



Basic Deer Doll
Dress Up Doll Knitting PDF Pattern Series

Materials & Tools

*210 yds of any choice of yarn, plus 10 yds of antler color, optional

*Set of DPNs (or circulars of your choice) compatible with your yarn choice (**please see Author's Notes**)

*3yds DMC cotton thread in complimenting color for embroidering eyes, nose, and mouth

*2yds waste yarn, cut into quarters

*tapestry needle

*four stitch markers with *one* being a different color for the BOR

*high-quality fiberfill of choice

*alternate yarn or cotton for spots, stripes, or any other embellishments of your choice

Author's Notes

**Doll is knitted in the rnd for minimal sewing with set-in legs and arms. No guessing on placement!

**Gauge is not important, but it is suggested to size down one or two needle sizes than the manufacturer's recommendation for the yarn of your choice to ensure a tightly knitted doll, which will have better shaping.

**I've used Cascade 220 aran on sz 5 needles. I chose this yarn purely for the ease of use and the variety of colors available.

****For whichever yarn and needle size you choose to use, it is recommended to keep record of it. You will need to refer back to it if you choose to make separate outfits or accessories. Note it here:**

Yarn: _____

Needle Size: _____

****I highly recommend using the same exact yarn for clothing to avoid any issues.**

Terms

k: knit

kfb: knit into front and back of the next st

p: purl

k2tog: knit the next two sts together as one

ssk: slip the next 2 sts separately knit wise, place back on the LH needle and knit through the back, together as one

W&T (Wrap and turn): work the specified number of sts, wrap the yarn around the next st without working it, turn work with other side facing

CDD (Center Double Decrease): slip the next 2 sts *together* knit wise, knit the next st, pass the 2 slipped sts over the worked st, decreasing 2 sts

BO: bind off the specified number of sts

CO: cast on the specified number of sts

DPNs: Double Pointed Needles

BOR sm: Beginning of Round stitch marker (the stitch marker that is a different color)

sm: stitch marker

LH needle: left hand needle

RH needle: right hand needle

st(s): stitch(es)

Rnd(s): round(s)

Head

Beginning at back of head, co 7 sts. Place BOR sm, join to continue knitting in the rnd.

Rnd 1: [kfb] around (14 sts)

Rnd 2: Knit

Rnd 3: [k1, kfb] around (21 sts)

Rnd 4: Knit

Rnd 5: [k2, kfb] around (28 sts)

Rnd 6: knit

Rnd 7: [k3, kfb] around (35 sts)

Rnd 8: knit

Rnd 9: [k4, kfb] around (42 sts)

Rnd 10: knit

Rnd 11: [k5, kfb] around (49 sts)

Rnd 12: knit

Rnd 13: [k6, kfb] around (56 sts)

Rnd 14: Knit 17, p5, k12, p5, k to end

Rnds 15-20: knit 6 rnds

Rnd 21: k17, ssk, k1, k2tog, k12, ssk, k1, k2tog, k17 (52 sts)

Rnd 22: knit

Rnd 23: ssk, k14, ssk, k1, k2tog, k10, ssk, k1, k2tog, k14, k2tog (46 sts)

Rnd 24: knit

Rnd 25: k14, ssk, k1, k2tog, k8, ssk, k1, k2tog, k14 (42 sts)

Rnd 26: knit

Rnd 27: ssk, k11, ssk, k1, k2tog, k6, ssk, k1, k2tog, k11, k2tog. (36 sts)

Rnd 28: knit

Rnd 29: k11, ssk, k1, (k2tog)2x, (ssk)2x, k1, k2tog, k11 (30 sts)

Begin to stuff, making sure it is not overstuffed and comfortable to continue knitting with. Continue to stuff as you knit, being mindful of shape. You will completely stuff before closing.

Rnds 30-32: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 33: [k4, ssk]2x, k6, [k2tog, k4]2x (26 sts)

Rnds 34-35: Knit 2 rnds

Rnd 36: k8, ssk, k6, k2tog, k8 (24 sts)

Rnds 37-38: Knit 2 rnds

***If using different color for end of muzzle, ie Rudolph, make color-change here and knit through to end of head using that color. ***

Rnd 39: k2, ssk, k1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2 (20 sts)

Rnds 40-41: Knit 2 rnds

Rnd 42: k5, ssk, k6, k2tog, k5 (18 sts)

Rnd 43: [ssk]3x, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, [k2tog]3x (10 sts)

Stuff firmly being mindful of shape. Break tail. Thread onto tapestry needle and BO sts in the rnd, tying off at back of head inconspicuously. Weave in ends, darn any holes. Set aside.



