

## **Knit Santa Hats for Wine Bottles**

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<u>You Will Need:</u> Size 4 Needles (U.S. Size) Small amount of medium weight yarn (size 4) in Dark Red and White Small White Pom Poms Large eye blunt needle for sewing hat seam Needle and thread for sewing pom pom to hat

## Instructions:

Cast on 20 stitches in white Knit for 3 rows

Break off white and attach red yarn Knit 1 row Purl 1 row

Begin Decreases: Row 1: K2 tog, knit across to last 2 stitches, K2 tog Row 2: Purl

Repeat these two rows until 4 stitches remain on needle (final row will be K2 tog, K2, K2 tog)

Cut yarn leaving a long tail. Thread the tail of yarn through a large eye needle and then pull through the stitches to remove them from the needle. Use the tail of yarn to sew the seam down the back of the hat. Weave in any remaining yarn ends.

Sew a pom-pom onto the top of the hat (either a store bought pom pom or a homemade pom pom)

## To decorate the wine bottles with a Santa suit:

Cut a  $4 \frac{1}{4}$ " x 10" size piece of red scrapbook paper and wrap around the bottle, overlapping the edges in the back and securing with double sided tape.

Cut a  $1'' \times 10''$  piece of white scrapbook paper and secure around the bottle in the same way, positioning the white strip at the bottom of the red strip, overlapping slightly.

Wrap a piece of black ribbon around the middle for a belt, securing with tape or glue in the back.

Cut a small "belt buckle" from white scrapbook paper (or perhaps you will be able to find other stick-on scrapbook supplies that can serve as the proper shape for a belt buckle), and glue to the front of the ribbon. Glue four very small white pom poms to the front for buttons.

Finish with curling ribbon and a gift tag around the neck of the bottle.