

CAT CROCHET PATTERNS

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Peaches The Kitten



What you'll need include:

- Yarn: Approximately 105m /115 yds of 8 ply/ DK yarn in MC for the body (Madeline Tosh Colour As Ever). I've used both their Longrider DK and their High Twist DK before, and either one of those work for this project just fine. You'll also need a small amount of 8 ply/ DK yarn in a contrasting colour for the nose, tail and pads of the feet. I've used Cleckheaton Superfine Merino in the colour Cream.

- Needles: Set of five 3.25 mm double pointed knitting needles or needles to give correct tension.

Tension gauge: This toy has been designed at a tension of 6.5 sts to 2.5 cm/ 1 inch.

Stuffed toys are generally knitted with needles smaller than the recommended needle size for your yarn, for a tighter knit. This is to prevent seeing any filling through the toy.

You'll also need:

- 3 mm crochet hook for picking up stitches
- Wool needle for seaming & weaving in ends
- Stitch marker to mark the beginning of rounds
- 15 mm coloured safety eyes
- 12 x 9 mm Pink Safety nose
- Toy filling

Before we begin, a quick note on toy safety!

Safety eyes contain small parts, NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS. Embroidering the eyes is recommended as an alternative for children under 3 years. DO NOT add any materials or embellishments such as wire, buttons or beads. ALWAYS use clean, washable toy stuffing or filling that complies with current safety

standards, and ALWAYS refer to current safety standards for children's toys before giving any toy to a small child!

Ok, lets begin!

NOSE & HEAD

Using 3.25 mm dpns & CC yarn, cast on 8 sts, using a circular cast on method. For how to cast on using a circular method please [click here](#). Knit into the back leg of the first yo st, then knit to end. Divide the sts roughly equally over 3 dpns. Join in the rnd and knit as follows:

Round 2: Pm for beg of rnd, kfb to end (16 sts).

Round 3: Knit to end.

Round 4: (K1, kfb) to end (24 sts).

Rounds 5 – 9: Knit 5 rnds.

Change to colour MC and knit as follows:

Rounds 10 & 11: Knit 2 rnds.

Shape the head

While shaping the head, redistribute the sts roughly equally over the dpns as needed.

Round 12: (M1R, k1) 7 times, M1R, knit to end (32 sts).

Round 13: Knit.

Round 14: (M1R k2) 7 times, M1R, knit to end (40 sts).

Round 15: Knit.

Round 16: (M1R, k3) 7 times, M1R, knit to end (48 sts).

Using a needle and a small piece of scrap yarn place stitch markers for the eyes, in the next round as follows:

Round 17: K6, pm for eye, k16, pm for eye, knit to end.

Round 18: (M1R, k4) 7 times, M1R, knit to end (56 sts).

Rounds 19 – 35: Knit 17 rnds.

Before shaping the crown, attach the safety nose, and the safety eyes at the markers.

Shape the crown

Round 36: (K5, k2tog) to end (48 sts).

Round 37: Knit (and every foll alt rnd).

Round 38: (K4, k2tog) to end (40 sts).

Round 40: (K3, k2tog) to end (32 sts).

Round 42: (K2, k2tog) to end (24 sts).

Round 44: (K1, k2tog) to end (16 sts).

Round 46: (K2tog) to end (8 sts).

Break yarn and thread tail through rem 8 sts. Pull tail firmly to close the loop.

THE BODY

With the base of the head facing you, working in a clockwise direction, use a 3 mm crochet hook & yarn in MC to pick up 32 sts in a square, (8 sts on each of four 3.25 mm needles).

Join in the round and knit as follows:

Rounds 1 – 10: Knit 10 rnds.

Round 11: K2, M1L, (K4, M1L) 7 times, k2 (40 sts).

Rounds 12- 16: Knit 5 rnds.

Round 17: K3, M1L, (K5, M1L) 7 times, k2 (48 sts).

