



FESTIVE FRIENDS

Get in the Christmassy spirit with Irene Strange's fun designs

Whether your yuletide decor is contemporary and modern or more traditional, there's always room around the home for a cute character! This cheery trio are just the ticket and are great projects for mastering the typical amigurumi techniques, and even adding a few more to your skill set. Whip up a jovial wise man, a chirpy robin and our jolly Santa – complete with bushy beard made from spare white yarn in your stash!



USE YOUR Tinsel yarn kit



PLUS
stuffing, six 9mm
safety eyes, white
DK yarn

SIZE
Robin: 7cm height
King: 9cm height
Santa: 12cm
height

robin

BODY AND HEAD

Using 4mm hook and Merry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 4: (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 5: (2dc in next st, 4dc) to end. 36 sts
Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Elf Green
Rnds 7-9: 1dc in each st to end
Change to

Tree Green
Rnds 10-12: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 13: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 14: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 15: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts
Insert safety eyes and stuff
Rnd 16: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 17: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

WING

Make two
Using 4mm hook and Tree Green make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts
Row 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, turn. Ten sts
Row 2: 1ch, (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end, turn sideways. 15 sts
Row 3: 8dc along rough edge. Eight sts
Fasten off

TAIL FEATHERS

Using 4mm hook and Tree Green attach yarn to back of Body, pushing hook between sts
Row 1: 8ch, (one sl st, 10ch, one sl st) in next st on Body, 8ch, one sl st in next st on Body. Three loops made
Fasten off

TOP FEATHERS

Using 4mm hook and Tree Green attach yarn to top of Head, pushing hook between sts
Row 1: 6ch, (one sl st, 8ch, one sl st) in next st on Head, 6ch, one sl st in next st on Head. Three loops made
Fasten off

FOOT

Make two
Using 4mm hook and Halo Yellow make 11ch
Row 1: one sl st in second ch from hook, one sl st in each of next four ch, (6ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, one sl st in each of next five ch) twice, one sl st in each ch to end
Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Sew in ends. Sew up opening of Head and Body. Sew Feet and Wings to Body. Embroider beak with overlapping Merry Red sts

Santa

BODY, HEAD AND HAT

Using 4mm hook and Merry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds 1-5 of Robin Body and Head. 36 sts
Rnds 6-8: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Elf Green
Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Eggnog Cream
Rnds 10-12: 1dc in each st to end
Rnds 13-15: rep Rnds 13-15 of Robin Body and Head. 18 sts
Change to Merry Red
Rnd 16 and every even-numbered rnd: rep Rnd 9
Insert safety eyes and stuff
Rnd 17: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 19: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 21: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. Nine sts
Rnd 23: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. Six sts
Rnd 25: (dc2tog) to end. Three sts
Fasten off

HAT BOBBLE

Using 4mm hook and Eggnog Cream make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts
Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 4: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts
Fasten off

NOSE

Using 4mm hook and Eggnog Cream make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

EAR

Make two
Using 4mm hook and Eggnog Cream attach yarn to side of Head, pushing hook between sts
Row 1: (2ch, 3tr, 1ch, one sl st) in same st
Fasten off

BEARD

Using 4mm hook and spare white DK yarn make 19ch
Row 1: (3ch, one sl st) in second ch from hook, (4ch, one sl st, 4ch, one sl st) in next ch, (6ch, one sl st, 6ch, one sl st) to last two ch, (4ch, one sl st, 4ch, one sl st) in next ch, (3ch, one sl st) in next ch
Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Sew in ends. Sew up tip of hat. Sew Nose to face between eyes. Sew Beard in a semicircular shape around Body, arranging ends of beard either side of eyes. Add a circle of ch sts around rim of hat using Elf Green. Embroider a cross onto tummy using Elf Green

wise man

BODY AND HEAD

Using 4mm hook and Halo Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-8: working in Halo Yellow only rep Rnds 1-8 of Santa Head and Body. 36 sts
Change to Tree Green
Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Eggnog Cream
Rnds 10-14: rep Rnds 10-14 of Santa Head and Body. 24 sts
Change to Merry Red
Rnd 15: working in back loops only (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts
Insert safety eyes and stuff
Rnd 16: working in back loops only (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts

Rnds 17-18: working in back loops only (dc2tog) to end. Three sts
Rnd 19 (hair): work back around rnds just worked in reverse as folls starting from Rnd 18 and working back to Rnd 15: working in front loops only (6ch, one sl st, 6ch, one sl st) in each st to end
Fasten off

CROWN

Using 4mm hook and Halo Yellow make 15ch, join with a sl st to first ch to form a ring
Rnds 1-2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st. 15 sts
Rnd 3: (1ch, 1dc, 1tr, [1dc, one sl st] in next st) five times

NOSE

Work as for Santa Nose

EAR

Work as for Santa Ear

TO MAKE UP

Sew in ends. Sew Crown onto Head, pushing some of hair through middle. Embroider a moustache in Merry Red. Sew Nose between eyes. Embroider a cross onto tummy using Tree Green

Great Advice

LOTS OF LOOPS

To make a shorter or longer beard for Santa, adjust the number of chain stitches in the loops