NICK THE JOLLY SANTA

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern



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Flat-knit plushie • Intarsia face panel • Seamed construction • Approx. 31-33 cm tall

1. Digital Download Notice

IMPORTANT This file is a knitting pattern for making a Santa plushie. It is not a finished plushie, and no physical item will be shipped.

- All measurements in this pattern are calculated design targets. Your finished size can vary with yarn brand, fibre content, needle size, knitting tension, stuffing density and blocking.
- The design is written for flat knitting on two needles. A long circular needle may also be used if you prefer to knit back and forth.
- No physical prototype or physical testing is claimed in this pattern. Use the placement measurements and visual checks as practical making guides.
- If the plushie is intended for a child under 3, use embroidered eyes instead of detachable safety-eye components and follow applicable local safety requirements.

2. Finished Measurements

Target dimensions at the stated gauge and with moderate-to-firm polyester stuffing:

Feature	Target size	Notes
Overall height	31-33 cm / 12.25-13 in	Boot sole to top of head/hat crown; pompom may extend slightly higher
Overall width	18-20 cm / 7-8 in	Hand to hand
Overall depth	8-9 cm / 3.1-3.5 in	Front of beard to back of head/body
Head	10-11 cm wide x 11-12 cm high	Excluding hat and beard projection
Body	9.5-10.5 cm wide x 10-11 cm high	Excluding legs
Boots	4-4.5 cm wide x 5-5.5 cm long	Shape the front with stuffing
Hat cap	About 15-16 cm from brim to tip	Designed to droop to the plushie's left
Hat brim	About 2-2.5 cm deep	Doubled rib band
Pompom	About 3.5-4 cm diameter	Lightly stuffed
Beard	About 10-11 cm wide x 6.5-7.5 cm high	Pointed lower edge
Moustache	About 5-5.5 cm per half	Tapered, lightly stuffed

3. Materials and Tools

Material / tool	Amount / size	Use
Red, worsted/aran #4	Approx. 75-85 g	Body, sleeves, trouser legs, hat
Cream/off-white, worsted/aran #4	Approx. 60-70 g	Hair, beard, cuffs, hat brim, pompom
Skin/peach, worsted/aran #4	Approx. 25-30 g	Face window, hands, nose
Black, worsted/aran #4	Approx. 30-35 g	Boots and belt
Pink yarn or embroidery floss	1-2 m	Cheeks
Gold/yellow yarn	2-3 m	Buckle outline
Black yarn	Small amount	Embroidered-eye option / detail
Polyester fibre fill	Approx. 100-140 g	Stuffing
Safety eyes	2 x 10 mm	Optional; install before closing head

Knitting needles	4.0 mm / US 6	Straight or circular used flat
Tapestry needle	1	Seaming and embroidery
Stitch markers, pins, scissors, measuring tape	As needed	Placement and assembly

Yarn substitution Choose a smooth, plied yarn that gives a firm fabric at gauge. If stuffing shows between stitches, use a smaller needle before adding more stuffing.

4. Gauge

- Stockinette stitch: 20 sts x 28 rows = 10 cm / 4 in on 4.0 mm needles, measured relaxed.
- 1x1 rib: approximately 22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm / 4 in, relaxed and unstretched.
- Exact gauge is not mandatory for function, but it directly affects finished size and the fit of the hat, beard and attachment positions.
- For plush knitting, the fabric should be dense enough that white stuffing is not visible through the stitches.

5. Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
BO	bind off
CB	centre back
CF	centre front
CO	cast on
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together; 1 stitch decreased
kfb	knit into front and back of same stitch; 1 stitch increased
p	purl
rep	repeat
RS	right side of knitting
ssk	slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, knit slipped stitches together through back loops; 1 stitch decreased
st(s)	stitch(es)
St st	stockinette stitch: knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows
WS	wrong side of knitting

Count convention All stitch counts include every stitch on the needle. No extra seam-salvage stitches are required. Mattress stitch uses the outer half-stitch/edge bar and the finished measurements already allow for that seam.

6. Construction Overview

This Santa is made from separate flat-knit pieces and assembled with hidden seams. The visible silhouette is built from a rounded head, rounded coat body, two boot-and-leg units, two hand-and-sleeve units, a slouch hat, beard, two moustache halves, nose and pompom.

- Head: worked flat from lower head to crown. Cream side sections create the white hair/back of head; the centre skin-colour section creates the face. The panel edges are joined at CB.

- Body: worked flat from the rounded lower base to the neck. The cream hem stripe and black belt are knitted in; the gold buckle and cream coat-front stitches are embroidered before seaming.
- Arms and legs: worked flat from the hand/boot ends upward, then seamed into lightly stuffed tubes.
- Hat: red cap and cream doubled rib brim are worked separately. The hat seam sits at CB and the tip droops toward the plushie's left.
- Face: safety eyes are installed while the head is still open. Beard, nose and moustache are attached after the head is stuffed so their position can be checked on the finished curve.
- Right and left always mean the plushie's own right and left. Viewed from the front, the plushie's right is on your left.

