

# The Knit Before Christmas



## Star instructions:

### Supplies you'll need:

- Sport or baby weight yarn (e.g., Vanna's Glamour in Diamond and Platinum)
- Tapestry needle
- Stuffing or fiberfill
- a pair of 2mm needles

### Abbreviations explained:

- **k** – knit
- **p** – purl
- **kfb** – knit into the front and then back of the same stitch (increases by 1 stitch)
- **k2tog** – knit two stitches together (decreases by 1)
- **ssk** – slip, slip, knit: slip 2 stitches knitwise, then knit them together (a left-leaning decrease)

### Make 5 points

For each point:

1. **Cast on 3 stitches**
2. Row 1: Purl
3. Row 2: Knit front & back into first stitch, knit front and back into stitch, knit 1 (5 sts)
4. Row 3: Purl
5. Row 4: Kfb, k2, , kfb, k1. **(7 sts)**
6. Row 5: Purl
7. Row 6: Kfb, k4, , kfb, k1. **(9 sts)**
8. Row 7: Purl
9. Row 8: Kfb, k6, , kfb, k1. **(11 sts)**
10. Row 9: Purl
11. Row 10: Kfb, k8, kfb, k1. **(13 sts)**
12. Row 11: Purl
13. Row 12: Kfb, k10, kfb, k1. **(15 sts)**

When each point is complete, **cut the yarn** and leave the stitches on a **stitch holder or spare needle**.

Make **4 points** this way and leave them waiting.

On the **5th point**, **do not cut the yarn** — you'll use it to join all the points together.

### Joining the points

Once you have finished Row 12 on the fifth point, continue to knit up all the other points onto that needle. You should now have 75 stitches on your needles

## Shaping the Centre (Decreasing Rounds)

1. (ssk, knit 11, k2tog) repeat to end of the row. **(65 sts)**
2. Purl
3. (ssk, knit 9, k2tog) repeat to end of the row. **(55 sts)**
4. Purl
5. (ssk, knit 7, k2tog) repeat to end of the row. **(45 sts)**
6. Purl
7. (ssk, knit 5, k2tog) repeat to end of the row. **(35 sts)**
8. Purl
9. (ssk, knit 3, k2tog) repeat to end of the row. **(25 sts)**
10. Purl
11. (ssk, knit 1, k2tog) repeat to end of the row. **(15 sts)**
12. Purl.

You should now have **75 stitches** on your needles.

## Shaping the centre (Decreasing rounds)

1. (ssk, knit 11, k2tog) repeat around **(65 sts)**
2. Knit all stitches
3. (ssk, knit 9, k2tog) repeat **(55 sts)**
4. Knit all stitches
5. (ssk, knit 7, k2tog) repeat **(45 sts)**
6. Knit all stitches
7. (ssk, knit 5, k2tog) repeat **(35 sts)**
8. Knit all stitches
9. (ssk, knit 3, k2tog) repeat **(25 sts)**
10. Knit all stitches
11. (ssk, knit 1, k2tog) repeat **(15 sts)**
12. Knit all stitches

## Finishing

- Cut yarn, leaving a **6" tail**
- Thread the tail onto a tapestry needle
- Weave the needle through the remaining stitches and pull tight to close the hole
- Weave in the yarn ends on the back side
- You can leave a long tail on one point to use as a **hanging loop!**

## Assembly

- Knit a **second star** following all the same steps
- Place the two stars **wrong sides together** (the purl side inside)
- Sew around the edges
- When one point remains open, **add stuffing** to give it a soft shape
- Sew the last point shut