

# Sai Sanctuary Candy Cane Donkeys



Knit and crochet your own Candy Cane Donkeys. Each donkey is perfect as a Christmas ornament or a gift. Make just one or a whole herd.



*Please note, these candy cane donkeys were designed as ornaments or decorations. They are not toys.*

## What you need:

A box of candy canes (approx 12cm long)

Double knit yarn in shades of grey, brown, beige and white (or any other colour you fancy)

4mm circular knitting needle or a set of 4mm double pointed needles

3mm crochet hook

4mm goggle eyes (or embroider your own)

Wool sewing needle

Embroidery thread for the nostrils

Thread for hanging the donkey

Glue for the eyes



Approx  
12cm long



## Body:

Using 4mm needle and body colour. Knitted from the bottom up, in the round, using a circular needle and the 'magic-loop' method.

1. Cast on 10sts with body colour yarn (I use long tail method)
2. Join in the round and knit 30 rounds in body colour
3. Change to white yarn and knit another 6 rounds – 36 rounds total.
4. Cut white yarn.
5. Using a wool needle, thread the top white end through the 10 stitches.
6. Gather the top and sew the end in.
7. Sew in all the other ends.

## Ears:

Using 3mm crochet hook and body colour. Begin with the 'magic ring' method.

1. Ch1, 4 sc into magic ring.
2. Turn, ch1, miss one space, sc into next three spaces.
3. Turn, ch1, miss one space, sc into next two spaces.
4. Turn, ch1, miss one space, sc into next space.
5. YO and pull loop through.
6. Cut yarn, leaving a tail for attaching the ear.
7. Using a wool needle, thread the top yarn end down the side of the ear and across the bottom. Pull yarn slightly to give the ear a good shape. (see pictures on next page)
8. Leave the ends for attaching the ear and creating the ridge above the eye.

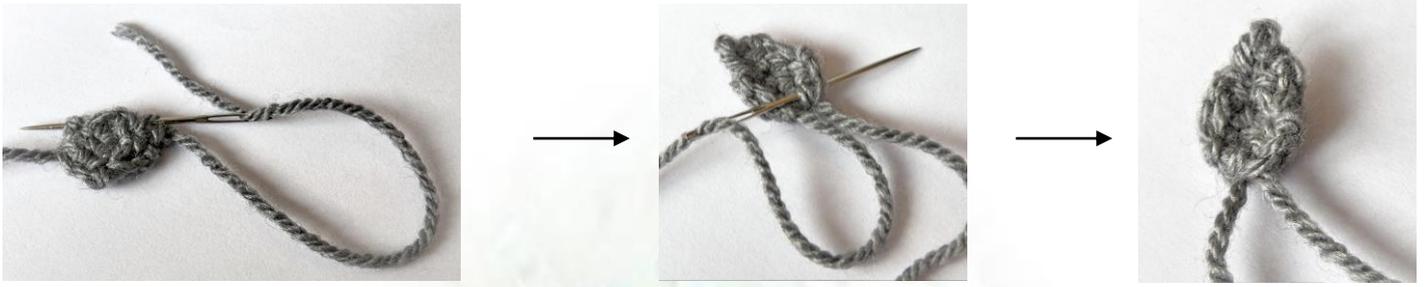
Now insert a candy cane into the body of the donkey, curly end first. (Careful, the canes break easily)

This makes it easier to place the eyes and ears and nostrils.



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**Ear:** Threading the top yarn end down the side and across the bottom of the ear



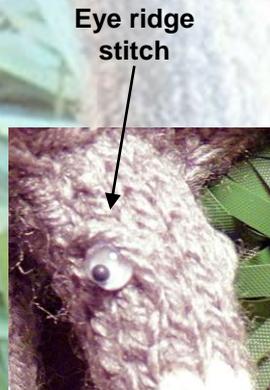
**With a candy cane in the body piece:**

**Ears:**

1. Position the ears as shown in the pictures and sew them to the body.
2. Sew one end in.
3. Leave one end for the eye ridge.

**Eyes:**

1. Stick on two 'goggle' eyes as shown in the pictures and leave to dry.
2. Using the ends from the ears, stitch one ridge stitch over the top of each eye and sew all the ends in.
3. Use a tiny amount of glue to stick the eye ridge stitch in place.



**Nose:**

Using embroidery thread, stitch two chain stitches on the nose for the nostrils.



**Mane and hanger:** (a bit fiddly)

1. Cut several lengths of yarn approx 7cm or 8cm. (I varied the colours)
2. Use a crochet hook to loop the thread through the knit stitches and knot in place.
3. I did two knots between the ears and a single line of knots down the back.
4. When finished, cut the mane to an even length.
5. Add a thread hanger through the top of the neck and admire your new donkey



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