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Materials
Scheepjes Catona
(100% Mercerised Cotton; 50g/125m)
Yarn A 105 Bridal White x 2 balls
Yarn B 110 Jet Black x 2 balls
2.5mm crochet hook
Stitch marker
Polyester stuffing
20cm black closed-end zipper
Pair of 9mm black oval 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
*.......; 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. Fasten off previous colour at every colour change, and change colour in last yoh of previous st.

How to work an invisible colour change while working in a spiral:
After working final st before colour change, remove hook from loop, insert hook in next st, place loop back on hook, pull new colour through loop and st, ch1 (counts as first st of new round), pull tail of old colour, and complete round, 1ss blo in ch1, and continue.

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

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, 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 close 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]
Work two rows in Yarn A and then one row in Yarn B, ending with two rows in Yarn A.
Rows 2 (RS)-59 Ch1 (does not count as st), 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) 6dc.
Round 3 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Rounds 4-7 12dc.
Fold open of Ear together and close in next row.
Row 8 Working through both layers: 1dc in each st. [6 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Head
Using Yarn B, ch9.
Round 1 (RS) Begin in second ch from hook,

7dc, 2dc in next ch, continue in opposite side of starting ch, 7dc, 2dc in last ch, do not turn. [18 dc]
Round 2 (RS) (2dc, inc) six times. [24 dc]
Round 3 (3dc, inc) six times. [30 dc]
Rounds 4-7 30dc.
Round 8 3dc, dc2tog, 5dc, dc2tog, 9dc, dc2tog, 7dc. [27 dc]
Rounds 9-10 27dc, change to Yarn A and fasten off Yarn B.
Round 11 (1dc, inc, 1dc) four times, 15dc. [31 dc]
Round 12 31dc.
Round 13 1dc, (1dc, inc, 2dc) four times, 14dc. [35 dc]
Round 14 3dc, inc, (4dc, inc) three times, 16dc. [39 dc]
Round 15 (2dc, inc, 2dc) five times, 14dc. [44 dc]
Round 16 44dc.
Round 17 (3dc, inc, 2dc) five times, 14dc. [49 dc]
Round 18 49dc.
Round 19 (3dc, inc, 3dc) seven times. [56 dc]
Place eyes between Rounds 16-17 with 11 sts in between.
Rounds 20-21 56dc.
Join Ears in next round.
Round 22 15dc, work 6dc through sts of Round 21 of this piece and first Ear, 6dc, work 6dc through sts of Round 17 of this piece and second Ear, 23dc.
Rounds 23-24 56dc.
Round 25 (3dc, dc2tog, 3dc) seven times. [49 dc]
Rounds 26-27 49dc.
Round 28 (5dc, dc2tog) seven times. [42 dc]
Rounds 29-30 42dc.
Round 31 (2dc, dc2tog, 2dc) seven times. [35 dc]
Stuff Head as you go.
Round 32 (3dc, dc2tog) seven times. [28 dc]
Round 33 (1dc, dc2tog, 1dc) seven times. [21 dc]
Round 34 (1dc, dc2tog) seven times. [14 dc]
Round 35 (Dc2tog) seven times, ss to first st to join. [7 dc]
Thread yarn tail through front loops of sts of Round 35 and pull tight.
Weave in all ends.

Tail
Cut 4 x 8cm-long threads of Yarn A and B, hold threads together and tie a knot at 2cm.
Using Yarn A, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in ring, place magic ring around threads of Yarn A and B with short end of thread on WS of work, close ring. [6 dc]
Rounds 2 (RS)-12 6dc.
Fasten off, leaving long tail hanging for joining.
Trim yarn tails of Tail to 4cm.

ASSEMBLY

Attach one side of zipper to Round 1 of Pouch and the other side to Round 59 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, 2dc in row end of Row 1, 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 row ends of Pouch and flo of End of Pencil Case, fasten off. [62 ss]
Rep instructions for other End of Pencil Case. Use photos as a guide. Attach Tail to back of bottom of Pencil Case. Using Yarn B, embroider stripes on Head and Ears. Create manes as follows: Cut strands of Yarn A and B, and fold two threads together, insert needle around dc on Head, place loops of folded threads on needle and pull through st, thread ends of threads through loop and pull tight to secure. Continue to add manes, changing colour every 2 rows. Start between Ears and end at back of Head. Trim manes.

TO FINISH
Weave in all ends.