

F3 Two-Tone Decorations



When knitting Christmas decorations there are two approaches. You can either spend hours upon hours making individual objects of intricate beauty (nothing wrong with that) or you go for the bold look and quickly knock up enough decorations for a tree.

Each red and white decoration in this set is made from two pieces, knitted flat, in a single colour. The decoration is then embroidered in the contrasting colour and the sides are sewn together. Decorations in this set range in difficulty from level 1-3.

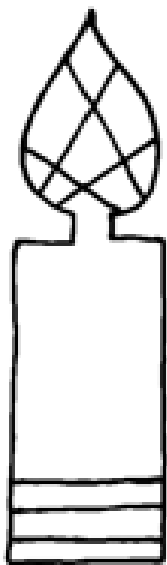
You will need:

double knit yarn in red and white • whole cloves (optional) • black cotton thread (optional)
pair of 3mm knitting needles • tapestry needle • scissors

Patterns:

Work through the pattern for each shape twice (see *Notes* for abbreviations).

Candle



Cast on 1 stitch.

Row 1: kfb (2)
Rows 2 to 4: k –
Row 5: kfb x 2 (4)
Rows 6 to 8: k –
Row 9: [kfb, k1] x 2 (6)
Rows 10 to 16: k –
Row 17: k2tog, k2, k2togtbl (4)
Row 18: k2tog, k2togtbl (2)
Rows 19 to 20: k –
Rows 21 to 22: cast on 3, k – (8)
Rows 23 to 52: k –

Cast off.

Candy Cane



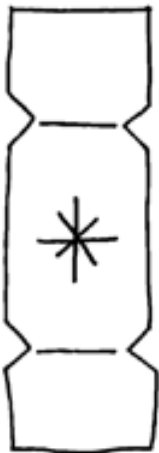
Cast on 5 sts.

- Rows 1: k –
- Row 2: kfb, k2, kfb, k1 (7)
- Row 3: kfb, k4, kfb, k1 (9)
- Row 4: kfb, k6, kfb, k1 (11)
- Rows 5 to 7: k –
- Row 8: kfb, k3, cast off next 3sts, k to last 2sts, kfb, k1

There should now be two sets of 5sts on the needle. Knit 11 rows on the first set of 5. Cast off 5sts.

Reattach the yarn to the inside of the remaining 5sts. Knit 33 rows straight and cast off.

Cracker



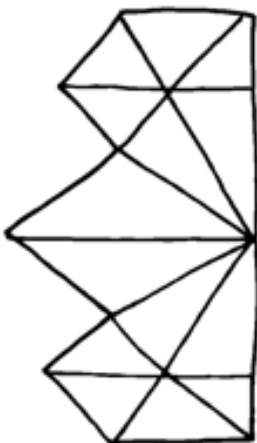
Cast on 9 stitches.

- Rows 1 to 10: k –
- Row 11: k2tog, k5, k2togtbl (7)
- Row 12: k2tog, k3, k2togtbl (5)
- Rows 13 to 14: k –
- Row 15: kfb, k2, kfb, k1 (7)
- Row 16: kfb, k4, kfb, k1 (9)
- Rows 17 to 26: k –

Repeat rows 1 to 26 twice and then cast off.

This shape can be decorated as either a cracker or a humbug.

Crown



- Cast on 1
- kfbf (3)
- Knit 3 rows straight.
- kfb, kfb, k1 (5)
- Knit 3 rows straight. *
- kfb, k2, kfb, k1 (7)
- knit 3 rows straight. **

Work the bullet points from start to *. Cut the yarn and reserve this "small point" (5).

Work the bullet points from start

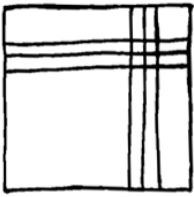
to **. Cut the yarn and reserve this "large point" (7).

Work the bullet points from start to * (5).

K5, cast on 1. Knit across the large point, cast on 1. Knit across the small point (19).

Knit 14 rows straight and cast off.

Gift



Cast on 16 stitches.

Knit 32 rows straight.

Cast off.