Intarsia join For Head Rows 9-29, use separate yarn sources for the left cream section, skin centre and right cream section. At each colour change, bring the new yarn under the old yarn on the WS so the yarns twist once. This closes the join without carrying long floats.

7. Piece Checklist

Piece	Quantity	Colour(s)
Head	1	Cream + skin intarsia
Body	1	Red + cream + black stripes
Leg/boot	2	Black + cream + red
Arm/hand	2	Skin + cream + red
Hat cap	1	Red
Hat brim	1	Cream
Knitted pompom	1	Cream
Beard	1	Cream
Moustache half	2	Cream
Nose	1	Skin/peach

8. Complete Written Pattern

Before knitting Make all yarn colour changes at a side edge or intarsia join. Leave 15-20 cm / 6-8 in tails for seaming unless the instruction says to cut shorter.

8.1 Head - make 1

Colours: cream/off-white and skin/peach. Work flat. Row 1 is the lower head; Row 36 is the crown. The two side edges will become CB.

CO: 12 sts with cream. **(12 sts)**
Row 1 (WS): Purl. **(12 sts)**
Row 2 (RS): kfb in every st across. **(24 sts)**
Row 3: Purl. **(24 sts)**
Row 4: [k1, kfb] 12 times. **(36 sts)**
Row 5: Purl. **(36 sts)**
Row 6: [k2, kfb] 12 times. **(48 sts)**
Row 7: Purl. **(48 sts)**
Row 8: [k3, kfb] 12 times. **(60 sts)**
Rows 9-29: Work St st in intarsia as follows on every row: cream 18 sts, skin 24 sts, cream 18 sts. Twist yarns once at each colour join on the WS. Maintain this exact colour placement throughout. **(60 sts each row)**

Safety-eye placement - do this before seaming On the skin section, place 10 mm safety-eye posts between Rows 22 and 23, one after stitch 26 and one after stitch 34 when counting across the full 60-st row. The eye centres are 8 stitches apart and mirror around CF, which lies between stitches 30 and 31. Attach washers now. For embroidered eyes, skip this step and embroider after stuffing.

Row 30 (RS): Cut skin yarn and one side cream yarn. Continue with one cream yarn across the whole row: [k3, k2tog] 12 times. **(48 sts)**
Row 31: Purl. **(48 sts)**
Row 32: [k2, k2tog] 12 times. **(36 sts)**
Row 33: Purl. **(36 sts)**
Row 34: [k1, k2tog] 12 times. **(24 sts)**
Row 35: Purl. **(24 sts)**
Row 36: k2tog 12 times. **(12 sts)**
Cut yarn, leaving a 30 cm / 12 in tail. Do not bind off. Thread the tail through the 12 live stitches and pull snug to close the crown. Leave the lower CO edge ungathered until stuffing.

8.2 Body - make 1

Work flat from lower base to neck. Row 1 is the bottom centre. The side edges will become CB. CF is opposite the seam after assembly.

CO: 12 sts with red. **(12 sts)**
Row 1 (WS): Purl. **(12 sts)**
Row 2: kfb in every st. **(24 sts)**
Row 3: Purl. **(24 sts)**
Row 4: [k1, kfb] 12 times. **(36 sts)**
Row 5: Purl. **(36 sts)**
Row 6: [k2, kfb] 12 times. **(48 sts)**
Row 7: Purl. **(48 sts)**
Row 8: [k3, kfb] 12 times. **(60 sts)**
Rows 9-10: Continue in red St st. **(60 sts each row)**
Rows 11-13: Change to cream and work St st. **(60 sts each row)**
Rows 14-17: Change to red and work St st. **(60 sts each row)**
Rows 18-22: Change to black and work St st for the belt. **(60 sts each row)**
Rows 23-29: Change to red and work St st. **(60 sts each row)**
Row 30: [k3, k2tog] 12 times. **(48 sts)**
Row 31: Purl. **(48 sts)**
Row 32: [k2, k2tog] 12 times. **(36 sts)**
Row 33: Purl. **(36 sts)**
Row 34: Knit. **(36 sts)**
BO all 36 sts loosely in red. Leave this neck edge open for stuffing and head attachment.

CB seam detail after seaming: With cream/off-white yarn, add small, evenly spaced running stitches directly over the body CB seam on the red sections only: Body Rows 14-17 and 23-34. Do not continue the cream detail across the black belt or cream hem.

Decorate before seaming Lay the body flat with RS facing. CF is the midpoint between stitches 30 and 31 on the 60-st rows. With gold yarn held double, backstitch/couch a buckle outline about 6 stitches wide x 5 rows high, centred on CF inside Belt Rows 18-22. With cream yarn, add a short vertical running-stitch coat-front detail along CF on Red Rows 23-29 and Rows 14-17, stopping at the belt. Weave ends securely on the WS.

8.3 Boot and Leg - make 2 identical

Each piece is shaped the same. Mirroring is created at assembly by placing the seams toward the back and angling the boots symmetrically.

