



Christmas Mousey



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Mousey sits approximately 3 inches/ 7.5cm high. She can be used as a sitting Christmas ornament, or you can attach a little cord and hang her from the Christmas tree.

She is knitted flat and is a quick and easy knit.

Materials needed

Less than 5g DK yarn in red and grey
Scrap of fleece yarn that knits to DK thickness.

Scrap of black for nose and eyes
Scrap of white for embroidered star.

A pair of single ended needles size
UK10/US3/3.25mm

These are used throughout.

Small amount of fibrefill
Pink powdered blusher or pink drawing pencil (optional)
Decorations (optional)

Abbreviations used

K = Knit

P = Purl

St/sts = stitch/stitches

Ss = stocking stitch (knit one row – purl one row)

Tog – knit/purl the next 2 sts together (decrease)

Inc1 = knit into the FRONT and the BACK of the next stitch (increase)

Please note: If you use any other method than this to increase, your stitch count may not work out.

Let's get knitting!

Body (make one piece)

Using red and starting at the bottom end

Cast on 10sts

Next row, p

Next row, (inc1) to the end of the row (20sts)

Next row, p

Next row, (k1, inc1) to the end of the row (30sts)

Next row, p

Next row, (k2, inc1) to the end of the row (40sts)

Starting with a p row

SS 13 rows

Next row, (k2, k2tog) to the end of the row (30sts)

Change to fleece yarn

Starting with a p row

Ss3 rows

Next row, (k2tog) to the end of the row (15sts)

Next row, k1 (k2tog) to the end of the row (8sts)

Break yarn and draw through these 8 sts. DO NOT DRAW UP

OR FASTEN OFF – LEAVE A LONG END FOR FINISHING OFF LATER.

Head

Using grey and starting at the back of the head

Cast on 7 sts

Next row, p

Next row, (inc1) in every st to the end of the row (14sts)

Next row, p

Next row, (k1, inc1 |) to the end of the row (21sts)

Starting with a p row

Ss 5 rows

Next row, (k1, k2tog) to the end of the row (14sts)

Next row, p

Next row, (k2tog) to the end of the row (7sts)

Next row, p

Next row, k1, (k2og) to the end of the row (4sts)

Next row, (p2tog) Twice (2sts)

Break the yarn and draw through these 2 sts. Leave a length of yarn for sewing up later.

Ears (make two the same)

Using grey

Cast on 14sts

Next row, p

Next row, k

Next row, (p2tog) to the end of the row (7sts)

Break the yarn and draw through these 7st **pull up tightly and secure, leave both ends for sewing onto the head later.**

Arms (make two the same)

Using red and starting at the shoulder end

Cast on 7sts

Starting with a p row

Ss 3 rows

CHANGE TO FLEECE YARN

Next row, k

Next row, p

CHANGE TO GREY YARN

Starting with a k row

Ss 5 row

Break the yarn and draw through these 7sts leaving a length of yarn for sewing up later.

Feet (make two the same)

Using grey

Cast on 8sts

Starting with a p row

Ss 7 rows

Next row, (k2tog) to the end of the row (4sts)

Break the yarn and draw through these 4sts leaving a length of yarn for sewing up later.

Hat (make one piece)

Using fleece

Cast on 7sts

Next row p

Next row, k1,(k2tog) 3 times (4) sts

Break the yarn and draw through these 4 sts, pull up tight and over sew down the row end.

Making up

Body

Sew a gathering stitch through the cast **on** end draw up tightly then sew the row end up to the fleece section – STOP– stuff DO NOT OVER STUFF AS YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO ‘SQUISH’ IT DOWN. Set aside for a moment.



HEAD

Join the row ends up to the cast ON edge – stuff – then sew a gathering stitch around the cast on edge and draw up tightly – leave a long end – now sew the end through the head to come out centre bottom of the body section.

Ears

Sew the cast- OFF edge into a circle.



Keeping the seam of the head UNDERNEATH, attach the ears to each side of the head (see following photo for placement)

Hat

Sew a gathering stitch around the cast ON edge and pull up tightly – there is no need to stuff it will be fluffy enough.

Sew in-between the ears.

Embroider two little eyes and a nose – you could use small beads if you prefer.



Take the length of yarn from the underneath of the head and pass it **through** the body and out of the bottom, pull the head fairly tightly so it sinks a little way into the body and 'squishes' the body down somewhat so it is no longer round.



Arms and feet

Arms

Join the row ends of each arm – there is no need to stuff – over sew the cast on edges.

Feet

Draw up the cast-off edge tightly and join the row end – no need to stuff – over sew the cast on edge. Attach arms to the sides of the body right under the fleece collar section, attach the feet half way under the body see next photo.

Embroider a star on the front of the body.



Tail

Make a tail from a single strand of wool made into a twisted cord and attach to the centre back just up from the bottom.



Almost done, colour the inside of the ears with powdered pink blusher or a slightly dampened pink colouring pencil and her cheeks if you wish.

Add any further decorations of your choice.

All done – enjoy!

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