** K3, (K2tog, K3) 4 times (19 sts)

**Rows 40 - 42** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 43** K1, (K2tog) 9 times (10 sts)

**Row 44** Purl B&T



*Height approximately 11cm*

Join the side edges of the head, working down from the gathered top of the head. To make the head, work a gathering thread through every stitch on **Row 26**, draw up and stuff head. Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches and draw up. Then working up from the base, join the side seam, leaving a 3cm opening. Stuff the body firmly, shaping as you go, then close the seam.

**Bobble** With yarn **B**, cast on 4 sts

**Row 1** K1, Inc 1, K2 (5 sts)

**Row 2** Second and every following alternate row: Purl

**Row 3** K2, m1, K1, m1, K2 (7 sts)

**Row 5** K2, m1, K3, m1, K2 (9 sts)

**Row 7** K1, SSK, K3, K2tog, K1 (7 sts)

**Row 9** K1, SSK, K1, K2tog, K1 (5 sts)

**Row 11** K1, sl1, K2tog, pssso, K1 (3 sts) B&T

Make into a bobble shape, insert a small amount of stuffing and stitch around the bottom. Sew onto the hat.

**Nose** With orange yarn, cast on 5 sts

**Row 1** K1, K2tog, K2tog (3 sts) B&T

Make the nose into a carrot shape and sew the side seam. Position and sew the nose onto the snowman's face as illustrated. Using black yarn, embroider the eyes.

## Scarf

The scarf illustrated is made from an I-cord. This simple knitting technique creates a very narrow tube of knitting. Using yarn **B**, cast on 3 sts, with double pointed needles.

**Row 1** Knit, do not turn the work

Slide the stitches to the other end of the needle

**Row 2** Knit a second row by bringing the yarn behind the work and starting with the first stitch. Tug the work from the bottom after each first stitch to help it to take shape and to even out the tension. Continue knitting in this way until the scarf measures 15 cm. B&T

For a fancier scarf, you may wish to add a *fringe*. Cut lengths of yarn **C** approximately 6 cm long. Pull open a stitch on the last row of the scarf. Fold your piece of yarn in half and pull through the open stitch. Leave a loop on the other side and pull the loose ends through the loop to create a slip knot to attach your fringe to the edge of the scarf. Repeat across the entire bottom and top of the scarf. Trim the lengths of yarn.

*I do hope you enjoy making these designs and  
that you raise lots of money for charity.*

*If you would like to send me a photo of your finished decorations  
please email [sarah@knitables.co.uk](mailto:sarah@knitables.co.uk) as I would love to see  
them and learn all about your fundraising efforts!*

*Happy Knitting  
Sarah xx*