CO: 7 sts with black. **(7 sts)**
Row 1 (WS): Purl. **(7 sts)**

Row 2: kfb in every st. **(14 sts)**
Row 3: Purl. **(14 sts)**
Row 4: [k1, kfb] 7 times. **(21 sts)**
Row 5: Purl. **(21 sts)**
Row 6: [k2, kfb] 7 times. **(28 sts)**
Rows 7-13: Work black St st. **(28 sts each row)**
Row 14: [k2, k2tog] 7 times. **(21 sts)**
Row 15: Purl in black. **(21 sts)**
Rows 16-19: Change to cream and work St st. **(21 sts each row)**
Rows 20-28: Change to red and work St st. **(21 sts each row)**
BO 21 sts loosely in red, leaving a long sewing tail. The BO edge remains open until attachment.

Boot seam details after seaming: With cream/off-white yarn, add 4-5 tiny running stitches vertically over the black back seam on approximately Boot Rows 7-13, then add a matching set directly opposite on the black boot front.

8.4 Hand and Arm - make 2 identical

CO 6 sts with skin/peach. (6 sts)
Row 1 (WS): Purl. (6 sts)
Row 2 (RS): kfb in every st. (12 sts)
Row 3 (WS): Purl. (12 sts)
Row 4 (RS): [k1, kfb] 6 times. (18 sts)
Row 5 (WS): Purl. (18 sts)
Row 6 (RS): Knit. (18 sts)
Row 7 (WS): Purl. (18 sts)
Row 8 (RS): k1, k2tog, k12, ssk, k1. (16 sts)
Row 9 (WS): Purl in skin colour. (16 sts)
Rows 10-12: Change to cream and work St st. (16 sts each row)
Rows 13-17: Change to red and work St st. (16 sts each row)
Row 18 (RS): BO all 16 sts loosely in red. Leave a long tail for attaching the shoulder opening.

8.5 Red Hat Cap - make 1

Work flat in red. The CO edge fits around the head; the side seam becomes CB.

CO: 60 sts with red. **(60 sts)**
Rows 1-9: Work St st, beginning with Row 1 (WS): purl. (60 sts each row)
Row 10 (RS): k1, k2tog, k2tog, knit until 5 sts remain, ssk, ssk, k1. (56 sts)
Row 11 (WS): Purl. (56 sts)
Row 12: k1, k2tog, k2tog, knit until 5 sts remain, ssk, ssk, k1. **(52 sts)**
Row 13: Purl. **(52 sts)**
Row 14: k1, k2tog, k2tog, knit until 5 sts remain, ssk, ssk, k1. **(48 sts)**
Row 15: Purl. **(48 sts)**
Row 16: k1, k2tog, k2tog, knit until 5 sts remain, ssk, ssk, k1. **(44 sts)**
Row 17: Purl. **(44 sts)**
Row 18: k1, k2tog, k2tog, knit until 5 sts remain, ssk, ssk, k1. **(40 sts)**
Row 19: Purl. **(40 sts)**
Row 20: k1, k2tog, k2tog, knit until 5 sts remain, ssk, ssk, k1. **(36 sts)**
Row 21: Purl. **(36 sts)**
Row 22: k1, k2tog, k2tog, knit until 5 sts remain, ssk, ssk, k1. **(32 sts)**
Row 23: Purl. **(32 sts)**
Row 24: k1, k2tog, k2tog, knit until 5 sts remain, ssk, ssk, k1. **(28 sts)**
Row 25: Purl. **(28 sts)**
Row 26: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. **(26 sts)**
Row 27: Purl. **(26 sts)**
Row 28: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. **(24 sts)**
Row 29: Purl. **(24 sts)**
Row 30: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. **(22 sts)**

Row 31: Purl. **(22 sts)**
Row 32: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. **(20 sts)**
Row 33: Purl. **(20 sts)**
Row 34: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. **(18 sts)**
Row 35: Purl. **(18 sts)**
Row 36: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. **(16 sts)**
Row 37: Purl. **(16 sts)**
Row 38: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. **(14 sts)**
Row 39: Purl. **(14 sts)**
Row 40: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. **(12 sts)**
Row 41: Purl. **(12 sts)**
Row 42: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. **(10 sts)**
Row 43: Purl. **(10 sts)**
Row 44: k2tog 5 times. **(5 sts)**
Row 45: Purl. **(5 sts)**

Cut yarn, thread through the 5 live stitches and pull snug. Sew the side edges together with mattress stitch to form the hat, keeping the seam at CB.

With cream/off-white yarn, work 8-10 small, evenly spaced surface running stitches directly over the red hat CB seam, beginning just above the brim and continuing to the gathered tip. Catch only the surface loops and keep the tension relaxed so the hat does not pucker.

