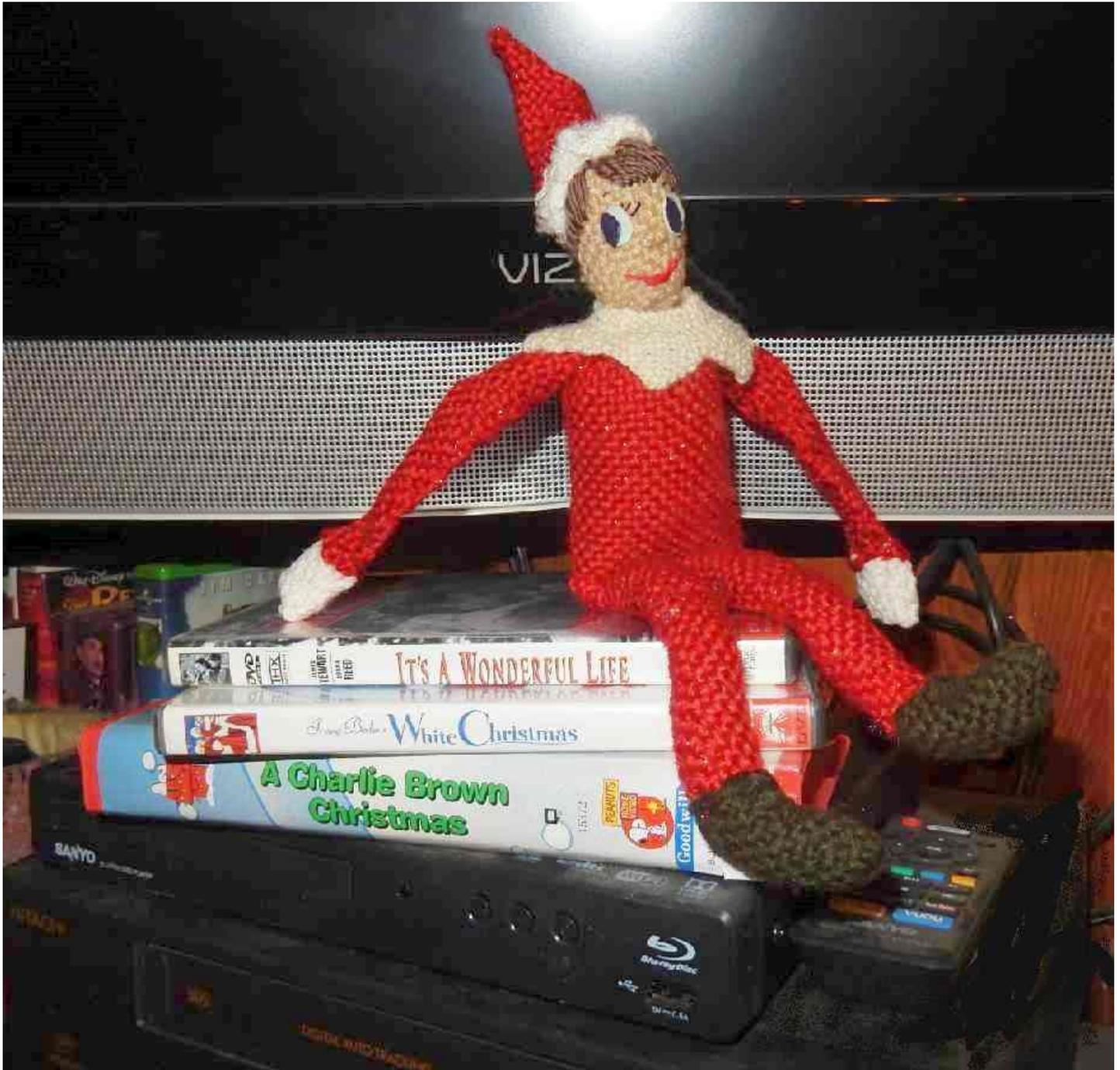


# Shelf Elf

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The Elf is woven. His hat band is crocheted and his collar is knitted. Both could be cut from felt if you lack those skills.

