# Monty the Reindeer



## **Measurements**

Approximately 41cm/16in tall.

#### **Materials**

- 1 x 100g ball of in each of Dark Brown and Light Brown
- 1 x 25g ball of DK in each of Chocolate and Red
- Length of Black DK yarn for embroidery
- Pair of 3mm knitting needles
- Toy stuffing

# Tension

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3mm needles.

#### **Abbreviations**

K – knit

P – purl

St - stitch

Tog – together

Dec – decrease (by taking 2 sts tog)

Inc – increase (by working twice into same st)

SS – stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side)

#### Note

Figures in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.



### **HEAD**

With 3mm needles and Dark Brown, cast on 16 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end. P 1 row. Work 1st inc row — 36 sts. P

**2nd inc row:** [Inc in next st, k2] to end — 48 sts. Ss 9 rows.

**1st dec row:** [K2, k2tog] to end. Ss 5 rows. Work 1st dec row — 27 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**2nd dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 18 sts. Ss 5 rows.

**3rd dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 9 sts. P 1 row.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff firmly. With the seam at centre back, join cast-on edge together for lower muzzle edge.

#### BODY

With 3mm needles and Dark Brown, cast on 16 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end. P 1 row. Work 1st inc row — 36 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** [Inc in next st, k2] to end — 48 sts. Ss 15 rows.

**1st dec row:** [K4, k2tog] to end — 40 sts. Ss 13 rows.

**2nd dec row:** [K3, k2tog] to end — 32 sts. Ss 7 rows.

**3rd dec row:** [K4, k2tog] twice, k8, [k2tog, k4] twice — 28 sts. Ss 3 rows. **4th dec row:** K4, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k4 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

**5th dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 16

sts. P 1 row.

**6th dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 8 sts.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff firmly. With the seam at centre back, join cast-on edge together for lower edge.

#### **NECK**

With 3mm needles and Dark Brown, cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows. Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 6 sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 4 sts. P 1 row.

**Next row:** [K2tog] twice — 2 sts. Cast off. Join row-ends together from caston edge to beginning of shaping. With this seam at centre front of body, sew caston edge of neck to top of body and stuff firmly. Placing point of neck to back of head, just below second decrease row, sew lower back of head to top of neck. Catch head to body where it touches.

# LEGS (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Light Brown, cast on 16 sts for base. P 1 row.

## LEGS (make 2) [...CONT]

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end — 24 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** [Inc in next st, k2] to end — 32 sts.

P 1 row. P 1 row for end of base. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

**1st dec row:** [K6, k2tog] to end — 28 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd dec row:** [K5, k2tog] to end — 24 sts. P 1 row.

Change to Dark Brown and ss 14 rows.

**3rd dec row:** [K4, k2tog] to end — 20 sts. Ss 15 rows.

4th dec row: [K3, k2tog] to end — 16 sts. Ss 15 rows. Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge on each leg, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends, leaving cast-off edges open. Stuff legs firmly. With seam at inside edge, join cast-off edge together. Sew top of legs to base of body, placing seam on the inside.

# ARMS (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Light Brown, cast on 10 sts for base. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end — 15 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end — 20 sts.

K 1 row for end of base.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

**1st dec row:** [K8, k2tog] to end — 18 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K7, k2tog] to end — 16 sts. P 1 row.

Change to Dark Brown and ss 6 rows **3rd dec row:** [K6, k2tog] to end — 14 sts. Ss 7 rows.

4th dec row: [K5, k2tog] to end — 12 sts. Ss 7 rows.

**Shape top:** Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following alternate rows — 4 sts. P 1 row.

**Next row:** [K2tog] twice — 2 sts.

# ARMS (make 2) [...cont]

Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge on each arm, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends to beginning of top shaping. Stuff arms firmly and sew top to sides of body.

#### NOSE

With 3mm needles and Red, cast on 8 sts. P 1 row.

Inc row: [Inc in next st] to end —

16 sts. Ss 5 rows.

**Dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 8 sts.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Gather caston edge, then join row-ends, stuffing nose as you sew. Sew nose in position. With Black, embroider single chain stitch for each eye on top of face.

# ANTLERS (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Chocolate, cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 8 rows.

Cast on 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 20 sts. Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 10 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Cast on 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 22 sts. Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 10 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Cast on 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 24 sts. Cast off 12 sts at beginning of next row.
Cast off remaining 12 sts.

Fold antler in half lengthways, matching bunches and sew around all edges, stuffing as you sew. Beginning at cast-on edge, catch antlers together for a few rows. Position and sew antlers to top of head.

## EARS (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Dark Brown, cast on 4 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] twice

— 6 sts. Ss 5 rows.

**1st dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 3 sts.

P 1 row.

**2nd dec row:** [K2tog, k1] — 2 sts. P 1

row.

**2nd inc row:** [Inc in first st, k1] — 3

sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st] to end —

6 sts. Ss 5 rows.

3rd dec row: [K1, k2tog] twice — 4

sts. Cast off.

Fold ears in half and sew around outer edges. Sew ears to top of head, just below antlers.

#### TAIL

With 3mm needles and Dark Brown, cast on 20 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

**1st dec row:** K2, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, twice more — 14 sts.

2nd dec row: K2, [k2tog, k1] to end

— 10 sts. P 1 row.

**3rd dec row:** K1, [k2tog, k1] to end —

7 sts. P 1 row.

**4th dec row:** K1, [k2tog] to end — 4

sts. P 1 row.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure.

Join row-ends and stuff firmly. Sew open end of tail to lower edge of back.

