



# Lattes & Llamas

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## Castiel Tree Topper

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### Yarn

Worsted weight yarn in black, tan, white, red, and navy

### Needles

US 4 Double Pointed Needles (DPNs), and US 4 straight or circular needles.

### Notions

Printable iron-on transfer paper, floral wire, tapestry needle, stuffing (such as fiberfill).

### Gauge

Gauge is not important for this pattern, as long as your gauge is even throughout.

### Abbreviation Key

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Please note that we use the American definitions.

st(s)	stitch(es)
CO	cast on
Sl	slip stitch to right needle without working it.
yo	yarn over
R	row
BO	bind off
K	knit
P	purl
W	wrap
K2tog	Knit 2 together (decreases 1)
sks	Slip, Knit, Slip: slip one as if to knit, knit next m      stitch marker

Chart for front of shirt

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
16	■	■					■	■	■						■	■
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## Legs

Using a provisional cast on (as if making a toe up sock, tutorial available in the Lattes with Dr.

Llama tab of Lattes & Llamas) cast on 7 sts with black.

**R1:** K6, wrap next st, turn

**R4:** P3, wrap next st, turn.

**R2:** Sl first (wrapped) st as if to purl, P5, wrap next st, turn.

**R5:** K4, wrap next st, turn.

**R3:** Sl first (wrapped) st as if to knit, K4, wrap next st, turn.

**R6:** P5, wrap next st, turn.

**R7:** K6, wrap next st, turn.

**R8:** P to end.

**Pick up the 7 stitches from the provisional cast on and distribute the 14 sts across 3 DPNs.**

**Leg is now worked in the round**

**R9-20:** Knit.

**Break yarn and put sts on holder (do not bind off). Repeat rows 1-20 for second leg. Pick up 4 stitches from each leg and join the legs by binding off these sts together (I recommend a 3 needle bind off, but whatever method you're most comfortable with will do the trick).**

**Distribute the remaining 20 sts over 3 DPNs.**

**Next 4 rows:** Knit, taking care not to let a hole form where the legs are joined. If you find that a hole is forming there, pick up an extra stitch from below the hole and knit it together with the next stitch. At the end of 4 rows bind off all sts.

## **Shirt Front**

CO 15 with white.

**R1-12:** Following chart, knit on the right side and purl on the wrong side. The first row is a wrong side row.

**R13-16:** Continuing to follow chart decrease one at the beginning of each row.

**R17:** K4, bind off 3, K to end. Break yarn and place the remaining 8 sts on a holder.

## **Shirt Back**

CO 15.

**R1-12:** Knit on the right side and purl on the wrong side. Note that the first row is a wrong side row.

**R13-16:** Decrease 1 at the beginning of each row, continuing to knit on the right side and purl on the wrong side.

**R17:** K4, bind off 3, K to end. Break yarn and place the remaining 8 sts on a holder.

**Join shoulders:** Using a 3-needle bind off join the 4 stitches at the front and the back of each side of the tops of the front and back of the shirt. Seam the sides of the shirt together from under the armhole decrease to the bottom of the shirt.

**Arms:** Pick up 12 stitches around 1<sup>st</sup> armhole and join to work in the round. Knit for 3 inches, then break yarn leaving a 4 inch tail. Run the tail through the stitches and pull tight to close. Repeat on second armhole.

## Head

Using the same provisional cast on as the legs, cast on 10.

**R1:** K9, wrap next st, turn.

**R2:** Slip first (wrapped) st, P8, wrap next st, turn.

**R3:** K7, wrap next st, turn.

**R4:** P6, wrap next st, turn.

**R5:** K5, wrap next st, turn.

**R6:** P4, wrap next st, turn.

**R7:** K5, wrap next st, turn.

**R8:** P6, wrap next st, turn.

**R9:** K7, wrap next st, turn.

**R10:** P8, wrap next st, turn.

**R11:** K9, wrap next st, turn

**R12:** P across. Pick up sts from provisional cast on and distribute across 3 needles.

**R13-17:** Knit. Bind off all sts.

**Seam the open end of the head to the neck hole on the shirt. Stuff the legs and shirt/head and seam the 2 pieces together.**

## Coat

With Straight or circular needles cast on 30.

**R1-9:** Knit on the right side and purl on the wrong side. Note that the first row is a wrong side row.

**R10:** K2, SKS, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2.

**R11:** P

**Repeat rows 10-11 twice more (24 sts)**

**Next row:** K2, SKS, yo, K2tog, K12, K2tog, yo, K2tog, K2. (this creates the belt holes)

**Next 5 rows:** Knit on the right side and purl on the wrong side.

**Separate the front and back by placing the first 5, the last 5, and the center 12 sts on separate holders. Work 8 rows of knit the right side and purl the wrong side on all 3 sections. Do not bind off. On the back (center 12 sts) only work a 9<sup>th</sup> row of K5, BO2, K5. Make the shoulders**

by binding off the left 5st section to the left 5 sts on the back, and the right 5st section to the right 5sts from the back using a 3-needle bind off.

**Sleeves:** Pick up 15sts around the first armhole and join to work in the round. Knit 7 rows then BO. Repeat on 2<sup>nd</sup> sleeve.

**Belt:** Cast on 3 sts and work an i-cord for 9 inches. Bind off.

**i-cord instructions:** Using DPNs, cast on 3 sts. Do not turn. \*Slide sts to the other side of the needle, bring the yarn around the back of the sts and knit across them. Do not turn. Repeat from \*.

## Wings

Create the base for the wing by casting on 20 sts, and knit every stitch for 6 rows. Bind off using an applied i-cord:

**Applied i-cord instructions:** CO 3 sts onto a dpn. PU 1 st from the armhole edge (4 on dpn). Using 2<sup>nd</sup> dpn, K2, K2tog. DO NOT TURN. \* PU 1 st from the armhole edge and slide sts to right side of the dpn and bringing yarn around the back K2, K2tog. Repeat from \* until all sts from the edge have been worked.

**Feathers: Knit every row for feathers.**

CO 3. K 1 row.

**R2:** K to last 2 sts, knit into the front and back of next st, K1.

**Repeat row 2 until there are 7 sts. Knit 10 rows.**

**Next 2 rows:**

**1:** K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

**2:** Knit

**Repeat the last 2 rows until only 2 sts remain. K2tog, break yarn, pull tail through last st and pull tight.**

**Make 5 feathers for each wing and sew them onto the wing base using a tapestry needle.**

**Slide a piece of floral wire into the applied i-cord at the top of the wing's base to and then bend the wire to shape. Sew the wings to the back of the coat.**

## **Hat**

CO 15 sts with white yarn and join to work in the round. Purl 1 row, then break yarn and join red.

**R1-7:** Knit

**R8:** Knit, decrease 3 by K2tog evenly spaced around.

**R9:** Knit.

**Repeat rows 8-9 twice more. Break yarn leaving a 4 inch tail. Run the tail through the remaining 6 sts and pull tight to close.**

**Pom:** Cut several (20-30) 1 inch pieces of white yarn. Cut one 6 inch piece of white yarn. Use the long piece to tie the short pieces into a bundle, then roll it between your palms until it is nicely fluffed and ball shaped. Trim to desired size and sew onto the top of the hat.

## **Finishing**

Print off the picture of your choice on iron-on transfer paper and iron it to the head. I chose Castiel, but this is a fantastic opportunity to punk your father by making a super creepy angel of him, if that's your thing ;). Dress your angel and use a piece of floral wire to adhere him to the top of the tree. I did this by wrapping the wire around the point of the tree leaving a length sticking up, and then skewered Cas on that piece. Enjoy!