Rounds 18 – 22: Knit 5 rnds.

Round 23: K4, M1L (K6, M1L) 7 times, k2 (56 sts).

Rounds 24 – 33: Knit 10 rnds.

Round 34: (K5, k2tog) to end (48 sts).

Round 35: Knit (and every foll alt rnd).

Round 36: (K4, k2tog) to end (40 sts).

Round 38: (K3, k2tog) to end (32 sts).

Round 40: (K2, k2tog) to end (24 sts).

Round 42: (K1, k2tog) to end (16 sts).

Round 44: (K2tog) to end (8 sts).

Finish stuffing the body. Break yarn and thread tail through rem 8 sts.

Pull tail firmly to close the loop.

LEGS

(Repeat on each side)

In the same way as before for the body, working in a clockwise direction, use a 3 mm crochet hook & MC to pick up 20 sts in a square, (5 sts on each of four 3.25 mm needles). The legs are placed at the front of the body and should sit just above the decreases for the bottom. I've spaced mine about 8 sts apart, so they point slightly outward. Join work in the round and knit as follows:

Rounds 1 – 8: Knit 8 rnds.

Round 9: K2, M1L, (K5, M1L) 3 times, k3 (24 sts).

Rounds 10 – 15: Knit 6 rnds.

Round 16: K3, M1L, (K6, M1L) 3 times, k3 (28 sts).

Rounds 17 – 20: Knit 4 rnds.

Change to CC for the pads of the kitten's feet and continue to knit as follows:

Rounds 21 & 22: Knit 2 rnds.

Round 23: (K2, k2tog) to end (21 sts).

Round 24: Knit to end.

Round 25: (K1, k2tog) to end (14 sts).

Round 26: (K2tog) to end (7 sts).

Finish stuffing the leg. Break yarn and thread tail through rem 7 sts.

Pull tail firmly to close the loop.

ARMS

(Repeat on each side)

With the side of the kitten facing, working in a clockwise direction, use a 3 mm crochet hook & MC to pick up 20 sts in a square (5 sts on each of four 3.25 mm needles). The arms are placed about 3 rounds below the head, centred with the neck. See opening image for guidance. Join work in the round and knit as follows:

Rounds 1 – 12: Knit 12 rnds.

Round 13: K2, M1L, (K5, M1L) 3 times, k3 (24 sts).

Rounds 14 – 17: Knit 4 rnds.

Change to CC for the pads of the kitten's feet and continue to knit as follows:

Rounds 18 & 19: Knit 2 rnds.

Round 20: (K2, k2tog) to end (18 sts).

Round 21: Knit to end.

Round 22: (K1, k2tog) to end (12 sts).

Round 23: (K2tog) to end (6 sts).

Finish stuffing the arm. Break yarn and thread tail through rem 6 sts. Pull tail firmly to close the loop.

LEFT EAR

Working in a clockwise direction, use a 3 mm crochet hook & MC to pick up 17 sts on two 3.25 mm needles, 7 sts on needle 1, and 10 sts on needle 2. Use the picture of peaches as your guide. With the third needle being your working needle, the ears are worked flat in rows as follows:

Row 1: Purl to end.

Row 2: Knit to end.

Row 3: Purl to end.

Row 4: K2tog, k5, k2tog, k6, k2tog (14 sts).

Row 5: Purl to end.

Row 6: K2tog, k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog (11 sts).

Row 7: Purl to end.

Row 8: K2tog, k3, k2tog, k2, k2tog (8 sts).

Graft remaining 8 sts together. You can read my instructions on how to graft stitches [here](#).

RIGHT EAR

Working in a clockwise direction, use a 3 mm crochet hook & MC to pick up 17 sts on two 3.25 mm needles. 10 sts on needle 1, and 7 sts on needle 2 (the opposite to the left ear). As with the left ear, the third needle will be your working needle. The ears are worked flat in rows as follows:

Row 1: Purl to end.

Row 2: Knit to end.

