

Letter to Santa

Materials:

- Worsted weight/light worsted, colors of choice
- Worsted weight/light worsted, contrasting colors of choice for seams (or a novelty eyelash or fuzzy yarn, as desired)
- Knitting needles US 7 (4.5mm)
- Yarn needle
- Embellishments (buttons, ribbon or yarn)
- Straight pins/steam iron for blocking (if desired)
- Small pieces of paper for wishes

Gauge: Gauge is not critical for this project

Instructions

Envelope Body #1

With MC, cast on 13 stitches (sts). Marking first row as the right side, work in garter st (knit every row) until piece measures 2½” from beginning; end by working a wrong side row.

Flap:

Row 1: Knit 2 sts together (decrease), k across, knit last two sts together (11 sts).

Row 2: Purl 2 sts together, p across, purl last two sts together (9 sts). Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until there are 3 sts left.

Knit two stitches together, bind off remaining sts.



Envelope Body #2

With MC, cast on 13 sts. Marking first row as the right side, work in stockinette st (knit one row, purl one row) until piece measures 2½” from beginning; end by working a wrong side row.

Flap #2:

Row 1: Knit 2 stitches (sts) together (decrease), (p1, k1) across row, knit last two sts together (11 sts).

Row 2: Purl 2 sts together, (k1, p1) across row, purl last two sts together (9 sts).

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 in seed stitch, maintaining the pattern, until there are 3 sts left.

Knit two stitches together, bind off remaining sts.



Finishing

1. Lightly block with steam iron, pin into shape, and allow to dry.
2. With envelope facing you wrong side up, fold up the bottom third of envelope even with bottom edge of flap (first dec row); pin in place along both sides. Using contrasting yarn, begin at the lower right corner, and work your preferred stitch (running, overcast or blanket stitches look nice) up the right side, around the flap, and down the left edge of the envelope. Bury yarn end inside envelope.
3. The envelope flap can be closed with a button, or tie, as you prefer. You can also add buttons, embroidery or add other embellishments as preferred. Cut paper to fit envelope, write a wish, or note to Santa and tuck inside!