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Materials
Scheepjes Catona
(100% Mercerised Cotton; 50g/125m)
Yarn A 110 Jet Black x 2 balls
Yarn B 105 Bridal White x 1 ball
Scheepjes Catona
(100% Mercerised Cotton; 10g/25m)
Yarn C 208 Yellow Gold
Leftover pink yarn for embroidered snout
2.5mm crochet hook
Stitch marker
Polyester stuffing
20cm black closed-end zipper
Pair of 6mm black safety eyes
Black and cream-coloured sewing thread

GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS
[ ] number of sts on a given row/round
blo back loop(s) only: insert hook under back loop(s) only
ch chain(s) or chain stitch(es)
flo front loop(s) only: insert hook under front loop(s) only
open opening
rep repeat
RS right side(s)
ss slip stitch(es)
st(s) stitch(es)
WS wrong side(s)
yoh yarn around hook

CROCHET CONVERSION CHART
Note: this pattern uses UK crochet terminology.

UK TERMINOLOGY	US TERMINOLOGY
dc double crochet	**sc** single crochet
dc2tog double crochet 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st: (insert hook in next st/sp, yoh, pull up loop) twice, yoh, draw through all loops	**sc2tog** single crochet 2 sts tog to dec by 1 st: (insert hook in next st/sp, yoh, pull up lp) twice, yoh, draw through all lps
htr half treble crochet	**hdc** half double crochet
inc work 2dc in next st to increase by 1 st	**inc** work 2sc in next st to increase by 1 st
tr treble crochet	**dc** double crochet

*.......; rep from * x more times/to end work instructions after * and then repeat that section as stated
(.......) x times work instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

Gauge/Tension
27 sts and 30 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over dc using 2.5mm hook

Measurements
Height approx. 28cm

Pattern Notes
Pencil Case is made up of separate pieces that are first worked and then either crocheted or sewed together. Head, Ears, Tail and End of Pencil Case are all worked using amigurumi method, working in a spiral without closing each round with ss. Mark first st of each round with a stitch marker, moving it up as you go. Pouch and Neck are not worked using amigurumi method.
Use tapestry crochet method for colour changes of Head: carry unused yarn along as you work, trapping it inside sts, and change colour in last yoh of previous st. For Ears and Tail, fasten off previous colour at each colour change.

INSTRUCTIONS

PENCIL CASE
End of Pencil Case
Using Yarn A, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, inc) six times. [18 dc]
Round 4 1dc, inc, (2dc, inc) five times, 1dc. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, inc) six times. [30 dc]
Round 6 2dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, (4dc blo, 2dc blo in next st) five times, 2dc blo. [36 dc blo]
Round 7 (5dc, inc) six times. [42 dc]
Round 8 3dc, inc, (6dc, inc) five times, 3dc. [48 dc]
Round 9 (7dc, inc) six times, change to Yarn B and fasten off Yarn A. [54 dc]
Round 10 4dc, inc, 8dc, inc, 3dc, inc, 4dc, inc, (8dc, inc) twice, 3dc, (inc, 4dc) twice. [62 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Rep for other end of Pencil Case, but work through both loops for Round 6.

Neck
Work Neck in the round and join rounds with ss.
Take one End of Pencil Case with blo sts (made in Round 6), join Yarn A with ss to front loop of any st of Round 5.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 30dc flo, ss to first dc to join. [30 dc flo]
Round 2 (RS) Ch1, (4dc, dc2tog) five times, ss in first dc. [25 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Pouch
Work Pouch back and forth in rows. Change colour on WS of work, do not use tapestry technique for colour changes.
Using Yarn B, ch16, change to Yarn A, ch38.
Row 1 (WS) 1dc in second ch from hook (skipped ch does not count as st), 37dc, change to Yarn B, 16dc, turn after each row. [53 dc]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 16dc, change to Yarn A, 37dc.
Row 3 Ch1, 38dc, change to Yarn B, 15dc.
Row 4 Ch1, 15dc, change to Yarn A, 38dc.
Row 5 Ch1, 39dc, change to Yarn B, 14dc.
Row 6 Ch1, 14dc, change to Yarn A, 39dc.
Row 7 Ch1, 41dc, change to Yarn B, 12dc.
Row 8 Ch1, 10dc, change to Yarn A, 43dc.
Rows 9-52 Ch1, 53dc.
Row 53 Ch1, 43dc, change to Yarn B, 10dc.
Row 54 Ch1, 12dc, change to Yarn A, 41dc.
Row 55 Rep Row 5.
Row 56 Rep Row 6.
Row 57 Rep Row 3.
Row 58 Rep Row 4.
Row 59 Ch1, 37dc, change to Yarn B, 16dc.
Row 60 Rep Row 2.
Fasten off colours and weave in all ends.

