



Christmas Angel

table decoration, bottle cover or tree topper

Begin on scrap yarn; attach good yarn; knit 10 rounds; form picot edge by moving over every other stitch; knit 10 rounds; rehang hem.

Knit 45 rounds (more or less, depending on the final look you want). I knitted this quite long in order to place it over a wine bottle. Later, I hemmed it short and placed a cardboard cone inside so it could be used as a small table decoration or tree topper.

Attach ribber in 1:1 pattern. Work 35 rounds. Remove ribber by placing rib stitches onto current cylinder needles and not replacing the other cylinder needles. Knit one round. Leave a long tail. Remove on scrap yarn; run tail through end stitches, pull tight, leaving remainder for attaching head.

Arms: using full cylinder and starting in scrap yarn, attach working yarn and knit 10 rounds; form picot edge; knit 10 rounds; rehang hem. Knit 25 rounds leaving a very long tail (about 18"), and knit off on scrap yarn. Run tail through end stitches and pull tight. Fold arm inside itself to make a solid sleeve. Sew into place on body, then continue to sew down the seam to retain arm shape. Bury end of yarn and terminate.

To form head: use half of cylinder as if you were going to create a heel but never going around on the backside of the cylinder. Leave a long tail and knit off on scrap yarn. Use tail to go through end row of stitches, then form into a ball by stuffing firmly or wrapping around a Styrofoam ball and sewing tightly to shape. This may involve sewing rows other than the very end row. Bury yarn and terminate.

Attach head to body using the yarn tail remaining at the neckline.

Wings: using 25 needles, cast on in scrap yarn, attach good yarn and heel tension spring; knit 6 rows; form picot edge; knit 6 rows; rehang hem. Knit 16 rows. Remove every other needle as you move every other stitch over to next needle. Knit one row. Work tail through last row of stitches and pull tight. Replace needles to 25 again and make second wing. You will need to tuck a little of the center part for it to conform to the shoulder as you sew them in place. I starched these heavily after they were attached and ironed both sides in order to have them stand up nicely.

Use the plain section of the skirt to shorten to a different length if necessary. The piece shown has a 1" hem.

To make an I-cord halo: leave 3 needles in the machine and remove all others. With carriage at the left, pull working yarn through far enough to start first row by going around right needle clockwise, left needle counter clockwise, and center needle clockwise. Pull gently and knit continuously in a clockwise direction until piece is a suitable length to rest around the head. Stitch ends together.

Hair may be added if you wish. (I liked it better without.)