

# The Knit Before Christmas



## Star instructions:

### Supplies you'll need:

- Sport or baby weight yarn (e.g., Vanna's Glamour in Diamond and Platinum)
- Four double-pointed needles – US size 0 (2 mm)
- Tapestry needle
- Stuffing or fiberfill

### Abbreviations explained:

- **k** – knit
- **p** – purl
- **kfb** – knit into the front and then back of the same stitch (increases by 1 stitch)
- **pfb** – purl into the front and back of the same 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 and back into first stitch, knit 1, knit front & back into last stitch (**5 sts**)
4. Row 3: Purl
5. Row 4: Kfb, knit 3, kfb (**7 sts**)
6. Row 5: Purl
7. Row 6: Kfb, knit 5, kfb (**9 sts**)
8. Row 7: Purl
9. Row 8: Kfb, knit 7, kfb (**11 sts**)
10. Row 9: Purl
11. Row 10: Kfb, knit 9, kfb (**13 sts**)
12. Row 11: Purl
13. Row 12: Kfb, knit 11, kfb (**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

Now you'll knit all 5 points together in the round. Don't worry if it seems tricky at first – just go slowly!

1. With the working yarn from the last point you made:
  - Knit **10 stitches** from one of the other points
2. On a second needle:
  - Knit the **remaining 5 stitches** from that point,
  - Then knit all **15 stitches** from the second point,
  - Then **5 stitches** from the third point
3. On a third needle:
  - Knit the **remaining 10 stitches** from the third point
  - And all **15 stitches** from the fourth point
4. Use a **stitch marker** to mark the start of the round
5. Join into the round by knitting **1 stitch** from the beginning of the first point. Make sure stitches aren't twisted.

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