**Multi Looms used:**

**2x6"**

**4x6"**

**2x2"**

**4x4"**

**4" triangle (optional)**

**7" weaving needle**

**Yarn needle & scissors**

**#6(G) Crochet hook**

**#2 knitting needles**

**Yarns:**

**Simply Soft Party in Red Sparkle**

**Simply Soft White Fingering yarn in white for collar.**

**You will need "flesh colored" yarn of your choice for 1(one) 4" square.**

**Scraps of Brown yarn for his hair & Black for boots**

**Embroidery threads in Red and black**

**Tiny bits of felt or plastic flirty eyes**

**Using Simply Soft Party in Red Sparkle weave:**

**4(four) 2x6 for arms and legs.**

**1(one) 4x6 for body**

**1(one) 4" triangle: *Note: Hat came be made with folded 4" square if necessary, but it will be much thicker.***

*Just something to keep in mind as you may have to make modifications to instructions in this case.*

**Using Simply Soft White weave:**

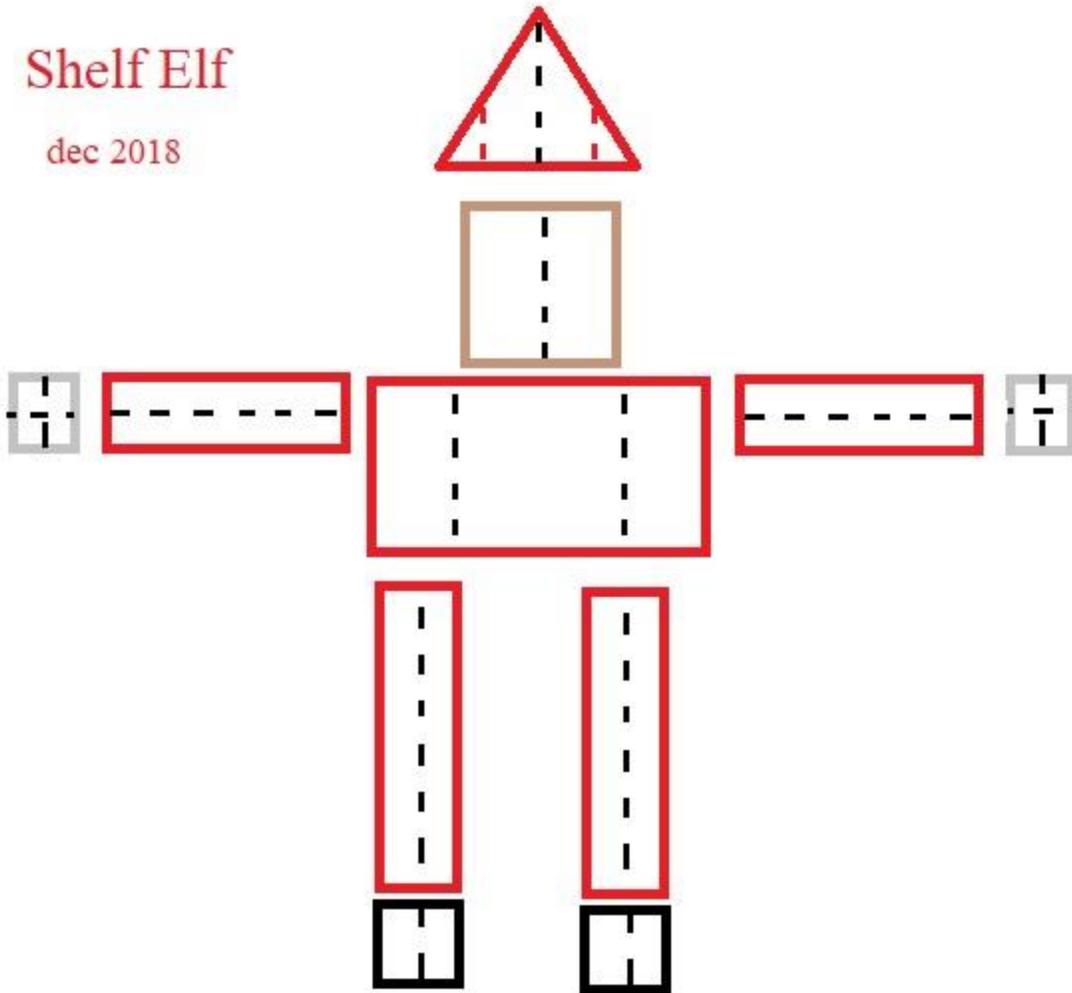
**2(two) 2x2 for mittens**

**Using scraps of black weave:**

**2(two) 2x2 for boots**

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## Assembly:

