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Dear Parents/Carers, Friends and Neighbours

Christmas Angels

For the last few years, members of our school community have knitted (or crocheted) festive angels which we have distributed to friends and neighbours nearby; you may have even received one yourself or heard that we've become quite famous for spreading God's love to those in our neighbourhood over the festive period. We know that Christmas is still some time off, but for those of you who enjoy knitting, we are again this year, asking for help from all in our school community to knit or crochet as many angels as possible which we hope will bring smiles and joy to others during the festive period.

If you are new to our school community, the angels have been designed to be as simple and flexible as possible so everyone from a beginner to a more advance knitter or crocheter can have a go. You will need a basic knowledge of knit and purl or crochet to make these angels but don't let that stop you if you haven't done it before; there are lots of teaching videos available on YouTube. The basic patterns are attached and will also be uploaded to our website, but do call into school for a paper copy if you'd like one.

I hope you will be able to join us in this exciting project, please do encourage friends or other members of your family to join and let's see how many Christmas angels we can produce and gift this Christmas.

Please send your angels into school by Friday 6th December so they can be labelled and distributed during the last week of term. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

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CHRISTMAS ANGEL

What you will need.

Some wool (in any yarn or colour)

Knitting needles (between size 10-8 (that's 3.25mm and 4mm))

Darning needle (like a big sewing needle)

Small amount of stuffing

The angels have been designed to be as simple and as flexible as possible so everyone from a beginner to a more advanced knitter can have a go. Feel free to adapt the pattern if you want by adding in different colours or making a larger angel.

If you want a place to start we have used size 9 needles with double yarn to knit some of ours.

You will need a basic knowledge of knit and purl to make these angels but don't let that stop you if you haven't done it before. Find someone who can teach you and ask them to help you learn a new skill.

And most of all have fun.

The Pattern

Angel - Body

Cast on 48 sts

1. Knit row
2. Purl row
3. K2TOG, K10*, repeat until end
4. Purl row
5. Knit row
6. P2TOG, P9*, repeat until end
7. Knit row
8. Purl row
9. K2TOG, K8*, repeat until end
10. Purl row
11. Knit row
12. P2TOG, P7*, repeat until end
13. Knit Row
14. Purl Row
15. K2TOG, K6*, repeat until end
16. Purl row
17. Knit row

18. P2TOG, P5*, repeat until end
19. Knit row
20. Purl row
21. K2TOG, K4*, repeat until end - 20 sts
22. Purl row
23. Knit row
24. Purl row
25. Knit row
26. Purl row
27. Knit row

Pattern is continued on the other side.

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At this point, you can change your colour to create the face if you want.

28. Purl row
29. Knit row
30. Purl row
31. Knit row
32. Purl row
33. Knit row
34. Purl row
35. K2TOG - repeat until end
36. Purl row
37. Knit row
38. P2TOG - repeat until end

Using a darning needle, thread the end of the yarn through the stitches and tighten to create the top of the head. Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body. Around the neck, take a small amount of stuffing and place at the top of the head, then thread some yarn between stitches and pull loosely together.

Angel - Wings

Option 1

Cast on 27 sts

1. Knit row
2. Knit row
3. Decrease at each end (Knit)
4. Knit
5. Knit 12 rows, decrease at each end cast off

Option 2 (more advanced)

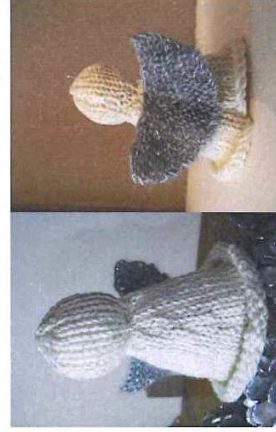
The wings are knitted in short rows, with the yarn wrapped around the last stitch in the middle of each ridge. To complete this you need to bring your yarn forward, slip the stitch over purlwise, take the yarn back again, replace the slipped stitch, bring the yarn forward again and turn the work.

w&t = wrap & turn

Cast on 9 sts

1. K8, w&t, K8
2. K6, w&t, K6
3. K4, w&t, K4
4. K2, w&t, K2
5. K4, w&t, K4
6. K6, w&t, K6

Repeat these 6 rows, 4-5 times as necessary. Sew wings to the body.



Wings as they should look using option 2.



Christmas Angels Crochet Pattern

I'll start by apologising, this is all a bit approximate. I can follow patterns but often "adjust" them to suit. You may well need to adjust this pattern if your angel's proportions do not look right!

I used size 5mm crochet hook and double knit wool which seemed to work. The beauty of this is that the angel body is crocheted in one piece so no seam to sew up.

We start at the head and work down over. I've recently learned to do magic rings so no more chain starts for me. There is a great clip on youtube that explains how to do these - google "June Gilbank magic ring" or type this address into your search bar <https://youtu.be/sLUaywX0-WE>. If you find it tricky just start with a chain of about 4 and create a circle that way (you can always tighten it with a stitch if necessary).

Abbreviations

DC - double crochet (in American patterns this is called a single crochet) DC2TOG - double crochet 2 together

HEAD PART

magic circle with 8 DC and join to create 1st row 2DC in each stitch (16 stitches)

Make a

2nd row

3rd row

4th row

5th row

6th row

7th row

8th row

BODY PART - continues on with no break

9th row 2DC in first stitch, 1DC in next stitch, repeat all the way around (12 stitches)

10th row 2DC in first stitch, 1DC in each of next 2 stitches, repeat all the way around (16 stitches)

11th row 2DC in first stitch, 1DC in each of next 3 stitches, repeat all the way around (20 stitches)

12th row 2DC in first stitch, 1DC in each of next 4 stitches, repeat all the way around (24 stitches)

13th row 2DC in first stitch, 1DC in each of next 5 stitches, repeat all the way around (28 stitches)

14th row 2 DC in first stitch, 1DC in each of next 6 stitches, repeat all the way around (32 stitches)

15- 20 work straight 1DC in each stitch

After row 20 finish off loop.

The 2DC increases should all be in 4 lovely neat lines going down the angels skirt.

Put a small amount of stuffing in the head and sew a drawstring if necessary, although it can work without.

WINGS

Start with a chain of 3 and work 2 DC into the loop furthest away from the hook, the other 2 chain become your 3rd DC. Turn

Work about 8 rows doing 2DC in the first and last stitch of each row, to increase the width of the wings, and 1DC in each of the middle stitches. By row 8 you have 19 stitches.

Fasten off and stitch to the back of the skirt part of the angel.

Happy Crocheting!

Thanks to Kathy Bevan for the pattern.