Row 3: Purl to end.

Row 4: K2tog, k6, k2tog, k5, k2tog (14 sts).

Row 5: Purl to end.

Row 6: K2tog, k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog (11 sts).

Row 7: Purl to end.

Row 8: K2tog, k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog (8 sts).

Graft rem 8 stitches together as before with the left ear.

TAIL

With the back of the kitten facing you, working in a clockwise direction use a 3 mm crochet hook & yarn in MC to pick up 14 sts in two vertical parallel lines, (7 sts on each of two 3.25 mm needles). Start the round at the bottom of the kitten, so that any colour jogs are hidden underneath the tail. Join in the rnd and knit as follows:

Rounds 1 – 25: Knit 25 rnds.

Change to CC, and continue to knit the tail as follows:

Rounds 26 – 31: Knit 6 rnds.

Round 32: (SSK, k3, k2tog) twice (10 sts).

Graft rem 10 sts together. To finish make up, fasten and bury all ends inside the kitten.

Grisig The Cat



Materials:

Any type of yarn will do, about 1 skein. Gauge is not important. I knit most of my toys with simple cotton.

Stitch markers

A set of dpn (easier with 2 sets, but 1 will do)

Tapestry needle

Stuffing (I use polyester filling)

Knit tightly, or else the stuffing will show.

The legs and body are knit in one piece. Head, ears, arms and tail are knit separately and then sewn together.

Legs and body:

Leg1

CO 6, join in round

1: kbf in every sts

2-20: k all, put sts on hold

(2-colour-version: change colour in row 8)

Leg2

CO 6, join in round

1: kbf in every st

2-20: k all, put sts on hold

Make sure that the legs are exactly the same length.

Body

Divide sts from legs on 4 needles. Add 2 sts between legs at the front and 2 sts at the back

(7 sts on every needle, the start of the round should be between the 2 stitches on the front between the legs. yes, I know).



1: Set up row:

n1: m1, k6

n2: k6, m1

n3: m1, k6

n4: k6, m1

Actually, it is easier to m2, k6, k6, m2, k6, k6 and distribute the stitches the right way later.

Join in round and knit as follows:

2-20: k all (=28 sts)

(Shoulder shaping)

21: n1+n3: k4, ssk, k1

n2+n4: k1, k2tog, k4 (=24 sts)

22: n1+n3: k3, ssk, k1

n2+n4: k1, k2tog, k3 (=20 sts)

23: n1+n3: k2, ssk, k1

n2+n4: k1, k2tog, k2 (=16 sts)

24: n1+n3: k1, ssk, k1

n2+n4: k1, k2tog, k1 (=12 sts)

BO all sts and stuff legs and body.



Arms (make 2)

CO 6 sts, join in round

1: kbf in every sts (=12 sts)

2-20: k all

Stuff lightly, divide sts on 2 needles and graft together (kitchener stitch)

Leave enough yarn attached to sew arms onto body later on.

(2-colour-version: change colour in row 8)



Ears (make 2)

CO 28 sts, leaving enough yarn to sew onto head later on.

Divide sts evenly on 4 needles, join in round

1: k all

2: k2tog at end of n1 and n3

3: k all

4: k2tog at end of n1 and n3

5: k2tog at end of n1 and n3, ssk at beginning of n2 and n4

6: k2tog at end of n1 and n3

7: k2tog at end of n1 and n3, ssk at beginning of n2 and n4

8: k2tog on n1 and n3

9: k2tog last sts of round 8 with first sts of round 9, ssk at beginning of n2, k2tog last sts on

n2 with sts on n3, ssk at beginning of n4

10: k2tog to end, break yarn, draw through remaining sts and pull tight.

Head

CO 16 (you may use a provisional cast on method, if you want to graft them together later. I didn't get the hang of it, I just sew the edges together). Divide evenly on 4 needles and join in round.

