



# Dr Claus



## MEASUREMENTS

Father Christmas 29cm/11½in high.

## MATERIALS

### Father Christmas:

- 1 x 50g (130m) ball of Cotton DK in each of Red, White and Black.
- Size 3.00mm crochet hook
- Toy stuffing.

## TENSION

20 stitches and 16 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over half treble pattern, using 3.00 hook.

## ABBREVIATIONS

Ch – chain

Htr – half treble

St – stitch

Yrh – yarn round hook

Htr2tog – half treble 2 together ([yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh and draw loop through] twice, yrh and draw through all 5 loops on hook)

Slst – slip stitch.

## NOTE

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate.

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

## BODY

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and Red, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 32 sts.

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 3 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**6th round:** As 5th round – 50 sts.

**BODY [...cont]**

**7th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 4 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 4 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 60 sts.

**8th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch. **9th to 12th rounds:** As 8th round. **13th round:** 2ch

(counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 4 sts, htr2tog] to last 3 sts, 1htr in each of last 3 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 50 sts.

**14th round:** As 8th round.

**15th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] to last 2 sts, 1htr in each of last 2 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 40 sts.

**16th and 17th rounds:** As 8th round.

**18th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] to last 2 sts, 1htr in each of last 2 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 32 sts.

**19th round:** As 8th round.

**20th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 2 sts, htr2tog] to last st, 1htr in last st, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**21st and 22nd rounds:** As 8th round.

**23rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

Stuff body.

**24th round:** 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in next st, [htr2tog] to end, slst in first htr – 8 sts.

Fasten off.

**HEAD**

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and White, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 32 sts.

**HEAD [...cont]**

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**6th and 7th rounds:** As 5th round.

Fasten off White, join Red.

*HAT*

**8th round:** As 5th round.

Stuff head lightly from lower edge to last White round.

**9th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 6 sts, htr2tog] to last 5 sts, 1htr in each of last 5 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 28 sts.

**10th round:** As 5th round.

**11th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 5 sts, htr2tog] to last 4 sts, 1htr in each of last 4 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**12th round:** As 5th round.

**13th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 4 sts, htr2tog] to last 3 sts, 1htr in each of last 3 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 20 sts.

**14th round:** As 5th round.

**15th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] to last 2 sts, 1htr in each of last 2 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**16th round:** As 5th round.

**17th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 2 sts, htr2tog] to last st, 1htr in last st, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 12 sts.

**18th round:** As 5th round.

**19th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 8 sts.

**20th round:** 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in next st, [htr2tog] to end, slst in first htr – 4 sts. Fasten off.

*HAT BOBBLE*

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and White, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch. Stuff lightly.

**3rd round:** 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in next st, [htr2tog] to end, slst...

**HEAD [...cont]**

...in first htr – 4 sts. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew to top of hat.

**HAT BAND**

With 3.00 hook and White, make 36ch and taking care not to twist length of ch, slst in first ch to form a ring.

**1st round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next ch] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Place hat band around hat and sew lower edge to last White row on head. Bend over top of hat and secure in place with a couple of stitches. Sew head to top of body. With Black, embroider eyes and nose. For beard, cut 17cm lengths of White and knot around front of face as shown in photograph.

**Arms (make 2)**

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and White, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 12 sts.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**4th round:** As 3rd round.

Fasten off White, join in Red.

**5th to 11th rounds:** As 3rd round.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

**ARM CUFF**

With 3.00 hook and White, make 16ch and taking care not to twist length of ch, slst in first ch to form a ring.

**1st round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next ch] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Place arm cuff around arm and sew lower edge to last White row. Stuff quite firmly, flatten top and sew to sides of body.

**LEGS (make 2)**

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and Black, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**LEGS (make 2) [...cont]**

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each of next 5 sts, [2htr in next st] 4 times, 1htr in each of last 6 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 20 sts.

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each of next 5 sts, [htr2tog] 4 times, 1htr in each of last 6 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**6th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each of next 5 sts, [htr2tog] twice, 1htr in each of last 6 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 14 sts.

**7th and 8th rounds:** As 4th round.

Fasten off Black, join in Cherry Red.

**9th to 14th rounds:** As 4th round.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

**BOOT CUFF**

With 3.00 hook and White, make 18ch and taking care not to twist length of ch, slst in first ch to form a ring.

**1st round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next ch] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 18 sts.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Place boot cuff around leg and sew lower edge to top of last Black row. Stuff quite firmly, flatten top and sew to front on 6th round of Body, leaving a 6-st gap between legs.

