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Kork Nisse (crochet)
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Pattern Introduction
A Nisse (or tomtenisse) is a gnome-like character from Scandanavian folklore. Often mischievous, a nisse usually wears a bright colored, pointy hat, and is associated with the Winter Solstice and Christmas. These crocheted nisses are a variation on others seen across the internet. A simple make with lots of options for decorating!

What you need
Worsted Weight Yarn
Size G hook
Wine Cork
Bells, Pom Poms, Buttons, etc for embellishing.
Embroidery Thread for optional stitches.
Yarn Needle

Stitches you need to know
Chain
Slip Stitch
Single Crochet

Techniques you need to know
Crochet in rounds

Gauge Not too important for this project. The yarn I used was more in the Light Worsted range, so if you use a yarn chunkier than this, you will have to adjust your hook size and/or stitch count.

Measurements
Each Nisse is approximately 3" high.

Abbreviations you need to know

Beg = beginning	Sc = single crochet
Ch = chain	Sl st = slip stitch
Lps = loops	Sp = space
Rem = remaining	St = stitch
Rep = repeat	Sts = stitches
Rnd = round	

Memory Refreshers – These are just some things I like to include in my patterns especially for new crocheters, as well as making it clear what I'm instructing you to do.

1. "Fasten off" means to draw your yarn through the loop you have on your hook, then cut or break your yarn 3-4 inches away from loop. Now pull the yarn out of the securing loop you made. Give the end on your work a tug for good measure.

Instructions
Body of Nisse (Make 1)
Ch 12 sts.
Without twisting, sl st into spine loop of first ch.
Rnd 1: Ch 1, work sc in each spine loop around. Join w/sl st to top of first sc. (12 sc)
*Note: Always work first sc of every rnd into the same st as join. Place a marker into this sc if needed.
Rnds 2-4: Ch 1, sc in each sc around. Join. ***Note**: Depending on height of cork, increase 1 or 2 rnds if needed.
Fasten Off. Weave in ends.

Hat (Make 1)
Work Hat the same as Body through Rnd 4.
Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in each sc around. Join.
Rnd 6: Ch 1, *Sc, sc2tog, rep from * around. Join. (8 sc)
Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in each sc around. Join.
Rnd 8: Ch 1, sc, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog, sc in final sc. Join. (6 sc)
Rnds 9-10: Ch 1, sc in each sc around. Join. (*Hang in there...this gets tight and fiddly!)
Rnd 11: Ch 1, *sc, sc2tog, rep from * once more. Join. (4 sc)
Rnd 12: Ch 1, sc2tog (use any sts...as best you can☺).
Fasten Off. Weave in ends.

Assembly
***Embellish as desired.
***Put Body on bottom half of Cork. Put Hat on top half of Cork.
***Using Sharpie in colors of choice to add eyes, nose and optional mouth.

Optional Additions:
*Embellish with a pompom on top of hat, or a bell. Add a button or two bells on the side of the hat.
*Embroider cross-stitches or any other stitches onto hat or body.
*To add a beard, glue a small tuft of wool or cotton onto the face just under mouth.
*Knit or crochet a tiny scarf for your Nisse.
*To hang on your tree, use a small amount of Ribbon to make a loop at top of hat. Or just use an ornament wire hanger. Be sure to hot glue the hat to the cork.

Work Flat Option:
***If you do not want or know how to work in the round, you can work this flat by simply working each Rnd as a Row, turning work at the end of each Row. You will then need to seam up the side of the Body and the Hat using the whip stitch with a length of yarn and a yarn needle.

Special Note
These Nisse are not my original idea. In designing and writing a pattern I am simply wanting to offer a way to make these that is simple and uses a common weight yarn. There is another free crochet pattern for the Nisses which uses DK weight yarn, a spiral approach to the sc fabric and a differently shaped hat. Visit here for Anna's instructions: http://annabooshouse.blogspot.co.uk/p/crochet-korknisse-and-toadstool.html

I am in no way trying to copy anyone's idea or gain financially from this. I desire to offer something fun for you to make.

**There is a Knit Version as well in the Free Patterns section of my website, jenniferedwards.com.