8.6 Cream Hat Brim - make 1

CO: 60 sts with cream. **(60 sts)**
Row 1 (RS): [k1, p1] 30 times. **(60 sts)**
Row 2 (WS): [k1, p1] 30 times. **(60 sts)**
Rows 3-12: Repeat Rows 1-2 five more times. **(60 sts each row)**

BO loosely in rib. Sew the short ends together to form a ring. Fold the ring in half so the CO and BO edges meet, then whipstitch those long edges together with cream yarn to create a doubled brim approximately 2-2.5 cm deep.

8.7 Knitted Pompom - make 1

CO: 6 sts with cream. **(6 sts)**
Row 1 (WS): Purl. **(6 sts)**
Row 2: kfb in every st. **(12 sts)**
Row 3: Purl. **(12 sts)**
Row 4: [k1, kfb] 6 times. **(18 sts)**
Row 5: Purl. **(18 sts)**
Row 6: [k2, kfb] 6 times. **(24 sts)**
Rows 7-11: Work St st. **(24 sts each row)**
Row 12: [k2, k2tog] 6 times. **(18 sts)**
Row 13: Purl. **(18 sts)**
Row 14: [k1, k2tog] 6 times. **(12 sts)**
Row 15: Purl. **(12 sts)**
Row 16: k2tog 6 times. **(6 sts)**

Cut yarn and draw through the 6 live stitches. Sew the side seam, stuff lightly, then gather the CO edge. Keep the pompom round rather than tightly packed.

8.8 Beard - make 1

Work in cream. To reduce edge curl, knit the first and last stitch of every WS row instead of purling them; all interior WS stitches are purled.

CO: 6 sts. **(6 sts)**
Row 1 (WS): k1, p4, k1. **(6 sts)**
Row 2 (RS): kfb in first 2 sts, k2, kfb in last 2 sts. **(10 sts)**
Row 3: k1, p8, k1. **(10 sts)**
Row 4: kfb in first 2 sts, knit to last 2 sts, kfb in last 2 sts. **(14 sts)**

Row 5: k1, p12, k1. **(14 sts)**
Row 6: kfb in first 2 sts, knit to last 2 sts, kfb in last 2 sts. **(18 sts)**
Row 7: k1, p16, k1. **(18 sts)**
Row 8: kfb in first 2 sts, knit to last 2 sts, kfb in last 2 sts. **(22 sts)**
Rows 9, 11, 13, 15: k1, p20, k1. **(22 sts each row)**
Rows 10, 12, 14: Knit. **(22 sts each row)**
Row 16 (RS): k1, k2tog, k16, ssk, k1. (20 sts)
Row 17 (WS): k1, p18, k1. (20 sts)
Row 18 (RS): Knit. (20 sts)
Row 19 (WS): k1, p18, k1. (20 sts)
Row 20: BO all 20 sts knitwise.
Leave a long sewing tail. Lightly steam or damp-block flat only if needed; do not stretch the point out of shape.

Centre-beard detail: Mark the vertical centre from the midpoint of the 20-st BO edge to the centre of the 6-st CO point. With cream/off-white yarn, work 6-8 small raised surface-running stitches down this centre line. Keep the stitches evenly spaced and the tension relaxed so the beard remains flat and the lower point stays centred.

8.9 Moustache Half - make 2

Each half starts at the thick inner end near the nose and tapers to the outer tip. The two identical pieces are flipped to create a mirrored pair.

CO: 8 sts with cream. **(8 sts)**
Rows 1-5: Work St st, beginning with a WS purl row. **(8 sts each row)**
Row 6: k6, k2tog. **(7 sts)**
Row 7: Purl. **(7 sts)**
Row 8: k5, k2tog. **(6 sts)**
Row 9: Purl. **(6 sts)**
Row 10: k4, k2tog. **(5 sts)**
Row 11: Purl. **(5 sts)**
Row 12: k3, k2tog. **(4 sts)**
Row 13: Purl. **(4 sts)**
Row 14: k2tog twice. **(2 sts)**
Row 15: Purl. **(2 sts)**
BO 2 sts. Fold each piece lengthwise with RS out and overcast the long edges to make a narrow tapered tube. Add only a wisp of stuffing at the thick inner end; leave the tip almost unstuffed so it can curl upward. Close the 8-st CO end with a few overcast stitches after stuffing, and pinch the 2-st BO tip closed with the yarn tail.