1: n1+n3: k2, kbf, kbf

n2+n4: kbf, kbf, k2 (=inc 8)

2: n1+n3: k4, kbf, kbf

n2+n4: kbf, kbf, k4 (=inc 8)

3: n1+n3: k6, kbf, kbf

n2+n4: kbf, kbf, k6 (=inc 8)

4: n1+n3: k8, kbf, kbf

n2+n4: kbf, kbf, k8 (=inc 8)

5: n1+n3: k11, kbf

n2+n4: kbf, k11 (=inc 4)

6: k all

7: n1+n3: k12, kbf

n2+n4: kbf, k12 (=inc 4)

8-9: k all

10: n1+n3: k13, kbf

n2+n4: kbf, k13 (=inc 4)

11-25: k all (=60 sts, 15 on each needle)



26: n1+n3: k13, k2tog

n2+n4: ssk, k13 (=dec 4)

27: n1+n3: k12, k2tog

n2+n4: k2tog, k12 (=dec 4)

28: n1+n3: k11, k2tog

n2+n4: ssk, k11 (=dec 4)

29: n1+n3: k8, k2tog, k2tog

n2+n4: ssk, ssk, k8 (=dec 8)

30: n1+n3: k6, k2tog, k2tog

n2+n4: ssk, ssk, k6 (=dec 8)

31: n1+n3: k4, k2tog, k2tog

n2+n4: ssk, ssk, k4 (=dec 8)

32: n1+n3: k4, k2tog

n2+n4: ssk, k4 (=dec 4, 20 sts)

33: BO all sts, leave tail to sew head onto body.

Sew cast on stitches shut. this is the top of the head.

Tail



CO 5, knit icord until desired length.

2nd-to-last row: kbf 5 times

last row: k2tog 5 times

Break yarn, pull yarn through remaining sts and pull tightly.

Finishing

Stuff head, stuff ears and sew onto head. Sew head on to body. If working the 2-colourversion, take extra care to sew evenly, because the stitches will be more visible. Sew arms between head and body, sew on tail. Embroider nose and whiskers. Either embroider eyes, cut them from felt and glue them on or use your imagination (remember, buttons or glued on eyes may not be suitable for small children, because they can be a choking hazard).

If you are good with colourwork, you can let your creativity run wild: Put grisig in jeans and T-shirt, a bathing suit, a pirate costume, a tuxedo Or give it a punk hairdo with some novelty yarns. Or make accessories out of scraps of cloth or paper, like shawls, hats, college diplomas, whatever.



Abbreviations:

k knit

st(s) stitch(es)

CO cast on

m1 make one additional stitch

kbf knit into the back of the stitch, leave it on the left needle, knit into the front (increase)

k2tog knit 2 together (decrease)

ssk slip stitch, knit next, pull slipped stitch over the one just knitted (decrease)

n needle (n1=needle 1)

BO bind off

Wub Chub



Materials and Equipment

- Yarn – DK in Main Colour (MC) and Contrast Colour (CC). The example uses orange for MC and white for CC.
- Needles – 2.5mm (US size 2.5) dpns
- Black, pink, white and grey/tan embroidery floss
- 7.5mm cat safety eyes (vertical pupil)
- Polyester toy stuffing
- Stitch marker to mark beginning of round, if desired
- Wool or darning needle

- Sharp sewing/embroidery needle
- Doll-making or packing needle
- Sewing thread matching MC and CC
- Long sturdy pins for pinning limbs in place while sewing up – I use Gutermann Glass-headed Pins No. 2/0 (0.80 x 48 mm)
- Soldered jump ring (I used a 6mm ring). You can buy these on ebay.
- Gold/silver cord or ribbon for hanging
- A stuffing tool or chopstick for stuffing paws and tail

Note on Gauge and Finished Size:

Finished size using 2.5 mm needles is approx. 14cm from nose to tail.

Gauge is not crucial for this project, but your knitting must be tight enough that stuffing won't show between the stitches.