Ears (make 2)

Beginning at base of ear, CO 16 sts, leaving an 18" tail and place BOR sm. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnds 1-4: Knit 4 rnds

Rnd 5: k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k4, kfb, k2, kfb, k2 (20 sts)

Rnds 6-12: Knit 7 rnds

Rnd 13: k4, k2tog, k to end (19 sts)

Rnd 14: Knit

Rnd 15: K3, CDD, k7, k2tog, k4 (16 sts)

Rnd 16: Knit

Rnd 17: k2, CDD, k to end (14 sts)

Rnd 18: Knit

Rnd 19: k1, CDD, k4, CDD, k3 (10 sts)

Rnd 20: [CDD, k2]2x (6 sts)

Break yarn. Slip onto tapestry needle and BO in the rnd. Weave in end. Do not stuff, do not cut off CO tail. Set aside.



***If you would like to incorporate stockings onto legs, jump to end. Otherwise continue:

1st Leg

Beginning at toes, CO 6 sts and place BOR sm. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnd 1: Knit

Rnd 2: [kfb] around (12 sts)

Rnd 3: Knit

Rnd 4: [k2, kfb] around (16 sts)

Rnd 5-13: Knit 9 rnds

Work heel in a series of wrap and turns:

Rnd 14: K9, W&T, p2, W&T, k3, W&T, p4, W&T, k5, W&T, p6, W&T, k7, W&T, p8, W&T, knit to end.



Rnds 15: k6, k2tog, ssk, k to end (14 sts)

Rnds 16-23: knit 8 rnds

Rnd 24: K5, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end (16 sts)

Rnds 25-27: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 28: K6, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end (18 sts)

Rnds 29-31: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 32: k3, (kfb)2x, k to end (20 sts)

Rnds 33-42: knit 10 rnds

Rnd 43: k4, (kfb)2x, k to end. (22 sts)

Rnds 44-46: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 47: k5, (kfb)2x, k to end. (24 sts)

Rnds 48-51: knit 4 rnds

Rnd 52: k6, (kfb)2x, k to end (26 sts)

Rnd 53-57: knit 5 rnds

Finishing 1st leg: K18, BO6, k last st. Slip all of the live sts onto waste yarn, beginning after BO sts as shown below. Break yarn leaving at least an 18" tail. Stuff 3/4 full, being mindful of shape. Set aside. (20 sts)



2nd leg:

Beginning at toes, CO 6 sts and place BOR sm. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnd 1: Knit

Rnd 2: [kfb] around (12 sts)

Rnd 3: Knit

Rnd 4: [k2, kfb] around (16 sts)

Rnd 5-13: Knit 9 rnds

Work heel in a series of wrap and turns:

Rnd 14: K9, W&T, p2, W&T, k3, W&T, p4, W&T, k5, W&T, p6, W&T, k7, W&T, p8, W&T, knit to end.

Rnds 15: k6, k2tog, ssk, k to end (14 sts)

Rnds 16-23: knit 8 rnds

Rnd 24: K5, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end (16 sts)

Rnds 25-27: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 28: K6, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end (18 sts)

Rnds 29-31: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 32: k12, (kfb)2x, k to end (20 sts)

Rnds 33-42: knit 10 rnds

Rnd 43: k13, (kfb)2x, k to end (22 sts)

Rnds 44-46: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 47: k14, (kfb)2x, k to end (24 sts)

Rnds 48-51: knit 4 rnds

Rnd 52: k15, (kfb)2x, k to end (26 sts)

Rnds 53-57: knit 5 rnds

Finishing 2nd leg: k2, BO6, k to end. Slip all of the live sts onto waste yarn, beginning at BO sts, as shown in the previous photo. Break yarn, leaving at least 18" tail. Stuff 3/4 full, being mindful of shape and set aside. (20 sts)



Arms (make 2)

Beginning at fingertip, CO 6 sts and place BOR sm. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnd 1: Knit

Rnd 2: [kfb] around (12 sts)

Rnds 3-11: Knit 9 rnds

Rnd 12: [k5, kfb]2x (14 sts)

Rnd 13-15: Knit 3 rnds

Rnd 16: k6, kfb, k to end. (15 sts)

Rnds 17-25: Knit 9 rnds

Rnd 26: k7, kfb, k to end. (16 sts)

Rnd 27-38: knit 12 rnds

Rnd 39: [k7, kfb]2x (18 sts)

Rnds 40-42: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 43: [k8, kfb]2x (20 sts)

Create shoulder with wrap and turn:

Rnd 44: k17, W&T, p14, W&T, k to end.

