

## Snowman Family

*This is a fun project to learn to use your garter bar to increase and decrease across the row. Then you can have the fun of decorating them any way you want.*

*You will need 15-30 g of 4-ply acrylic for the standard gauge, stuffing and something to weight the bottom. If using a mid-gauge, use an appropriate yarn and follow these instructions to knit slightly larger snowmen.*

*The samples were knit on a standard gauge with several 4-ply acrylics with an approximate gauge of 7.25 sts and 10 rows. Differences in gauge are not important.*

*Use care when decorating if you intend to allow small children to play with your snowmen.*



### Version 1: less work but less visible shaping

#### Small:

- RC000. Weaving cast on 42 sts.
- Knit to RC12. Increase to 56 sts by removing on a garter bar and rehanging 2 sts, \*skip a needle, hang 3 sts\* across the bed. Pick up bars to fill the empty needles.
- Knit 36 rows to RC48. Decrease to 42 sts \*\*by transferring every fourth stitch to next needle, remove on the garter bar and rehang on fewer needles.\*\*
- Knit 24 rows to RC72. Decrease to 32 sts as given \*\* to \*\*.
- Knit 10 rows to RC82. Cut the yarn and take the stitches off with the yarn tail on a tapestry needle.

#### Medium:

- RC000. Weaving cast on 56 sts.
- Knit to RC16. Increase to 74 sts as given above.
- Knit 48 rows to RC64. Decrease to 56 sts as given \*\* to \*\*.
- Knit 36 rows to RC100. Decrease to 42 sts as given \*\* to \*\*.
- Knit 10 rows to RC110. Cut the yarn and take the stitches off with a tapestry needle.

#### Large:

- Follow the medium size to RC100 and decrease to 42 sts.
- Knit 24 rows to RC124. Decrease to 32 sts as given \*\* to \*\*.
- Knit 10 rows to RC134. Cut the yarn and take the stitches off with a tapestry needle.



Version 2: more work with more visible shaping

Small:

- RC000. Weaving cast on 42 sts.
- Knit to RC12. Increase to 56 sts by removing on a garter bar and rehanging 2 sts, \*skip a needle, hang 3 sts\* across the bed. Pick up bars to fill the empty needles.
- Knit 30 rows to RC42. Decrease to 32 sts by #transferring every other stitch to the next needle 3 times, skip a stitch# across the row, remove on the garter bar and rehang on fewer needles.
- Knit 10 rows for neck to RC52. Increase to 42 sts as given for increasing above.
- Knit 20 rows to RC72. Decrease to 32 sts \*\*by transferring every fourth stitch to next needle, remove on the garter bar and rehang on fewer needles.\*\*
- Knit 10 rows to RC82. Cut the yarn and take the stitches off with the yarn tail on a tapestry needle.

Medium:

- RC000. Weaving cast on 56 sts.
- Knit to RC16. Increase to 74 sts as given above.
- Knit 44 rows to RC60. Decrease to 42 sts as given # to # above.
- Knit 10 rows for neck (waist for large size) to RC70. Increase to 56 sts as given above.
- Knit 30 rows to RC100. Decrease to 42 sts as given \*\* to \*\*.
- Knit 10 rows to RC110. Cut the yarn and take the stitches off with a tapestry needle.

Large: Follow the medium size to RC100 but decrease to 32 sts as given # to # above.

- Knit 10 rows for neck to RC110. Increase to 42 sts as given above.
- Knit 20 rows to RC130. Decrease to 32 sts as given \*\* to \*\*.
- Knit 10 rows to RC140. Cut the yarn and take the stitches off with a tapestry needle.

Finishing:

- Gather the bottom and mattress stitch halfway up. Cut a circle of cardboard to fit the bottom and tape a weight onto it to help your snowman stand up. Stuff the bottom tightly keeping the weight in the centre bottom. Mattress seam the rest of the seam and stuff firmly before gathering the top.
- Decorate your snowman with anything you desire: pompoms, buttons, embroidery, paints; glue or sew on ornaments; make hats and scarves out of knitting, felt or polar fleece.
- Optional arms: knit, cut out of felt or polar fleece, or use twigs or pipe cleaners.
  - To knit: cast on with waste yarn over 24 stitches, knit 16 rows, pick up the first row and cast off. Use as is, stuff lightly if desired or thread a pipe cleaner through so you can pose them. Fold with cast-off edge on the top to use it to help form a curve in the arm. Seam one end curved for hand and sew the other to the body.
  - Pointed hat was knit on 66 stitches with a 6-row contrast hem and 70 rows knit straight. Mattress stitch hem and sew & cut to form the point.

