RED-NOSED REINDEER

Complete with antlers and red nose that are knitted separately and stitched on, our little-Littles light the way to a special Christmas season.

INTERMEDIATE

Finished Head Circumference: {9-10-11} {12-14-16}"/{23-25.5-28}{30.5-35.5-40.5} See Sizing, page 3.

#### MATERIALS

Medium Weight Yarn 💷 [5 ounces, 245 yards (140 grams, 224 meters) per skein]: Brown - One skein [6 ounces, 335 yards (170 grams, 306 meters) per skein]: Red - small amount Set of 5 double pointed knitting needles, size 8 (5 mm) or size needed for gauge Polyester fiberfill - small amount for Antlers Buttons Sewing needle and matching thread Yarn needle

GAUGE: In Stockinette Stitch. (knit every round) 16 sts and 24 rounds = 4" (10 cm)

## Techniques used:

- Increase (Figs. 2a & b, page 34)
- K2 tog (Fig. 3, page 34)

# CUFF & BODY

With Brown, work same as Cuff & Body of Basic Beanie, page 12: {4-4-5}{5-6-6} sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing. Thread yarn needle with end and slip remaining sts onto needle; gather tightly to close and secure end.



## **ANTLER** (Make 2) LARGE BRANCH

With Brown and leaving a long end for sewing, cast on 8 sts.

Divide sts evenly onto 4 needles.

Place a split-ring marker around the first stitch to indicate the beginning of the round.

Rnd 1: Increase in each st around: 16 sts.

Knit every round (Stockinette Stitch) until Antler measures approximately  $\{1^2/z-1^2/z-1^2/z\}$  ${2^{1/2}-2^{1/2}-2^{1/2}}$ "/ ${4-4-4}$ {6.5-6.5-6.5} cm from cast on edge.

#### SHAPING

Row 1: K2 tog, K9, turn.

Row 2: P6, turn.

Row 3: K6, turn.

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Row 4: P6, turn.

Begin working in rounds.

Rnd 1: K6, pick up 2 sts in end of rows (Fig. 6b, page 35), K3, K2 tog.

Rnd 2: K2 tog, K2, pick up 2 sts in end of rows, K 10, K2 tog: 16 sts.

Rnd 3: K2 tog, K 12, K2 tog: 14 sts.

Rnd 4: K2 tog, K 10, K2 tog: 12 sts.

Rnd 5: K2 tog, K8, K2 tog: 10 sts.

Rnd 6: K2 tog, K6, K2 tog: 8 sts.

Rnd 7: K2 tog, K4, K2 tog: 6 sts.

Rnd 8: K2 tog 3 times: 3 sts.

Rnd 9: K2 tog, K1: 2 sts.

Rnd 10: K2 tog: one st.

Cut yarn, pull end through last st.

## SMALL BRANCH

With Brown and leaving a long end for sewing, cast on 9 sts.

Divide sts evenly onto 3 needles forming a triangle (see Using Double Pointed Needles, page 34).

Place a split-ring marker around the first stitch to indicate the beginning of the round.

Rnds 1-4: Knit around.

**SHAPING** 

Rnd 1: K2 tog, K7: 8 sts.

Rnd 2: K2 tog, K6: 7 sts.

Rnd 3: K2 tog, K5: 6 sts.

Rnd 4: K2 tog, K4: 5 sts.

Rnd 5: K2 tog, K3: 4 sts.

Rnd 6: K2 tog twice: 2 sts.

Rnd 7: K2 tog: one st.

Cut yarn, pull end through last st.

## NOSE

With Red, cast on 4 sts.

Put one st onto each of 4 needles.

Place a split-ring marker around the first stitch to indicate the beginning of the round.

Rnds 1 and 2: Increase in each st around: 16 sts.

Rnd 3: (K1, P1) around.

Rnd 4: (P1, K1) around.

Rnds 5 thru {8-8-8}{10-10-10}: Repeat Rnds 3 and 4 {2-2-2}{3-3-3} times.

Next Rnd: K2 tog around: 8 sts.

Stuff pom-pom with fiberfill.

Last Rnd: K2 tog around: 4 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing. Thread yarn needle with end and slip the remaining stitches onto the needle; gather tightly and secure.

Instructions continued on page 18.

## **FINISHING**

Please take caution when using pom-poms or buttons as they may present a choking hazard for infants and small children.

Stuff Small Branch lightly with fiberfill. Thread yarn needle with long end; sew Small Branch to Large Branch at Row 1 of Shaping. Repeat for second Small and Large Branches.

Thread yarn needle with long end. Using photo as a guide for sewing, sew Antlers to top of each side of Hat, approximately 1" (2.5 cm) from center top of Hat.

Thread yarn needle with long end. Using photo as a guide, sew Nose at center front of Hat. Using sewing needle and thread, sew buttons above Nose for eyes.