Finishing both arms: K to last 2 sts, BO 2 sts, remove the BOR sm, BO 2 more sts, k to end (16 sts)

Break yarn leaving at least 18" tail. Slip live sts onto waste yarn beginning at BO sts, using the same method as the legs. Stuff arms 3/4 full and set aside.



Body

Beginning at base of body, CO 6 sts and place BOR sm. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnd 1: [kfb] around (12 sts)

Rnd 2: Knit

Rnd 3: [kfb] around (24 sts)

Rnd 4: knit

Rnd 5: BO 6, k5 more sts, BO 6, k5 more sts. (12 sts) You will have 6sts together, a gap of 6 BO sts, another 6sts, then another 6 BO sts, as shown below:



Attaching legs to body

When attaching the legs, the BO sts on base of body will line up with the BO sts on the legs. Place BOR sm before the first set of BO sts on the body, k20 sts of a leg. Knit 6 sts along body. When you reach the other BO sts, attach other leg knitting the 20 sts, then knit the last 6 its along back of body. (52 sts)



Rnd 1: *k19, kfb, k5, kfb; rep from * (56 sts)

Rnd 2: *k19, kfb, k7, kfb; rep from * (60 sts)

Rnd 3: *k19, kfb, k9, kfb; rep from * (64 sts)

Rnd 4: *k19, kfb, k11, kfb; rep from * (68 sts)

Rnds 5-7: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 8: k9, k2tog, k32, k2tog, k to end (66 sts)

Rnds 9-13: knit 5 rnds

Rnd 14: k9, k2tog, k31, k2tog, k to end (64 sts)

Rnds 15-17: knit 3 rnds

Pause knitting for a moment to close up inner thigh holes. Leave all sts on needles. Thread the BO tail from one of the legs onto tapestry needle. Stitch up the slit at that inner thigh (using whip stitch or Kitchener stitch), closing up the first hole where the leg attaches to the body. Weave in end. Repeat method with other leg at inner thigh. Base of the body should look like this:



This is to ensure that stuffing does not come out of the body as you continue knitting to end. Firmly stuff remainder of legs and begin stuffing body, being mindful of shape. Do not overstuff while knitting to ensure evenness and ease. You will completely stuff body before closing up.

Waist shaping:

Rnd 18: [k1, k2tog, k1] around (48 sts)

Rnds 19-33: knit 15 rnds

Rnd 34: k5, BO 4, k19 more sts, BO 4, k to end. Remove BOR sm and knit 5 more. (40 sts)
You will have 20 sts along front of body, 20 sts along back of body, with 4 BO sts at each underarm Photo for example:



Attaching arms to body

When attaching the arms, the BO sts on the body will line up with the BO sts of the underarm in the same manner as the legs.

Rnd 1: Place BOR sm before the first set of BO sts on the body, k16 of 1st arm, place sm, k20 across body, place sm, k16 around 2nd arm, pm, k20 remaining sts of body. (72sts)

Rnds 2-3: knit 2 rnds

Shoulder shaping

Rnd 4 (**Decrease rnd**): slip BOR sm, *k1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before sm, ssk, k1, slip sm; Rep from * 3 more times to BOR sm (8 sts decreased)

Rnds 5-6: knit 2 rnds

Rnd 7: Repeat decrease rnd (56 sts)

Rnds 8-9: knit 2 rnds

Rnd 10: Repeat decrease rnd (48sts)

Rnd 11: knit

Rnd 12: Repeat Decrease rnd (40sts)

Rnd 13: knit

Pause from knitting for a moment to close up underarms in the same method as the inner thighs. Leave all sts on needles. Thread the BO tail from one of the arms onto tapestry needle. Stitch up the slit at that underarm (using whip stitch or Kitchener stitch), closing up the first hole where one arm attaches to the body. Weave in end. Repeat method with other arm. Firmly stuff remainder of arms and continue to stuff body as you knit, not overstuffing while knitting. You will fully stuff before closing it up.