8.10 Nose - make 1

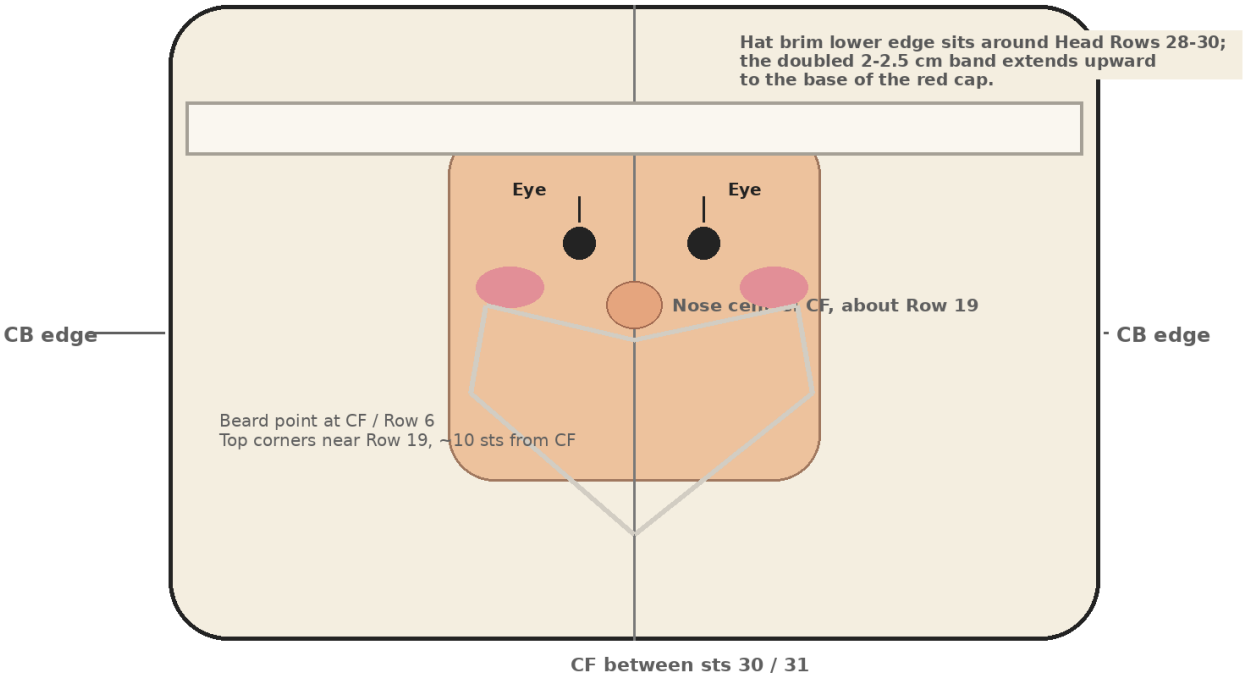
CO: 4 sts with skin/peach. **(4 sts)**
Row 1 (WS): Purl. **(4 sts)**
Row 2: kfb in every st. **(8 sts)**
Row 3: Purl. **(8 sts)**
Row 4: [k1, kfb] 4 times. **(12 sts)**
Rows 5-9: Work St st. **(12 sts each row)**
Row 10: [k1, k2tog] 4 times. **(8 sts)**
Row 11: Purl. **(8 sts)**
Row 12: k2tog 4 times. **(4 sts)**
Cut yarn and draw through the 4 live stitches. Sew the side seam, add a tiny amount of stuffing, then gather the CO edge into a soft round nose.

9. Placement Maps

Use the row/stitch landmarks below before permanent sewing. Pin major pieces first and check from front, side and back. The maps are orientation guides, not scale drawings.

HEAD PLACEMENT MAP - FLAT PANEL BEFORE SEAMING

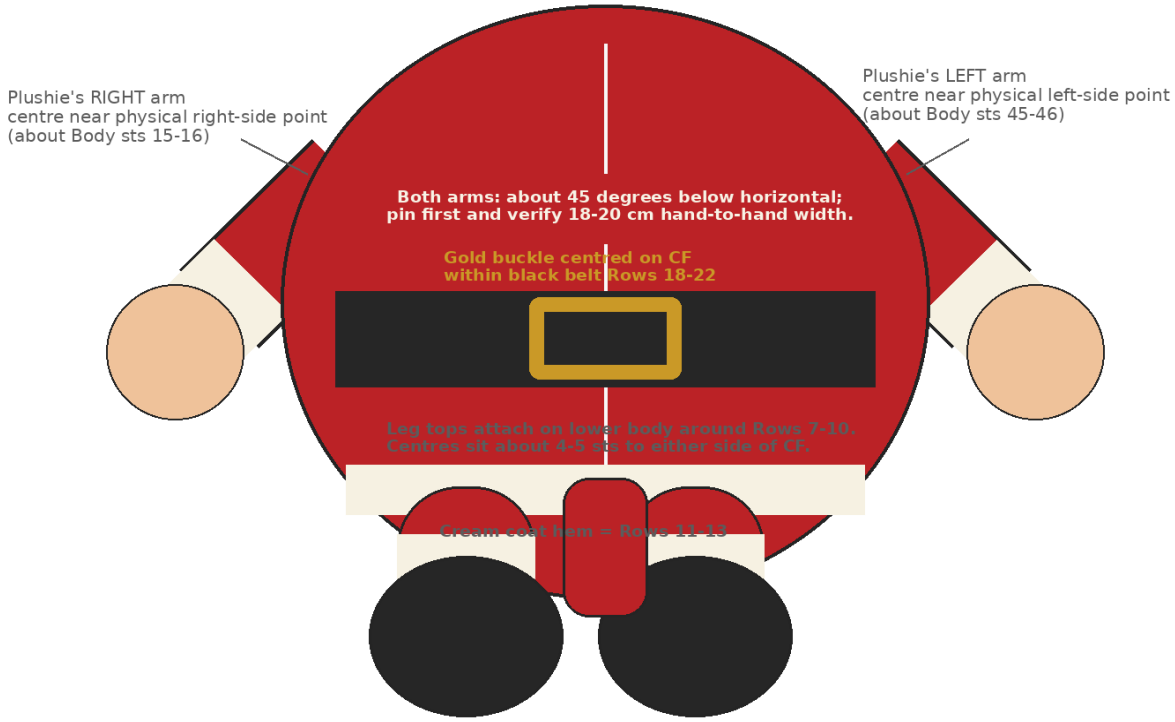
Row 1 = lower head | Row 36 = crown | panel edges become centre back (CB)



