



LW5745



# knitting

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Super Saver®:** 1 skein each of 672 Spring Green **A**, 316 Soft White **B**, 319 Cherry Red **C**, and 3950 Charcoal **D**

**Note:** Only a small amount of each yarn color is needed.

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**Needles:** 3.75 mm [US 5].

Polyester fiberfill, 18" [45.5 cm] thin gold ribbon (for hanger), yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 20 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] over Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**

Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

## BUY YARN



**RED HEART® Super Saver®**, Art. E300 available in

solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yds (333 m); stripes, prints, multis and heathers 5 oz (141 g), 236 yds (215 m); flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins



# Jolly Pickle Ornament

German legend has it that the Christmas pickle was the last ornament hung on the tree and the first child to find the pickle got an extra present. Whether you follow tradition or just love pickles, you'll enjoy knitting this happy face ornament to have each Christmas season.

**Ornament measures about 5" [12.5 cm] long.**

## Special Stitch

**kfb (Knit into front and back)** = Knit next stitch but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same stitch and remove from needle - 1 st increased.

## Notes

1. Pickle is made from 3 pieces: Pickle, Hat, and Pompom.
2. All pieces are sewn together to complete the ornament.
3. Gauge is not critical for this project. Work tightly so stuffing will not show between stitches.

## PICKLE

With **A**, cast on 6 sts.

**Row 1 (right side):** Knit.

**Row 2:** Kfb in each st across—12 sts.

**Row 3:** [K1, kfb] 5 times, [kfb] twice—19 sts.

**Row 4:** K1, \*p1, k1; repeat from \* across. Repeat Row 4 until piece measures about 3½" [9 cm] from beginning.

**Next Row:** [K1, k2tog] 5 times, [k2tog] twice—12 sts.

**Next Row:** [K2tog] 6 times—6 sts.

**Next Row:** Knit.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle, thread through remaining 6 stitches, remove stitches from needle and pull to gather end of Pickle. Continuing with tail, sew side edges together for back seam, stuffing as you go. Then thread tail through the 6 cast-on stitches and pull to gather beginning of Pickle.

Weave in ends securely.

## HAT

With **B**, cast on 22 sts.

**Rows 1-3:** Knit.

Change to **C**.

**Rows 4-9:** Beginning with a right side (knit) row, work in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 6 rows.

**Row 10:** [K2tog] 11 times—11 sts.

Continue even in Stockinette stitch until piece measures about 3" [7.5 cm] from beginning.

**Next Row:** [K2tog] 5 times, k1—6 sts.

**Next Row:** Knit.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle, thread through remaining 6 stitches, remove stitches from needle, and pull to gather top of Hat. Continuing with tail, sew side edges together for back seam.

## POMPOM

With **B**, cast on 3 sts.

**Row 1:** Kfb in each st—6 sts.

**Rows 2-5:** Knit.

**Row 6:** [K2tog] 3 times—3 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle, thread through remaining 3 stitches, remove stitches from needle, and pull to gather. Thread tail around outer edges and pull tightly to shape pompom.

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## FINISHING

Sew pompom to top of Hat. Sew Hat to one end of Pickle, fold down top of Hat and tack in place.

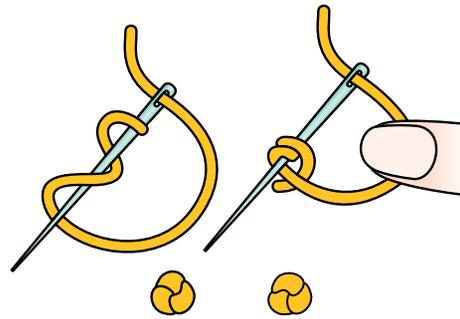
**Face:** With yarn needle and **D**, using photograph as a guide, embroider a back stitch smile and French knot eyes on front of Pickle.

Fold gold ribbon in half. Insert crochet hook around a few stitches at top of ornament, place ribbon fold on hook and draw through to form a loop. Thread ends of ribbon through loop and pull to tighten. Tie ends together with bow or overhand knot to form hanging loop.

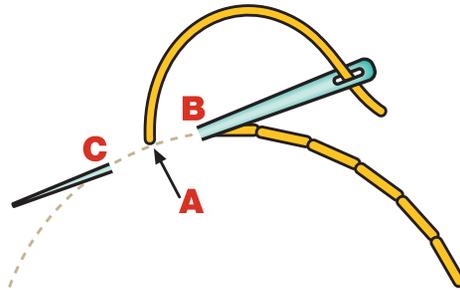
Weave in any remaining ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C,** and **D** = Color A, Color B, Color C, and Color D; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.



French Knot



Back Stitch