Heart



- Cast on 4
- k –
- [kfb, k1] x 2 (6)
- k –
- kfb, k3, kfb, k1 (8)
- Knit 4 rows straight.

Work through the bullet points once. Cut the yarn and reserve this section.

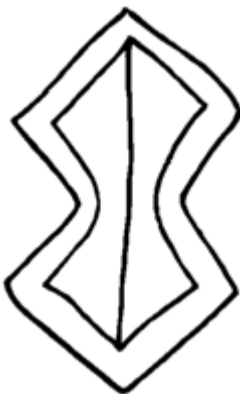


Work through the bullet points a second time then k8, cast on 1 and knit 8 across the reserved lobe (17).

Rows 14 to 17: k –
Row 18: k2tog, k13, k2togtbl (15)
Rows 19 to 21: k –
Row 22: k2tog, k11, k2togtbl (13)
Row 23: k –
Row 24: k2tog, k9, k2togtbl (11)
Rows 25 to 27: k –
Row 28: k2tog, k7, k2togtbl (9)
Row 29: k –
Row 30: k2tog, k5, k2togtbl (7)
Rows 31 to 33: k –
Row 34: k2tog, k3, k2togtbl (5)
Row 35: k –
Row 36: k2tog, k1, k2togtbl (3)
Row 37: k –

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Holly



Cast on 2 stitches.

Row 1 (and all odd rows): k –
Row 2: k –
Row 4: kfb x 2 (4)
Row 6: [kfb, k1] x 2 (6)
Row 8: kfb, k3, kfb, k1 (8)
Row 10: kfb, k5, kfb, k1 (10)
Row 12: kfb, kfb, k5, kfb, kfb, k1
Row 14: k2tog, k10, k2togtbl (12)
Row 16: k2tog, k8, k2togtbl (10)
Row 18: k –
Row 20: k2tog, k6, k2togtbl (8)

Row 22: k –
Row 24: k –
Row 26: kfb, k5, kfb, k1 (10)
Row 28: k –
Row 30: kfb, k7, kfb, k1 (12)
Row 32: kfb, k9, kfb, k1 (14)
Row 34: k2tog x2, k6, k2togtbl x2
Row 36: k2tog, k6, k2togtbl (8)
Row 38: k2tog, k4, k2togtbl (6)
Row 40: k2tog, k2, k2togtbl (4)
Row 42: k2tog, k2togtbl (2)

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

pudding

Cast on 6 stitches.

Row 1 (and all following odd rows): k –

Row 2: [kfb, kfb, k1] x 2 (10)

Row 4: kfb, k7, kfb, k1 (12)

Row 6: kfb, k9, kfb, k1 (14)

Row 8: kfb, k11, kfb, k1 (16)

Row 10: k –

Row 12: kfb, k13, kfb, k1 (18)



Knit rows 13 to 23 straight.

Row 24: k2tog, k14, k2togtbl (16)

Row 26: k –

Row 28: k2tog, k12, k2togtbl (14)

Row 30: k2tog, k10, k2togtbl (12)

Row 32: k2tog, k8, k2togtbl (10)

Row 34: k2tog x 2, k2, k2togtbl x 2 (6)

Knit a final, odd, row and cast off.

Ship

Cast on 3 stitches.

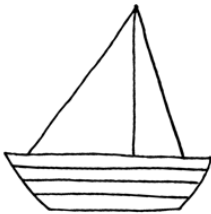
Row 1: k –

Row 2: kfb, k – (4)

Rows 3 to 5: k –

Row 6: kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 (6)

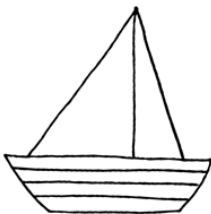
Rows 7 to 9: k –



Repeat rows 2 to 9 three more times (15)

Cut yarn and reserve this section.

Cast on 4 stitches, k15 across the reserved section, cast on 4 more stitches (23).