Head map: CF is fixed by the 24-st skin panel; both panel edges become the cream CB seam.

BODY PLACEMENT MAP - FINISHED ORIENTATION

Body is knitted flat, then seamed at CB. CF lies opposite the seam.



9.1 Consolidated Placement Guide

Feature	Vertical location	Horizontal location	Check
Eyes	Head between Rows 22-23	After full-row st 26 and st 34	8 sts centre-to-centre; level and mirrored
Eyebrows	Head Rows 25-26	Centred above each eye	Cream, about 3 sts wide, shallow upward curve
Cheeks	Head Rows 19-21	Centres about 8-9 sts either side of CF	Pink duplicate stitch / satin-style darning, ~4 sts wide
Nose	Head about Row 19	Exactly on CF	Round base; lower edge overlaps beard/moustache junction slightly
Mouth	On beard just below nose	Exactly on CF	One tiny red backstitch, about 1-2 stitches wide
Beard point	Head Row 6	Exactly on CF	Keep the pointed lower tip centred
Beard top corners	Head about Row 19	About 10 sts either side of CF	Edges blend into cream hair zones
Moustache inner ends	Head Rows 18-19	1-2 sts either side of CF	Place below nose; curve outer tips upward
Hat brim	Lower edge at Head Rows 28-30	All around	Hat seam aligned with CB seam
Right arm	Body Rows 24-29	Physical right-side point; ~sts 15-16 on 60-st rows	Angle down about 45 degrees from horizontal. Before sewing permanently, pin both arms and verify an overall hand-to-hand width of approximately 18-20 cm.
Left arm	Body Rows 24-29	Physical left-side point; ~sts 45-46	Angle down about 45 degrees from horizontal. Before sewing permanently, pin both arms and verify an overall hand-to-hand width of approximately 18-20 cm.
Right leg	Body Rows 7-10	Centre about 4-5 sts right of CF	Boot points slightly forward/outward
Left leg	Body Rows 7-10	Centre about 4-5 sts left of CF	Mirror right leg
Buckle	Body Belt Rows 18-22	Centred on CF	Approx. 6 sts wide x 5 rows high
Boot front + back seam detail	Black Boot Rows 7-13	Front opposite back seam; rear directly over back seam	4-5 tiny cream running stitches at front and rear of each boot.
Body CB seam detail	Red Rows 14-17 and 23-34	Directly over CB seam	Cream running stitches; stop at black belt and cream hem

