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Kork Nisse (knit)

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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 knitted 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 6 Double Pointed Needles or circular needles for Magic Loop.
Wine Cork
Bells, Pom Poms, Buttons, etc for embellishing.
Embroidery Thread for optional stitches.
Yarn Needle

Stitches you need to know

Knit
Purl
K2tog

Techniques you need to know

Knit 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 needle size and/or stitch count.

Measurements
Each Nisse is approximately 3" high.

Abbreviations you need to know

BO = Bind Off	Rep = Repeat
CO = Cast On	Rnd = Round
K = Knit	St = Stitch
K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together	Sts = Stitches
P = Purl	

Instructions

Body of Nisse (Make 1)
CO 12 sts.
For DPNS: Place 4 sts each on three needles. Being careful not to twist, join for working in the round.
For Magic Loop: Place 6 sts on each needle. Being careful not to twist, join for working in the round.

Rnds 1-3: *K1, P1, rep from * around.
Rnds 4-7: K each st around. ***Note**: Depending on height of cork, increase 1 or 2 rnds if needed.
BO all sts loosely.
Fasten Off. Weave in ends.

Hat (Make 1)
Work Hat the same as Body through Rnd 7.
Rnd 8: K each st around.
Rnd 9: *K1, K2tog, K1, rep from * around. (If working magic loop, this may seem odd. Just go with it. It is written to accommodate stitch count on DPNS also.:)
Rnd 10: K each st around.
Rnd 11: *K1, K2tog, rep from * around.
Rnd 12: K each st around.
Rnds 13-14: Rep Rnds 11 & 12 once more.
** You should have 4 sts remaining-- 2 sts per needle. (If working with DPNS, you will need to adjust the sts on the needles to accommodate the previous K2tog's and end with 2 sts on just two needles.)
Rnd 15: K each st around.
Final Rnd: K2tog twice. (2 sts remain.)
Bring first of the remaining 2 sts over the second.
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, make 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. **However**, to maintain the stockinette fabric, you will need to alternate knit rows with purl rows. OR, you can simply make your Nisse with garter stitch, knitting every 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. I was unable to locate a pattern written in English. The only one I found was in Norwegian. So I made my own pattern from seeing these:
http://www.elliphantom.com/2006/12/finished_korknisse_ornaments.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 CrochetVersion as well in the Free Patterns section of my website, jenniferedwards.com.