



Knit and felt tiny gnome children! They are quick to knit and they would make great stocking stuffers or gift tie-ons.

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# Gnome Children

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Make poseable, tiny knitted and felted gnome children to play with or to use as holiday decorations.

These friendly gnomes are simple to knit. They are a teensy bit fiddly to put together, but they are so darn cute, I think they are worth it. They are knit with one-piece bodies and a simple stocking cap. Wire arms make them poseable and a wooden bead serves as a head. Make a rainbow of gnomes or a whole gnome family!

## MATERIALS

- Worsted-weight wool yarn:
  - The gnomes pictured are knit in Cascade 220, 2413 (red)
- 1" wood bead with a hole on one side
- 1/4" wood beads with a hole through (2)
- Thread-wrapped floral wire
- Flesh tone acrylic paint, pink, white and eye color. I use blue and brown
- Wool for stuffing

## SUPPLIES

- US 10½/6mm double-pointed knitting needles (dpns), or size needed to achieve gauge
- US 3/2.75mm dpns (or any small size dpns 2-7)
- Tapestry needle
- Wire cutters
- Paint brush
- Craft glue
- Skewer or knitting needle

## GAUGE

Gauge before felting: 16 stitches/4", 16 rows/4"

## FINISHED DIMENSIONS

Finished gnome size after assembly, including hat: Approx. 4¼" tall

## ABBREVIATIONS

kfb- knit front and back to increase one stitch  
K2tog - knit two together



Put glue in head hole. Place head over the wire. Let some glue smooch out onto body so head is glued to body as well as the wire. Hold in place for a moment, then let it dry thoroughly. Add glue to inside of hat. Snug hat down onto head, pulling it down to the neck in the back and to just above the eyes in the front. Let dry thoroughly. The gnome is done, now make some gnome friends!



I hope your gnome turned out adorably cute. If you enjoyed this pattern, please consider visiting my shop- [www.hedgehoglane.com](http://www.hedgehoglane.com) to see the patterns that I offer for sale. Also, keep up with my new designs in progress on the blog I share with my twin sister at [www.duofiberworks.com](http://www.duofiberworks.com).



Paint the beads a flesh color. Let dry. Using the end of a paintbrush, dip it into paint, paint a dot on scrap paper then place an eye on the face. On the bead you can see the rougher texture on the center line-make the eyes just above that. The second eye is 1/2" from the first. Dip the paintbrush end into pink paint, paint a couple dots on scrap paper then draw a small smile on the face so the mouth and eyes make a slightly flattened equilateral triangle. Let dry.



Add tiny white dots to eyes. Let dry. Add paint to hand holes. Use a lot of paint so the hole gets filled in completely. Allow to dry.

## PATTERN

### Body

**Round 1:** Cast on 6 stitches kfb around while dividing onto three needles. Join in round, being careful to not twist stitches (12 sts)

**Rounds 2-4:** Knit

**Round 5:** Knit 1 kfb around [18 sts]

**Round 6-8:** Knit

**Round 9:** Knit 2 kfb around [24 sts]

**Rounds 10-12:** Knit

**Round 13:** Purl

**Round 14:** Knit 2 k2tog around [18 sts]

**Round 15:** Knit

**Round 16:** Knit 1 k2tog around [12 sts]

**Round 17:** Knit

**Round 18:** K2tog around [6 sts]

Pull yarn through remaining stitches, weave in end and cut.

### Arms

With smaller size dpns, pick up six "bars" for arm: three on top of three. You are picking up the individual strands of yarn, so you will be picking up one and a half stitches on the top and one and a half stitches on the bottom.

Begin picking up the stitches 2 rows down from the neck.

**Rows 1-5:** Knit 5 rows i-cord with size 10 1/2 dpns.

Bind off in the round. Weave in and cut yarn.

Using the yarn end from starting the arm, loosely stitch around where arm joins body to prevent potential holes. Weave in and cut yarn.



## Hat

Cast on 14 sts. Divide onto 3 dpns and join into round

**Rounds 1-3:** Knit

**Round 4:** K2tog, Knit 5, k2tog, knit 5 [12 sts]

**Round 5:** Knit

**Round 6:** K2tog, Knit 4, k2tog, knit 4 [10 sts]

**Round 7:** Knit

**Round 8:** K2tog, knit 3, knit 2tog, knit 3 [8 sts]

**Round 9:** Knit 1 row

**Round 10:** K2 tog, knit 2, k2tog, knit 2 [6 sts]

**Round 11:** Knit 1 row

**Round 12:** K2tog, knit 1, k2tog, knit 1 [4 sts]

**Round 13:** K2tog, k2tog [2 sts]

Pull yarn through stitches, weave in ends and cut yarn.



Place the hat on a bead to shape. Pull it down in the back and place it ¼" above the center line in the front. Allow to dry. Stick knitting needle through arms to make way for the wire armature. Use a pair of small scissors to widen the neck hole. Using your thumb, push up a small indentation on the bottom of the gnome. The gnomes sturdily stand on their own if you stuff them lightly and allow them to dry with the indentation in place.

## Felting & Assembly



To felt, fill a dishpan with very hot water. Let the pieces soak then rub in your hands to felt. Change directions frequently and pull the hat top into shape, it wants to be too skinny. Run a knitting needle all the way through the arms. Roll and rub the arms and the body while it's on the needle. When there is no stitch definition, roll the pieces in a towel to squeeze out extra water. Shape and stuff gnome while still damp. Use a knitting needle to lightly stuff wool into the body. Use just a bit of wool to fill the body, too much stuffing makes it hard for the gnome to stand up.



Cut two pieces of wire 3" long. Bend to form "L" shape, with the upright piece 1" and the horizontal piece 2." Insert into arms, cut or bend any extra wire to leave 1/4" sticking out of the arms. Paint beads a flesh color, let dry. Put glue on the hole of one of the beads, stick over wire and snug it up to the arm, so the bead is glued to the wire and the arm. Repeat for the other side. Let dry.