**1. Sew head square into a tube and gather top tightly.**

**Stuff firmly about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way. Sew a gather thread around neck at this point and wrap yarn around to make a firm stiff neck. Knot off and bury ends. *(in this photo I did neck first which left head too long, so gather top first.)***



**2. Sew 4x6" rectangle into a tube, matching short sides. Sew into a tube. Place seam in center back and gather top (neck) edge slide dolls head into the opening and pull it as tightly as you can, then stitch in place, evening out gathers so as to make his shoulders as smooth as possible. Remember that this will be covered by his collar so will be forgiving.**

**Stuff body softly, so he is steady but not fat.**



**3. Legs & Arms. Fold the four 2x6 rectangles lengthwise as indicated on chart and stitch. I didn't turn them, that's your choice.**

**4. For Legs: Gather toe end and stuff lightly, you don't want them stiff.**

*Hint: I found that using my long afghan hook I can pull the stuffing into the tube easier than I can push it in. You may want to try that.*

**With seam center back sew top edge flat. Find where you want his knee (about halfway usually) and stitch across his leg to make it bendable. Place each leg into the bottom of the body at the sides and sew into the seam, closing body at same time. If his legs look too far apart, you can gather the crotch in a little.**

**5. His Boots. Sew the black 2" squares into a tube and fold so seam is center front. Gather end & knot leaving tail on needle. Make a few stitches up the seam. Stuff lightly and pull the stitches to gather the seam. Knot and finish seam. This should make the tube bend in the center to form , more or less, a foot shape. Insert his leg into the boot with the toe pointing front and stitch in place.**

**6. Arms: Fold white 2" square in half and in half again and stitch along the edges to make his mitten. Insert into the open end of his arm and stitch in place. I did not stuff my arms at all**

but I think they may look a bit better for a tiny bit of stuffing. If you do, work like legs, stitching flat in center to make his elbow. Close top end flat and sew to his shoulders.



7. Hat: Fold the short legs of the triangle together & sew. Fold with the seam at the back and tuck the point under there, tack in place. Using the white yarn and the g crochet hook, work a single crochet around the edge of the hat, which will hold the tucked under edge in place. Work a 2<sup>nd</sup> row of sc or until it is a wide a band as you want. Stitch in place on his head, covering the edge of his hair. See "Face" below.



8. Face: Take a look at photo's on line and find one you like. If you have not made him a nose, do it now. It goes in the center of his head. His eyes will set to either side, and just a tiny bit below the top of his nose. His mouth goes halfway between his nose and his 'chin'. I

liked the flirty eyes but could not find plastic ones in my stash so got out the felt and made these. They are just a little over a cm long (1/2") and a little under a cm (3/8") wide. The black covers about half of that and I did not have blue so drew that in with a felt pen. I used two strands of thread to give him eyelashes and a short brow. I fitted the hat on him so I knew pretty much how much of his head it would cover and then embroidered his hair in a tightly space satin stitches following a photo I liked as well as I could. His upper lip is a curved line with a fatter satin stitch lower lip. Here's a sketch, but it's not a pattern.



His collar:

White fingering yarn  
#2 knitting needles

1. CO 6
2. k2, kf&b, k4
3. k7
4. k2, kf&b, k5
6. k8
7. k2, kf&b, k6
8. k9
9. k2, kf&b, k7
10. k10
11. k2, kf&b, k8
12. k11
13. k2, kf&b, k9
14. k12
15. BO 6, k5 (6 stitches)

Repeat rows 1-15 7 times, you should have 7 points. Pick up the 6 CO stitches on a 3<sup>rd</sup> needle and work a 3 needle bind off. Or you could cast off the 6 and sew edges together. Turn collar and slip over his head. Put one point center front.

