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Materials

Scheepjes Catona

(100% Mercerised Cotton; 50g/125m)

Yarn A 242 Metal Grey x 2 balls

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(100% Mercerised Cotton; 25g/62.5m)

Yarn B 105 Bridal White x 1 ball

Yarn C 110 Jet Black x 1 ball

2.5mm crochet hook

Stitch marker

Polyester stuffing

20cm black closed-end zipper

Pair of 8mm 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 and Neck, 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 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]

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]

Row 2 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 53dc, change to Yarn C and fasten off Yarn B.

Row 3 Ch1, 53dc, change to Yarn A and fasten off Yarn C.

Rows 4-57 Ch1, 53dc, change to Yarn C and fasten off Yarn A.

Row 58 Ch1, 53dc, change to Yarn B and fasten off Yarn C.

Rows 59-60 Ch1, 53dc.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

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Ear (make 2)

Using Yarn A, 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 (1dc, inc, 1dc) three times. [12 dc]

Round 5 12dc.

Round 6 (3dc, inc) three times. [15 dc]

Round 7 15dc.

Fold open of Ear together and close in next row.

Row 8 Skip 1 st, working through both layers: 1dc in each st, fasten off. [7 dc]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Head

Using Yarn C, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) 6dc in ring. [6 dc]

Round 2 (RS) (1dc, inc) three times, change to Yarn B and fasten off Yarn C. [9 dc]

Round 3 (1dc, inc, 1dc) three times. [12 dc]

Round 4 (3dc, inc) three times. [15 dc]

Round 5 (2dc, inc, 2dc) three times. [18 dc]

Round 6 18dc.

Round 7 (5dc, inc) three times, change to Yarn C. [21 dc]

In next rounds, use tapestry technique to change between Yarn A and C.

Round 8 Using Yarn C, 6dc, (1dc, inc) twice; using Yarn A, 1dc, inc; using Yarn C, (1dc, inc) twice, 5dc. [26 dc]

Round 9 Using Yarn C, 6dc, (1dc, inc, 1dc) twice; using Yarn A, 1dc, inc, 1dc; using Yarn C, (1dc, inc, 1dc) twice, 5dc. [31 dc]

Round 10 Using Yarn C, 6dc, (2dc, inc, 1dc) twice; using Yarn A, 2dc, inc, 1dc; using Yarn C, (2dc, inc, 1dc) twice, 5dc. [36 dc]

Round 11 Using Yarn C, (5dc, inc) twice, 3dc; using Yarn A, 2dc, inc, 4dc; using Yarn C, 1dc, inc, (5dc, inc) twice. [42 dc]

Also use Yarn B in next round.

Round 12 Using Yarn C, 10dc; using Yarn B, 7dc, 1dc in 1 row below, 1dc; using Yarn A, 4dc; using Yarn B, 1dc, 1dc in 1 row below, 7dc; using Yarn C, 10dc, change to Yarn A, fasten off Yarn B and C.

Round 13 (5dc, inc) seven times. [49 dc]

Round 14 49dc.

Round 15 (3dc, inc, 3dc) seven times. [56 dc]

Place eyes between Rounds 10-11 with 11 sts in between.

Rounds 16-17 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 18 20dc, work 7dc through sts of Round 17 of this piece and first Ear, 7dc, work 7dc through sts of Round 17 and second Ear, 15dc.

Rounds 19-20 56dc.

Round 21 (3dc, dc2tog, 3dc) seven times. [49 dc]

Rounds 22-23 49dc.

Round 24 (5dc, dc2tog) seven times. [42 dc]

Rounds 25-26 42dc.

Round 27 (2dc, dc2tog, 2dc) seven times. [35 dc]

Stuff Head as you go.

Round 28 (3dc, dc2tog) seven times. [28 dc]

Round 29 (1dc, dc2tog, 1dc) seven times.

[21 dc]

Round 30 (1dc, dc2tog) seven times. [14 dc]

Round 31 (Dc2tog) seven times. [7 dc]

Thread yarn tail through front loops of sts of

Round 31 and pull tight.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Tail

Using Yarn C, 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]

Rounds 4-6 18dc, change to Yarn A and fasten off Yarn C.

Rounds 7-10 18dc, change to Yarn C and fasten off Yarn A.

Rounds 11-14 18dc, change to Yarn A and fasten off Yarn C.

Rounds 15-42 Rep Rounds 7-14.

Fold open of Tail together and close in next row.

Row 43 Working through both layers: 1dc in each st. [9 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 Head to Neck, and Tail to back of bottom of Pencil Case. Use photos as a guide. Using Yarn B and C, embroider stripes on Ears. Using Yarn B, embroider eyebrows above eyes.

TO FINISH

Weave in all ends.