Rnd 14: Repeat Decrease rnd (32sts)

Rnd 15: *k6, slip sm, k1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1, slip sm; Rep from * (28sts)

Rnd 16: Repeat Decrease rnd (20sts)

Rnd 17: [k2tog, ssk, k2tog, k2, ssk]2x (12sts)

Rnd 18 (removing all sm): [k2tog] around (6sts)

Break yarn and thread onto tapestry needle. Slip through live sts and off the needles. Make sure to firmly stuff before closing up, being mindful of shape. To stuff in difficult spots, tweezers may help. Inconspicuously tie off tail and weave in all ends.



Antlers (make 2)

Using antler color, CO 4 sts, leaving an 18" tail. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Knit 3 rnds.

Break yarn and BO in the rnd. Weave in end, leaving CO tail attached.

Making up

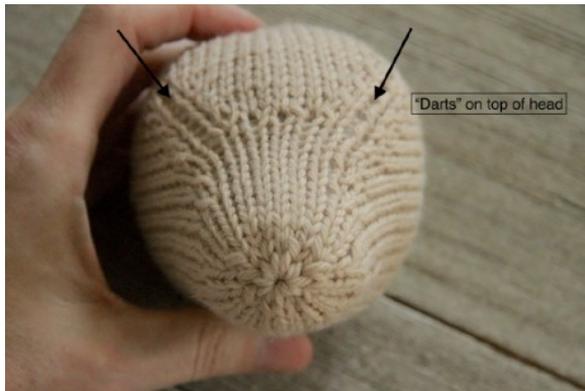
Ears: with ears lying flat, make sure that the side that naturally cups is facing up. Fold base of ears in half lengthwise. Using the CO tail, whip stitch in place beginning at the CO edge and working up about 4 rows:



Attaching ears to head:

The head has 'darts' created from the decreases. You will use these as a guide for sewing on the ears and face. Those 'darts' will

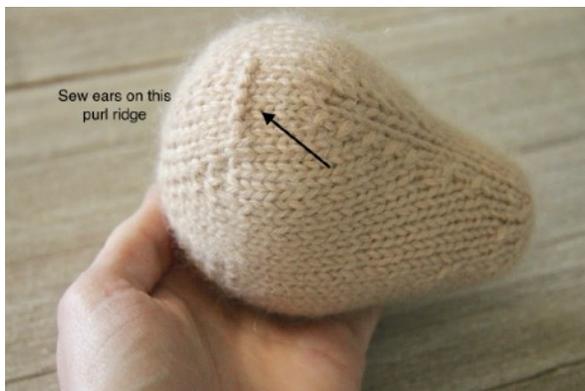
need to be on the top of the head, facing towards you, as shown below:



and stitch up a few rows, back out tip of nose and out along 'darts' on muzzle, for example:



Sew ears onto head using the purl ridge on the top of the back of head as a guide. Sew ears centered onto that ridge:



Then continue stitching in, filling up in between. Once that is complete, stitch on a mouth centered under nose (basically an upside-down Y). Then stitch eyes on, evenly spaced around nose. Break end weave in all ends:



If using antlers, use the CO tail to stitch firmly in between ears. For example:



Once ears are stitched on, stitch on the face with embroidery thread. Begin at tip of nose

Firmly sew head centered onto the shoulders, facing the direction that the toes are pointing.



Now that your doll is complete, add unique details! You can double knit spots or stripes, stitch a different color in the ears and on the body! Embroider on flowers or glasses! You can even incorporate socks! Here's a quick tutorial on how I incorporate socks onto some dolls.

Stockings

If you would like to incorporate knee-high stockings, simply begin knitting the leg with the sock color through Rnd 39.

On Rnd 40: using the sock color, k10, then purl the rest of the rnd.

On Rnd 41: P10 with the sock color, then switch to the 'fur' color knitting to end. Continue knitting the rest of the leg as established with the fur color. This is to ensure that the color change will occur on the back of the leg.

Once that's completed, you can choose to incorporate 'knee pads' by simply double knitting into the stitches with any complimenting color, in any small design. Just make sure the knee pads are even and centered. Get creative and have fun with it!



You can also create a "fuzzy" doll by simply knitting a mohair lace weight yarn at the same time as your wool, knitted together as one. Please note that if you use this method, size up TWO needle sizes for clothing to ensure the best fit.

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