

Santa beard – the old version :-)

I made this for my eldest son on Christmas Day, because he likes to dress up as Santa and hand out the presents (on Christmas Eve here in Denmark) 😊

This is a simple and fun knit 😊 The loops may be done in different ways - the one I used is described with pictures here:

<http://www.crazyauntpurl.com/archives/2005/12/index.php> (scroll down to December 13, 2005). You can find another one her: <http://knitting.about.com/od/stitchglossary/g/loop-stitch.htm> (this method makes loops on the other side of the work!!). It takes up a lot of yarn because of the long threads for loops, but no more than 1 skein. Yarn should be bulky.

Gauge: 5 sts/loops=2".

CO 25 sts, while leaving a tail of 12".

Row 1 (rs): Knit 10, BO 5 sts, and knit the last 10, while making loops in all sts. Loops should be app. 2". 10 + 10 sts on needle.

Row 2 (ws): Purl 10, make 5, purl 10. 25 sts.

Row 3: Make loops in all sts, this time longer than last loop row.

Row 4: Purl all sts.

Row 5: K2tog while making loop, k 21 with loops, k2tog while making loop. Loops should be even longer this time. 23 sts.

Row 6: Purl all sts.

Row 7: Repeat row 5, this time making loops really long. 21 sts.

Row 8: Bind off and weave in end of yarn.

Make the beard longer by repeating the last 2 rows a few more times.

Cut all loops open and tTrim the beard around the hole for the mouth. Attach a length of yarn in the top corner of the beard opposite the tail from cast on, and use these strings to tie behind the head (with the strings over the ears).