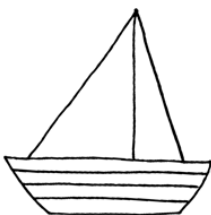
Row 35 (and all following odd rows): k –

Row 36: k2tog, k19, k2togtbl (21)

Row 38: k2tog, k17, k2togtbl (19)

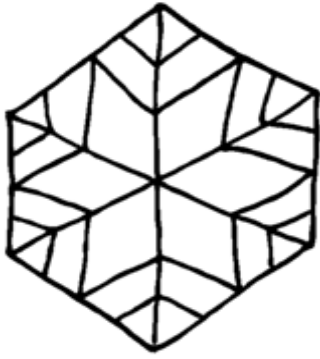
Row 40: k2tog, k15, k2togtbl (17)

Row 42: k2tog, k13, k2togtbl (15)



Knit the final, odd, row and cast off.

Snowflake



Cast on 2 stitches.

Row 1 (and all odd rows): k –
 Row 2: kfb x 2 (4)
 Row 4: [kfb, k1] x 2 (6)
 Row 6: kfb, k3, kfb, k1 (8)
 Row 8: kfb, k5, kfb, k1 (10)
 Row 10: kfb, k7, kfb, k1 (12)
 Row 12: kfb, k9, kfb, k1 (14)
 Row 14: kfb, k11, kfb, k1 (16)

Row 32: k2tog, k12, k2togtbl (14)
 Row 34: k2tog, k10, k2togtbl (12)
 Row 36: k2tog, k8, k2togtbl (10)
 Row 38: k2tog, k6, k2togtbl (8)
 Row 40: k2tog, k4, k2togtbl (6)
 Row 42: k2tog, k2, k2togtbl (4)
 Row 44: k2tog, k2togtbl (2)

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Knit the next 17 rows straight.

Snowman



Cast on 4 stitches.

Row 1 (and all odd rows): k –
 Row 2: [kfb, k1] x 2 (6)
 Row 4: kfb, k3, kfb, k1 (8)
 Row 6: kfb, k5, kfb, k1 (10)

Row 24: kfb, k5, kfb, k1 (10)
 Row 26: kfb, k7, kfb, k1 (12)
 Row 28: k –
 Row 30: kfb, k9, kfb, k1 (14)

Knit the next 11 rows straight.

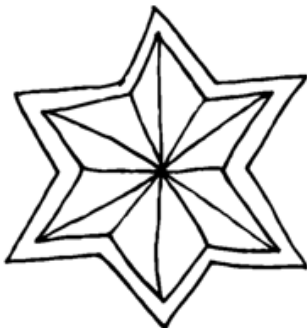
Knit the next 9 rows straight.

Row 16: k2tog, k6, k2togtbl (8)
 Row 18: k2tog, k4, k2togtbl (6)
 Row 20: k –
 Row 22: kfb, k3, kfb, k1 (8)

Row 42: k2tog, k10, k2togtbl (12)
 Row 44: k –
 Row 46: k2tog, k8, k2togtbl (10)
 Row 48: k2tog, k6, k2togtbl (8)
 Row 50: k2tog, k4, k2togtbl (6)

Cast off.

Star



Cast on 3 stitches.

Rows 1 to 3: k –
 Row 4: kfb, kfb, k1 (5)
 Rows 5 to 7: k –
 Row 8: kfb, k2, kfb, k1 (7)
 Rows 9 to 11: k –

Row 22: k –
 Row 24: kfb, k10, kfb, k1 (15)
 Row 26: kfb, k12, kfb, k1 (17)
 Row 28: kfb, k14, kfb, k1 (19)
 Row 30: kfb, k16, kfb, k1 (21)
 Row 32: cast off 7, k to last 7, cast off 7 (7)

Cut the yarn and reserve this section.

Rejoin the yarn ready to start the next row.

