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### Materials
**Scheepjes Catona**
(100% Mercerised Cotton; 50g/125m)
**Yarn A** 179 Topaz x 2 balls
**Yarn B** 105 Bridal White x 1 ball
**Scheepjes Catona**
 (100% Mercerised Cotton; 10g/25m)
**Yarn C** 110 Jet Black
**Yarn D** 503 Hazelnut
2.5mm crochet hook
Stitch marker
Polyester stuffing
20cm white closed-end zipper
Pair of 6mm black safety eyes
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. Aside from Pouch, Neck and Ears, all pieces are 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. 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 Pouch, change colour at WS of work without fastening off. For all other sections, 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. [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.
Using Yarn B, ch54.
**Row 1 (WS)** 1dc in second ch from hook (skipped ch does not count as st), 52dc, turn after each row. [53 dc]
**Rows 2 (RS)-6** Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 53dc.
**Row 7** Using Yarn B, ch1, 2dc, *using Yarn A, 2dc; using Yarn B, 1dc; rep from * to end. Change to Yarn A, fasten off Yarn B.
**Rows 8-53** Ch1, 53dc, change to Yarn B.
**Row 54** Using Yarn B, ch1, 1dc, *using Yarn A, 2dc; using Yarn B, 1dc; rep from * to last st, 1dc, fasten off Yarn A.
**Rows 55-60** Ch1, 53dc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

### LEOPARD
**Ear (make 2)**
Using Yarn A, make magic ring.
**Row 1 (RS)** 6dc in ring, turn.
**Row 2 (WS)** Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 2dc, (inc) twice, 2dc, turn. [8 dc]
Work next row in row ends.
**Row 3** Ch1, 5dc, 1ss, turn. [6 dc]
Fold open of Ear together and close in next row.

**Row 4** Ch1, working through both layers: 1dc in each st. [3 dc]
Fasten off, leaving long tail hanging for joining.

**Head**
Using Yarn A, ch6.
**Round 1 (RS)** Begin in second ch from hook, 4dc, 2dc in next ch, continue in opposite side of starting ch: 4dc, 2dc in next ch. [12 dc]
**Round 2 (RS)** (1dc, inc) six times. [18 dc]
In next rounds, use tapestry technique to change between Yarn A and B.
**Round 3** Using Yarn A, (2dc, 3v in next dc) twice, 5dc; using Yarn B, 4dc; using Yarn A, 3dc. [22 dc]
**Round 4** Using Yarn A, 3dc, 3dc in next st, 2dc, 3dc in next st, 7dc; using Yarn B, 5dc; using Yarn A, 3dc. [26 dc]
**Round 5** Using Yarn A, 5dc, 3dc in next st, 2dc, 3dc in next st, 10dc; using Yarn B, 3dc; using Yarn A, 4dc, fasten off Yarn B. [30 dc]
**Round 6** (2dc, inc, 2dc) six times. [36 dc]
**Round 7** (5dc, inc) six times. [42 dc]
**Round 8** 42dc.
**Round 9** (5dc, inc) seven times. [49 dc]
**Round 10** 49dc.
**Round 11** (3dc, inc, 3dc) seven times. [56 dc]
Place eyes between Rounds 7-8 with 14 sts in between.
**Rounds 12-16** 56dc.
**Round 17** (3dc, dc2tog, 3dc) seven times. [49 dc]
**Round 18-19** 49dc.
**Round 20** (5dc, dc2tog) seven times. [42 dc]
**Rounds 21-22** 42dc.
**Round 23** (2dc, dc2tog, 2dc) seven times. [35 dc]
Stuff Head as you go.
**Round 24** (3dc, dc2tog) seven times. [28 dc]
**Round 25** (1dc, dc2tog, 1dc) seven times. [21 dc]
**Round 26** (1dc, dc2tog) seven times. [14 dc]
**Round 27** (Dc2tog) seven times. [7 dc]
Thread yarn tail through front loops of sts of Round 27 and pull tight.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

**Tail**
Using Yarn A, make magic ring.
**Round 1 (RS)** 6dc in ring. [6 dc]
**Round 2 (RS)** 6dc.
**Round 3** (1dc, inc) three times. [9 dc]
**Rounds 4-40** 9dc.
Fold open of Tail together and close in next row.
**Row 41** Skip 1 st, working through both layers: 1dc in each st. [4 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 A 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 Ears between Round 17 and 19 of Head with 14 sts in between. Attach Head to Neck, and Tail to back of bottom of Pouch. Use photos as a guide. Using Yarn C and D, embroider spots on Head, Pouch and Tail. Embroider a black snout on Head.

### TO FINISH
Weave in all ends.