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Ear (make 2)
Using Yarn B, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 (RS) (1dc, inc) three times, change to Yarn A and fasten off Yarn B. [9 dc]
Round 3 9dc.
Round 4 (1dc, inc, 1dc) three times. [12 dc]
Rounds 5-6 12dc.
Fold open of Ear together and close in next row.
Row 7 Working through both layers: 1dc in each st. [6 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Eye (make 2)
Using Yarn C, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Fasten off, leaving long tail hanging for joining.

Head
Using Yarn B, ch4.
Round 1 (RS) Begin in second ch from hook, 2dc, 2dc in next ch, continue in opposite side of starting ch, 2dc, 2dc in last ch, do not turn. [8 dc]
Round 2 (RS) (inc, 1dc) three times, 1dc, inc. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, inc) six times. [18 dc]
In next rounds, use tapestry technique to change between Yarns A and B.
Round 4 Using Yarn B, 2dc; using Yarn A, 3dc in next st; using Yarn B, 2dc; using Yarn A, 3dc in next st; using Yarn B, 12dc. [22 dc]
Round 5 Using Yarn B, 2dc; using Yarn A, 2dc, 3dc in next st; using Yarn B, 2dc; using Yarn A, 3dc in next st, 2dc; using Yarn B, 12dc. [26 dc]
Round 6 Using Yarn B, 2dc; using Yarn A, 4dc, 3dc in next st, 1dc; using Yarn B, 1dc; using Yarn A, 3dc in next st, 4dc; using Yarn B, 12dc. [30 dc]
Round 7 (2dc, inc, 2dc) six times. [36 dc]
Round 8 (5dc, inc) six times. [42 dc]
Round 9 42dc.
Round 10 (5dc, inc) seven times. [49 dc]
Round 11 49dc.
Round 12 (3dc, inc, 3dc) seven times. [56 dc]
Place eyes between Rounds 6-7 with 12 sts in between. Attach Eyes first and then insert safety eyes.
Rounds 13-14 56dc.
Join Ears in next round, positioned on centre of Head. If necessary, adjust dc sts to make sure that Ears align with centre of Head, right above snout.
Round 15 10dc, work 6dc through sts of Round 14 of this piece and first Ear, 9dc, work 6dc through sts of Round 14 of this piece and second Ear, 25dc.
Rounds 16-17 56dc.
Round 18 (3dc, dc2tog, 3dc) seven times. [49 dc]
Rounds 19-20 49dc.
Round 21 (5dc, dc2tog) seven times. [42 dc]
Rounds 22-23 42dc.
Round 24 (2dc, dc2tog, 2dc) seven times. [35 dc]
Stuff Head as you go.
Round 25 (3dc, dc2tog) seven times. [28 dc]
Round 26 (1dc, dc2tog, 1dc) seven times. [21 dc]
Round 27 (1dc, dc2tog) seven times. [14 dc]
Round 28 (Dc2tog) seven times. [7 dc]
Thread yarn tail through front loops of sts of Round 28 and pull tight.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Tail
Using Yarn B, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 (RS) (1dc, inc) three times. [9 dc]
Round 3 9dc.
Round 4 (2dc, inc) three times. [12 dc]
Rounds 5-8 12dc, change to Yarn A and fasten off Yarn B.
Rounds 9-45 12dc.
Fold open of Tail together and close in next row.
Row 46 Working through both layers: 1dc in each st. [6 dc]
Fasten off, leaving long tail hanging for joining.

ASSEMBLY
Attach one side of zipper to Round 1 of Pouch and the other side to Round 60 of Pouch, making sure to neatly align both sides. Close zipper. Zipper should be positioned at top of Pencil Case right underneath Head which will be attached later.
Work an edge around End of Pencil Case as follows: join Yarn B with ss to row end at back of Pencil Case, 1dc in each row end, ch2 over zipper, do not fasten off.
Attach End of Pencil Case (with Neck) to Pouch as follows: 1ss blo in each st working through edge of Pouch and flo of End of Pencil Case, fasten off. [62 ss blo]
Rep instructions for other End of Pencil Case.
Attach Head to Neck, then Tail to back of bottom of Pouch. Use photos as a guide. Using leftover pink yarn, embroider snout on Head.

TO FINISH
Weave in all ends.