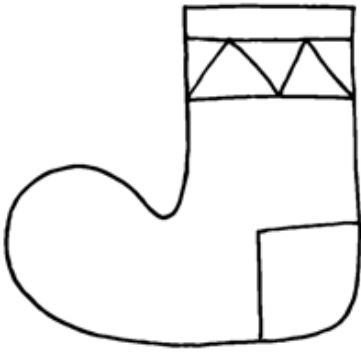
Cast on 7, k7 across reserved section, cast on 7 more (21)

Row 13 (and all odd rows): k –
 Row 14: k2tog, k17, k2togtbl (19)
 Row 16: k2tog, k15, k2togtbl (17)
 Row 18: k2tog, k13, k2togtbl (15)
 Row 20: k2tog, k11, k2togtbl (13)

Rows 33 to 35: k –
 Row 36: k2tog, k3, k2togtbl (5)
 Rows 37 to 39: k –
 Row 40: k2tog, k1, k2togtbl (3)
 Rows 41 to 43: k –

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

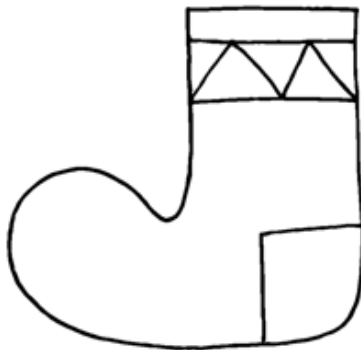
Stocking



- cast on 2 stitches
- kfb x 2 (4)
- k –
- k2, kfb, k1 (5)
- kfb, k2, kfb, k1 (7)
- k5, kfb, k1 (8)

Work through the bullet points above to form the toe. Cut the yarn and reserve this section for later.

To knit the stocking, cast on 10sts.



- Rows 1 to 25: k –
Row 26: k10, cast on 1, k8 across reserved section (19)
Row 27 to 35: k –
Row 36: k2tog, k15, k2togtbl (17)
Row 37: k –
Row 38: k2tog, k13, k2togtbl (15)
Row 39: k –
Row 40: k2tog, k11, k2togtbl (13)
Row 41: k –

Cast off remaining stitches.

Tree



Cast on 1 stitch.

- Row 1: kfbf (3)
Rows 2 to 4: k –
Row 5: kfb, kfb, k1 (5)
Rows 6 to 8: k –
Row 9: kfb, k2, kfb, k1 (7)
Rows 10 to 12: k –
Row 13: kfb, k4, kfb, k1 (9)
Rows 14 to 16: k –
Rows 17 to 18: cast off 2, k –
Row 19: kfb, k2, kfb, k1 (7)
Rows 20 to 22: k –

- Row 23: kfb, k4, kfb, k1 (9)
Rows 24 to 26: k –
Row 27: kfb, k6, kfb, k1 (11)
Rows 28 to 30: k –
Rows 31 to 32: cast off 2, k –
Row 33: kfb, k4, kfb, k1 (9)
Rows 34 to 36: k –
Row 37: kfb, k6, kfb, k1 (11)
Rows 38 to 40: k –
Row 41: kfb, k8, kfb, k1 (13)
Rows 42 to 44: k –

Cast off remaining stitches.

Making Up:

Embroider a design on each shape using big, friendly (aka "rustic", "bold" or "scruffy") stitches. Using matching yarn sew the two sides of the decoration together, hiding all loose ends inside. At this point you may wish to seal a couple of whole cloves in the decoration to give a festive scent to the room.

If you are going to hang your decorations from a tree you need to add a loop of thread from the top point of the shape. It is easiest to make a loop of matching yarn, but I think a loop of black cotton is a little classier as it doesn't unravel and looks almost invisible against the tree.

When making the stocking or gift shapes leave the top seam open so that a treat can be placed inside the decoration. Take a little longer to work in any loose ends on the inside.

Notes:

Abbreviations

[] x number (number)	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times. Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row or sew of rows.
cast off number	Bind off the given number of stitches using a method of your choice.
cast on number	Cast on the given number of stitches using a method of your choice.
k number	Knit this number of stitches.
k –	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
kfbf	Knit into the front and the back and the front again of a single stitch (+2 stitches).
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
k2togtbl	Knit the next two stitches together through the back of the loop (-1 stitch).

Needle/Yarn Size

As with most ODDknit patterns the yarn and needle sizes in the "you will need" section are just a guide. Feel free to improvise with whatever needles and yarn you have lying around - that's half the fun!