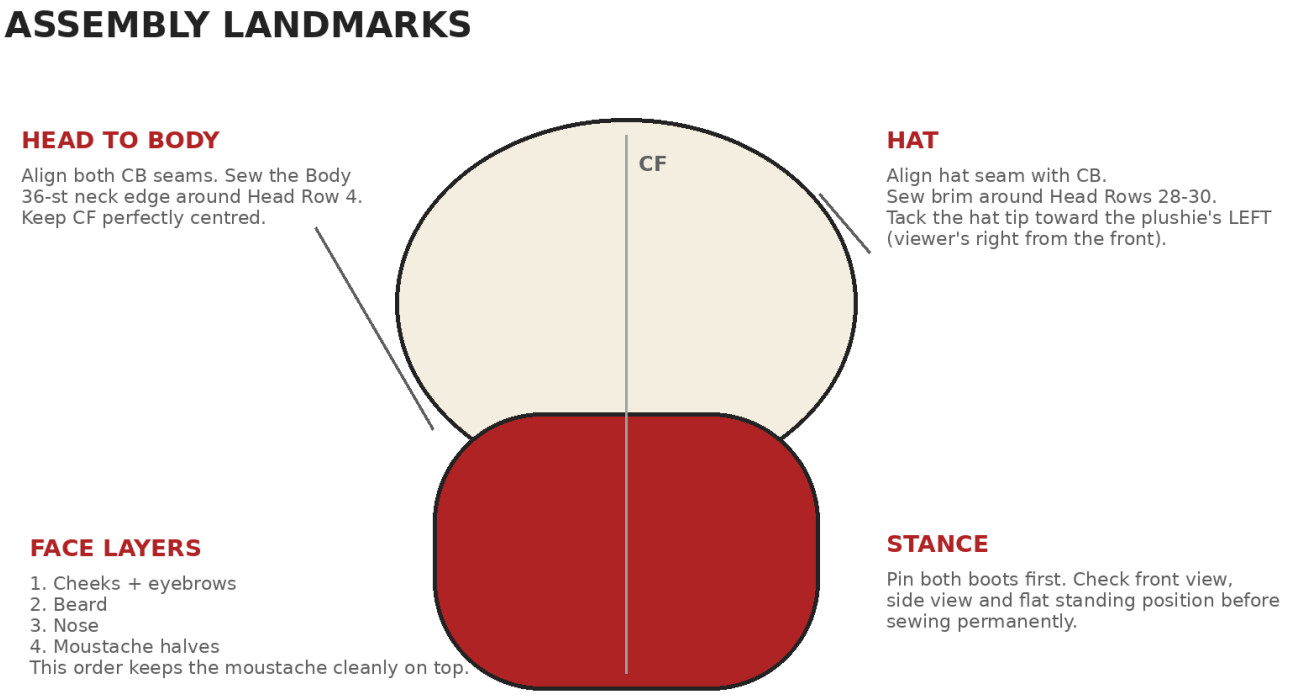
10. Stuffing and Shaping

Piece	Stuffing level	Shaping note
Head	Firm	Add small tufts, rotating the head as you work. Keep the face smooth; do not overpack behind safety-eye washers.
Body	Firm at lower body, moderate at shoulders	A firm lower body helps the legs support the plushie. Keep the neck area slightly softer so the head seats naturally.

Boots	Firm in black section	Push slightly more stuffing toward the front of each boot to create a visible toe. Compress the back/ankle gently.
Upper legs	Moderate	Keep flexible enough for precise attachment.
Hands	Moderate	Round the hand without stretching the skin-colour stitches.
Sleeves	Light to moderate	Avoid overfilling; arms should hang naturally.
Pompom	Light	Keep round and soft.
Moustache	Very light	Only the thick inner end needs a wisp of stuffing; outer tips should remain flexible.

Standing check Before the legs are sewn permanently, place the body on a flat surface with both boot soles level. Move one leg a few millimetres at a time until the body sits upright without twisting.

11. Assembly Instructions



1. Prepare and secure the head eyes. If using safety eyes, confirm both washers are already installed at the Head Row 22-23 placements. This is the last easy-access stage for the washers.
2. Close and stuff the head. With RS facing out, mattress-stitch the two cream side edges together to form the CB seam. Leave a 5 cm / 2 in opening around the lower-middle back. Stuff the head firmly and evenly. Gather the 12-st CO edge at the lower head, close it securely, then finish the CB opening. The crown was already gathered after Row 36.
3. Finish face embroidery before bulky layers. If using embroidered eyes, stitch them now at the same Row 22-23 positions. Add cream eyebrows across Rows 25-26 and pink cheeks across Rows 19-21. Keep both sides mirrored.
4. Seam and stuff the body. Mattress-stitch the body side edges at CB, matching every colour stripe exactly across the seam. With cream/off-white yarn, add a decorative running-stitch line directly over the CB seam on the red sections only: Body Rows 14-17 below the belt and Body Rows 23-34 above the belt. Keep the stitches small and evenly spaced. Do not continue the cream detail across the black belt or cream hem. Gather the 12-st CO edge closed. Stuff through the 36-st neck opening, firm at the base and moderate near the shoulders. Keep the neck open.

5. Seam and stuff both legs. For each leg, seam the side edges with the seam at the back. Gather the 7-st CO edge at the boot toe/base. Stuff the black boot firmly, especially toward the front, then stuff the cream/red upper leg moderately. Leave the 21-st BO edge open. With cream/off-white yarn, add 4-5 tiny running stitches vertically over the black back seam on approximately Boot Rows 7-13. Then, directly opposite the back seam, add a matching set of 4-5 tiny cream running stitches down the black boot front so the visible front and rear seam details match the reference.

6. Pin and attach both legs. Place the leg tops against the body lower underside around Body Rows 7-10. Centres should sit about 4-5 stitches to either side of CF. Keep both boot fronts pointing forward with a slight outward angle. Pin both, check the standing position, then sew around each open leg edge to the body.

7. Seam and stuff both arms. Seam each arm with the seam toward the back/underside. Gather the 6-st CO hand edge. Stuff the hand moderately and sleeve lightly. Leave the 16-st BO shoulder edge open.

8. Attach arms as a mirrored pair. Pin the plushie's right arm around Body Rows 24-29 at the physical right-side point; pin the left arm at the mirrored left-side point. Angle down about 45 degrees from horizontal. Before sewing permanently, pin both arms and verify an overall hand-to-hand width of approximately 18-20 cm. Check front and side symmetry before sewing around each shoulder opening.

