

# deer bean bag

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Bean bags are a great toy and I thought it would be fun to make bean bag creatures to toss. This deer has sturdy garter-stitch antlers and petite ears. For the entire collection of Animal Beanbags, please check out my ebook, *Handwork for the Holidays* at [www.duofiberworks.com](http://www.duofiberworks.com).

## materials

Tan worsted weight yarn, I used Cascade 220 Color #2437

White worsted weight yarn, I used Cascade 220 color #8505

Handful of beans for stuffing

Black yarn or embroidery floss for nose

8mm safety eyes

## gauge

6 stitches and 8 rows/ 1"

## abbreviations

M1: Make one by casting on one stitch using the backward loop method

K2tog: Knit two together

## supplies

Size 5 double pointed or circular needles, or size needle to achieve gauge

If using circular needles, you will need another size 4-6 needle for the three needle bind off

Yarn needle, embroidery needle

Scissors

## finished size

About 5" tall

## pattern

### Body

With tan yarn, cast on 40 stitches and join for knitting in the round

1-28. Work 28 rounds

Bind off using three needle bind off.

### Antlers, Make 2

With white yarn, cast on 15 stitches

1. Bind off 6 stitches, knit remaining [9 sts]

2. Knit 9 stitches, cast on 3 stitches using backward loop method [12 sts]

3. Bind off 6 stitches, knit remaining stitches [6 sts]

4. Knit 6 stitches, cast on 3 stitches using backward loop method [9 sts]

5. Bind off all stitches, leave long tail for sewing to deer head. Weave in other yarn end.

### Ears, Make 2

With tan yarn, cast on 2 stitches

1. Knit

2. Knit 1, M1, knit 1 [3 sts]

3. Knit

4. Knit 2, M1, knit 1 [4 sts]

5. Knit

6. Knit 1, M1, knit 3 [5 sts]

7. Knit

8. Knit 4, M1, knit 1 [6 sts]

9-10. Knit 2 rows

11. Knit 1, K2tog, Knit 3 [5 sts]

12. Knit

13. Knit 2, K2tog, Knit 1 [4 sts]

14. Knit

15. K2tog, K2tog [2 sts]

Pull yarn through remaining stitches. Leave long tail for sewing to deer head. Weave in other yarn end.

## assembly

To make up, sew antlers onto bound off edge of deer head, leaving a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " space in the center. Sew the ears on the outer side of the antlers.

Add 2 plastic safety eyes about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top edge and about 1" apart.

Center a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide nose made from three stitches of black yarn.

Fill the beanbag with beans and seam using a horizontal stitch- with the bound-off edges together, line up stitch to stitch, insert the yarn needle under a stitch inside the bound-off edge of one side and then under the corresponding stitch on the other side. Continue down the stitches and pull yarn tight to close up seam. Weave in ends securely.

