



The "Nisse" takes size according to the kind of yarn you use. With the yarn recommended below (could be leftovers from a Vivian Høxbro kit) the "Nisse" will be 26-27 cm tall. If you use a thinner quality yarn they will be smaller and with thicker yarn they will be bigger but proportions will be the same, whatever type of yarn you choose.

**Size/Height:** 26-27 cm.

**Materials for the Nisse-girl:**

Red, charcoal, red-violet, white, skin colored and yellow wool. Here is used Scottish Tweed (225 m/50 g). Dpn (Double-pointed short needles) 3 mm. Furthermore 40 cm red silk ribbon (3 mm wide), 2 movable eyes (1 cm in diameter), glue, 2 small red pearls, 4 small buttons and a kind of filling which is non-inflammable.

**Materials for the Nisse-boy:**

Red, charcoal, skin coloured, reddish-brown wool. Here is used Scottish Tweed (225 g/50 g). Dpn (Double-pointed short needles) 3 mm. Furthermore 2 movable eyes (1 cm in diameter), 2 small buttons, a pair of wooden clogs (5 cm), glue and a kind of filling which is non-inflammable

WS = Wrong side, RS = right side, NR = næste row. See other "Abbreviations".

**Nisse-girl**

**Legs (2 times):** CO 10 sts with charcoal and p 1 row. Knit 1 row where you make 2 sts out of each of the 10 (= 20 sts). Knit 3 rows and the shoe is ready. Cont with 32 rows in st st alternating between 1 row of red and 1 row of white. Change color at the end of the needle where the yarn is hanging from the former row – which is why it is important to use dpn. Place the sts from both legs unto one needle and make the edge of her underpants in white like this: k 1 row on RS and k 1 row on WS.

**Body and head:** Work 17 rows in st st in white for the underpants, then 15 rows of skin-colored for the upper part of her body, 1 row for the neck (mark this row for later use) and finally 27 rows for head, all in skin colored wool.

**NR:** \* k2tog, k1 \*, rep \*-\*, until there are 2 sts left, k2tog (= 26 sts).

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Cut yarn and pull the tail through st and fasten well.

**Arms (2 times):** CO 8 sts with skin color and p 1 row.

**NR:** Knit 1 row making 2 sts of each st (= 16 m).

Work 26 rows in st st and BO.

**Finishing:** Sew together the head and body from the top and down to the waist. Sew together the legs from the foot and up to the crutch. Stuff the head, body and legs with the filling and sew together the remaining openings.

Sew together the arms and stuff them. At the CO-end sew them flat together. Wind a piece of yarn around the wrists. You may add a few stitches to indicate fingers. Join the arms to the body.

Where you placed a marker to indicate neckline, tack a long skin colored thread along the row around the neck, tighten it, wind the thread around the neck a couple of times and then fasten it well.

**Face:** Count 7 sts up from the thread around the neck. With tiny small sts tack a circle upwards for the nose - 5 cm wide and 6 rows high. Tighten it somewhat and see to that some of the filling is there to shape the nose. Sew a few sts across and through the nose to keep it in place. Glue the eyes on the head not too far above and to each side of the nose. Make a mouth with red yarn and crewel stitches under the nose.

**Finishing:** With the white yarn crochet mouse teeth (picot) in the p-ridge at the bottom of the nisse-girl's underpants, 1 tooth in each st: Fasten the yarn with a sc-st in the 1<sup>st</sup> p-st \* chain 3, insert hook through loop of 1<sup>st</sup> chain and the following p-st and work a sc\*, rep \*-\* all the way round the p-ridge.

**Ankle straps for the shoes:** with charcoal chain 24, turn and work sc back first inserting hook 5 sts from the hook (making an eyelet). Cut yarn, gather tails with a pearl and attach the strap at back of leg over the shoe.

**Hair:** Cut long strands of the yellow yarn for girl's hair and with back sts sew it on to the

top of her head making a parting in the middle, every st over 2-3 strands of the hair. Cut her bangles short and wispy. Gather the strands and make two braids and tie them with pretty bows of the silk ribbon.

**Dress:** Back and Front are alike. CO 50 sts with red and work a rib over 3 rows (k1, p1). Continue in st st, k first row on RS with red, hereafter \* 1 row with red-violet, 1 row with charcoal and 5 rows with red\*, work \*-\* another 2 times.

**NR:** \* k1, k2tog\*, rep \*-\* until the last 2 sts, k2tog (= 33 sts). Work a rib with red. After 9 rows BO the center 7 sts and work each side apart. K2tog at beg of each row at neck opening side 2 times. BO.

**Finishing:** With a crochet needle make two button loops with red over the BO-sts on the shoulders of the front next to the neckline and crochet mouse-teeth with 2 chain-sts on the rem part of the shoulder and around the neck. Sew buttons on the shoulders of the back opposite the button loops. Sew together the rest of the shoulder so that the mouse-teeth edge covers the seams. Sew the side seams of the skirt, but leave space enough for the sleeves. Pull the silk ribbon through the bottom rib row at the waist and make a bow on the front.

**Nisse-cap:** CO 52 sts with red and work a rib over 3 rows (k1, p1), however, first and last st are always knit and are the edge-st. Cont in st st, k first row on RS. After 22 rows start dec. K 1 edge-st, \* k8, k2tog \*, rep 5 times, last st is the edge-st.

\* Work 3 rows even. **NR:** Again 5 dec, 1 above the former 5 dec \*. Rep \*-\*, until only 17 sts are left. Hereafter dec 5 sts on every second row 2 times. Cut the yarn, pull the thread through the st and fasten the tail. Sew the cap together. Make a small tassel and sew it on the tip of the cap.

### Nisse boy

Work it like the Nisse girl but in other colors and without the underpant edge. Use the red yarn for the feet, the legs and the underpant-part, the rest of him is skin-colored. Glue the wooden clogs to his feet using a good quality of glue.

**Hair:** Make "rya"-loops over a pencil with 2 strands of reddish brown yarn. Beg at the back of the head and cont around the "ears" and the front. Sew in circles until the top of his head is covered. Cut all the loops and steam the hair over boiling water to make it frizzy.

**Sweater:** Back and front are alike. CO 30 sts with red and work rib over 4 rows (k1, p1). Hereafter in st st, p first row on WS. Change to charcoal and work stripes alternating 2 rows of charcoal and 2 rows of red. After 7

grey stripes change to red. K 1 row and 3 rows of rib and BO.

**Sleeves (2 times):** CO 18 sts with red and work rib and strips as for the back but on RS of the grey stripes inc 1 st at each end. After 5 grey stripes, k 1 row of red and BO with red.

**Finishing:** Place the top rib part of the front on top of the rib part of the back and sew the parts together, but 1 cm only on each side. Sew 1 button on both sides of the rib of the back. Join the sleeves to the front and back and sew the sleeve and side seams. Push the buttons through the rib once you have dressed the Nisse boy.

**Muffler:** CO 10 sts.

**Row 1:** \* k1, p1 \*, rep \*-\* to end of row.

**Row 2:** Sl 1 kwise, \*p1, k1\*, rep \*-\* to last st, p1.

Rep row 2 until muffler measures 35 cm and BO in rib. Attach small fringes at both ends.