9. Attach head to body. Align the head CB seam with the body CB seam and align CF precisely. The body neck has 36 sts; sew this edge around the head at approximately Head Row 4, where the head also measures 36 sts. Take small even stitches all around and add a final concealed reinforcing round if needed.

10. Attach the beard. Pin the beard point at Head Row 6 on CF. Pin the top corners near Head Row 19 about 10 stitches to either side of CF. Smooth the sides toward the cream hair zones. Check that the raised cream centre-beard detail lies exactly on CF before sewing the beard permanently. Sew the beard around its outer edge, leaving the top edge slightly softer so the moustache can sit over it.

11. Add the tiny mouth detail. With red yarn, make one short backstitch on the beard at CF directly below the nose position, about 1-2 stitches wide. Keep it mostly hidden by the moustache, with only a small smile visible.

12. Attach the nose. Centre the nose on CF at about Head Row 19. Sew around its gathered base, adding or removing a tiny amount of stuffing before the last stitches so it remains softly rounded.

13. Attach the moustache. Place the thick inner ends immediately below and beside the nose around Rows 18-19. Flip the two identical halves so they mirror. Curve each outer tip upward toward the cheek, then sew along the underside/inner edge, leaving the raised upper surface free.

14. Assemble the hat. Sew the red hat seam at CB if not already completed. With cream/off-white yarn, add 8-10 small evenly spaced surface running stitches over the red CB seam from just above the brim to the gathered tip. Sew the doubled cream brim ring evenly around the red hat CO edge. Attach the knitted pompom securely to the gathered hat tip.

15. Place and secure the hat. Set the hat on the head with its seam aligned to CB. Sew the lower edge of the cream brim around Head Rows 28-30. Shape the cap so the tip falls toward the plushie's left; from the front this is the viewer's right. Add 2-3 hidden tacking stitches between the hat and brim/head so the slouch stays in position.

16. Finish and bury tails. Check every seam, buckle corner, moustache tip and pompom join. Weave or bury all remaining yarn tails into stuffed sections and trim only after tension is secure.

12. Final Visual Checklist

- □ Eyes are level, equally spaced from CF and not distorted by overstuffing.
- □ Eyebrows and pink cheeks are mirrored and sit fully within the skin-colour face panel.
- □ Nose is centred on CF; the tiny mouth peeks beneath it; moustache halves meet neatly and curl upward symmetrically.
- □ Beard point and raised centre detail are centred on CF, and the top corners blend into the cream side/back hair.
- □ Head and body CB seams align vertically at the back.
- □ Black belt is level around the body; gold buckle is centred on CF.
- □ Cream coat hem, sleeve cuffs and ankle cuffs are even and not twisted at seams.
- □ Arms sit at equal height and mirror the same downward angle.
- □ Legs are equally spaced and both boot fronts point forward with a slight mirrored outward angle.
- □ Plushie stands or sits stably on a flat surface without one boot floating.
- □ Hat brim is level; hat seam sits at CB; cream seam-detail stitches run cleanly along the red hat CB seam without puckering; hat tip droops to the plushie's left and pompom is secure.
- □ No stuffing, open holes, loose floats, unsecured eye hardware or loose yarn tails remain visible.

13. Troubleshooting

Issue	Practical fix
Stuffing shows through stitches	Remove a little stuffing and redistribute it in smaller tufts. If the fabric itself is too open, remake the affected piece with a smaller needle.
Eyes look uneven	Measure from CF and from the same row line. If safety-eye washers are already locked, adjust the surrounding stuffing before changing other face pieces.
CB seam twists to one side	Open a short section, realign colour-change rows and mattress-stitch one edge bar to one edge bar without skipping rows.
Body leans after leg attachment	Unpick one leg before burying the tail, move the top edge a few millimetres, repin both boots on a flat surface and resew.
Boots look round instead of foot-shaped	Move a small amount of stuffing toward the front/toe and pinch the ankle/back flatter with a few hidden shaping stitches.
Beard is off-centre	Reset the lower point on CF first, then repin the top corners at equal stitch distances before sewing the sides.
Moustache halves do not match	Check that one piece is flipped to mirror the other. Use the same number of attachment stitches and leave both tips equally unstuffed.
Hat twists around the head	Realign the hat seam to head CB before adding the final brim stitches. Tack the brim at CF, CB and both side points first, then fill the gaps.
Pompom droops too heavily	Remove some stuffing from the pompom and reinforce the attachment with several passes through the gathered hat tip.
Small hole at an intarsia join	On the WS, use the colour-change tail to close the gap with one or two duplicate-stitch-style passes; do not pull hard enough to pucker the face.

14. Printing and Customer Notes

- Print at 100% / Actual Size for consistent text and diagram proportions. The placement diagrams are guides and do not need to print to a measured scale.
- This is a digital knitting pattern only. No finished plushie or physical item is included or shipped.
- Measurements are design targets and can vary with yarn, needle size, tension, stuffing and blocking.
- For a plushie intended for children under 3, use embroidered eyes instead of detachable safety-eye components and follow local product-safety requirements.
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