

Velindre Christmas Pudding

To complete this pattern you will require:

- Number 8 (4mm) Knitting needles
- Double knit wool in brown (body), red (berries) & white/cream/yellow for the sauce.

Pattern instructions are provided below

Body (brown wool)

- Begin at lower edge and using brown wool cast on 14 stitches, knit 1 row.
- Next row, increase knit wise in every stitch (28 stitches), knit 1 row.
- Next row, (knit 1, increase knit wise in next stitch) repeat to the end (42 stitches).
- Continue in 'garter' stitch (every row knit) and work 20 rows.
- Next row, (knit 2, knit 2 together) to last 2 stitches, knit 2 (32 stitches), knit 1 row.
- Next row, (knit 1, knit 2 together) to last 2 stitches, knit 2 (22 stitches) knit 1 row.
- Next row, knit 2 together to end (11 stitches).
- Leave these stitches on the needle, with a long end of wool.
- Thread the wool through the remaining stitches.
- Pull up tightly and fasten off, leaving enough wool to sew down opening about 3 rows.
- Gather round cast on edge and pull up tightly then sew up opening about 3 rows, leaving remaining seam open for space to insert chocolate.

Sauce - (cream, white or yellow)

- Cast on 42 stitches.
- Knit 2, knit 2 together to last 2 stitches, knit 2, knit 1 row.
- Knit 1, knit 2 together to last 2 stitches, knit 2, knit 1 row.
- Knit 2 together all across (11 stitches left).
- Thread needle and pull up remaining stitches tightly and sew seam.
- Sew to the top of the pudding.

Holly - (green)

- If you are unable to knit holly leaves then green shaped felt can be used.
- Begin at pointed end of leaf, cast on 3 stitches (note that first row is wrong side).
- 1st Row, cast off 1 stitch, knit into front, back and front of last stitch (4 stitches).
- Next row, cast off 1 stitch, purl 1, knit into front, back and front of last stitch (5 stitches).

Shape edges of leaf

- 1st row, cast off 2 stitches, knit 1, knit into front, back and front of last stitch (5 stitches).
- 2nd row, cast off 2 stitches, purl 1, knit into front, back and front of last stitch (5 stitches).
- Repeat these 2 rows once more, and then the first row once.
- Next row, cast off 2 stitches, knit 2 together (2 stitches).
- Thread wool through these 2 stitches and pull up tightly.
- Catch the 2 leaves together at the pulled up stitches and sew on to the cream of the pudding.

Berries - (red)

- If you are unable to knit the berries, then just sew on felt or embroider them on.
- Cast on 4 stitches.
- Knit 1 row and cast off, pull up the piece into a ball and stitch ends to hold in place.
- Sew holly leaves and 2 berries onto top of pudding.