

# *Straight* CURVES

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This pattern was designed using Dk yarn and 4mm needles but you can adjust both to suit your tension or desired finished Santa size.

**Body & Head** worked as one piece - Work in white, red and pink yarn  
eg. Stylecraft Special DK White  
Stylecraft Special DK Lipstick  
Stylecraft Special DK Soft Peach

You need to make a rectangle of knitting approx 9cm high by 11.5cm wide, don't forget though Santas come in all shapes and sizes depending on how many mince pies they ate so it doesn't need to be spot on.

I used 21 sts and worked 33 rows of garter stitch (aka knit every row) however you may wish to adjust depending on your tension. You can use 3.5mm needles to avoid showing stuffing if you are a loose knitter in this case you will need to increase stitches and rows to suit.

## Actual pattern....

Cast on 21 sts (I used a cable cast on but other methods are fine)

Knit 33 rows with colour changes listed below - do not cast off! If you want to check your size this is the time to do it.

### Colour Changes:

Start knitting in red up to and including Row 17.

Rows 18 - 21 knitted in white

Rows 22 - 33 knitted in pink

Cut a long tail to use for sewing up and then thread this yarn through all stitches on your needle and then through the first stitch you went through again. Remove all stitches from needle and gather up.

Secure with a couple of stitches to keep the top tight. This is the top of your Santa's head!

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If you prefer you can add your features - eyes, buttons, nose now while you can access both sides to secure your ends or do it later on.

You now need to sew up the side seam - use your preferred method - I used mattress stitch but it really isn't crucial.

Next, if you are using safety eyes, please add them now.

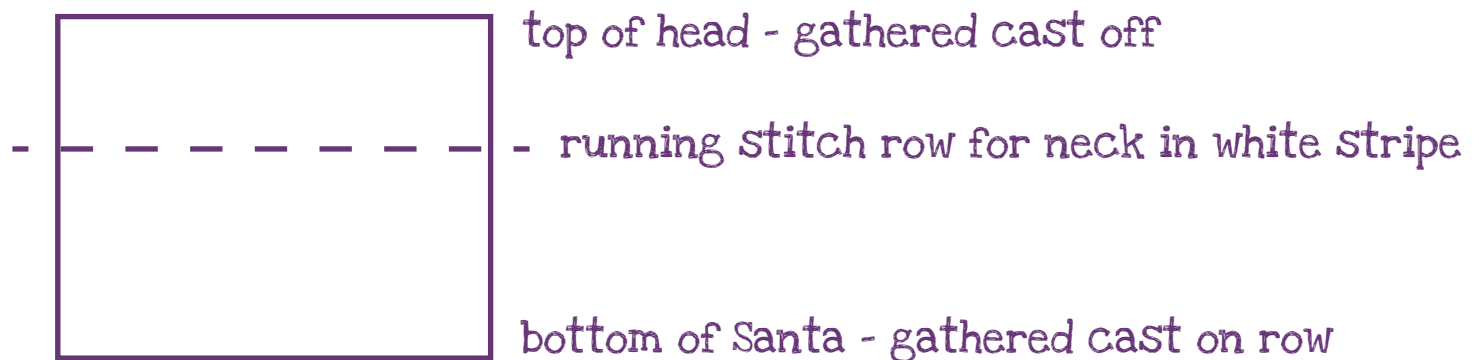
Now lightly stuff your Santa with fire retardant stuffing.

Please note this pattern is for decorative purposes and not CE tested.

Next gather the base of your Santa, pick up each stitch on the cast on row using a running stitch and then pull tight. Use a few small stitches to secure and close any remaining holes.

**Making the neck** - with white yarn sew a running stitch around the body near the top of the white stripe. Then pull both ends tight to make neck and tie a knot or two.

**Finish of ends** using a couple of small stitches and hide ends in body by sewing straight through pulling tight and then snipping near body.



## FEATURES....

Eyes - French knots, felt circles or safety eyes

Nose - French knot or safety nose

Optional Buttons - French knots, felt circles or plain black safety eyes

Please do not use real buttons as it can be a health and safety issue.

**Santa's Hat** - Worked in white and red yarn

eg. Stylecraft Special DK white and Lipstick

Leaving approx 15cm tail cast on 24 sts in white - this will be the garter stitch band at base of hat.

Row 1 - K24

Row 2 - K24

Change colour to red

Row 3 - K24

Row 4 - P24

Row 5 - K24

Row 6 - P24

Row 7 - K2tog, K5, K2tog, K6, K2tog, K5, K2tog

Row 8 - P20

Row 9 - K2tog, K3, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K3, K2tog

Row 10 - P15

Row 11 - K2tog, K2, K2tog, K3, K2tog, K2, K2tog

Row 12 - P11

Row 13 - K2, K2tog, K3, K2tog, K2

Row 14 - P2tog, P2, P2tog, P1, P2tog

Row 15 - K2, K2tog, K2

Row 16 - P2tog, P1, P2tog

3 sts remaining

Cut a long tail to use for sewing up and then thread this yarn through all stitches on your needle and then through the first stitch you went through again. Remove all stitches from needle and gather up.

Secure with a couple of stitches to keep the top tight.

You now need to sew up the side seam - use your preferred method - I used mattress stitch but it really isn't crucial. You can also add a white pom-pom to the top - I used a fork to make mine so that it was nice and small in proportion with the Santa. Finally don't forget to sew your hat on to your Santa so he doesn't get cold.