The number of stitches in a finished increase or decrease round are given in parenthesis.

Skills required (or be willing to learn!):

- Knitting and purling - Long-tail cast-on
- Basic increasing and decreasing (kfb, m1, k2tog, k2tog tbl and ssk)

- Knit cast-on
- Disappearing loop cast-on
- Cable cast-on
- Knitting in the round - Simple embroidery

Abbreviations:

st(s) – stitch(es)

k - knit

p - purl

kfb – knit into the front and back of the same stitch, to increase by one stitch.

ktbl – knit stitch through back of the loop

k2tog – Knit two together. Knit two stitches together as if they were one stitch, to decrease by one stitch

k2tog tbl – Knit two together through the back loop. Insert right hand needle into the back loops of two stitches at the same time, and knit. This creates a left-leaning decrease

ssk – slip slip knit. Slip two stitches knitwise from the left-hand needle onto the right-hand needle, insert the left-hand needle into the front of the two stitches, and knit through the back loop.

m1 – make one [stitch]. Using the left-hand needle, pick up the bar between the stitches from front to back, then knit it through the back loop.

dpn – double pointed needle

CO – Cast on

BO – Bind off

DLC – Disappearing loop cast-on. See special instructions

Special Instructions:

Disappearing Loop Cast-On

I use the disappearing loop cast-on (DLC) anywhere that you cast on for knitting in the round, including i-cord. The finished effect is much neater and will make your finished project look more attractive. The TECHKnitter does a great tutorial and I strongly recommend trying it out for this project (it's really worth having this cast-on in your toolbox!). If you don't want to use the DLC on, however, you can cast on using your preferred method, join in the round, and proceed with the rest of the instructions as normal.

Notes on Embroidery

A toy's features are what gives it personality, so it's worth taking time to get the embroidery right. If you knit your toy in different colours to

those specified in the pattern, you may also need to change the colours of embroidery floss to complement the yarn.

Note that embroidery floss usually comes in hanks with six strands twisted together. These are meant to be separated and used individually or in combination, and I have specified the number of strands required for each part.

The following are recommended tutorials for the stitches I use in this pattern:

Split stitch

Satin stitch

Plus tips on better satin stitch

Thread

French knots

Method

Body

Using MC dk yarn and 3mm double pointed needles, cast on 6 stitches using the disappearing loop cast on (see special instructions). Divide stitches evenly over 3 dpns for working in the round. If not using the DLC, cast on 6 stitches using preferred method, and join in the round.

Place marker for beginning of round if desired.

Rnd 1: kfb into every stitch (12 sts)

Rnd 2: k1tbl, knit to end of round. (Knitting the first stitch through the back loop will help prevent a hole forming from the disappearing loop cast-on)

Rnd 3: (kfb, k1) 6 times (18 sts)

Rnd 4, and all even rounds up to and including rnd 16: knit all sts

Rnd 5: (kfb, k2) 6 times (24 sts)

Rnd 7: (kfb, k3) 6 times (30 sts)

Rnd 9: (kfb, k4) 6 times (36 sts)

Rnd 11: (kfb, k5) 6 times (42 sts)

Rnd 13: (kfb, k6) 6 times (48 sts)

Rnd 15: (kfb, k7) 6 times (54 sts)

Rnd 17: (kfb, k8) 6 times (60 sts)

Rnd 18-28: knit all rounds (= 11 rounds)

Rnd 29: (k2tog, k8) 6 times (54 sts)

Rnd 30, and all even rounds up to and including rnd 44: knit all sts

Rnd 31: (k2tog, k7) 6 times (48 sts)

Rnd 33: (k2tog, k6) 6 times (42 sts)

Rnd 35: (k2tog, k5) 6 times (36 sts)

Stop here to stuff the body so far. Change to CC before starting rnd 36 (knit round).

Rnd 37: (k2tog, k4), 6 times (30 sts)

Rnd 39: (k2tog, k3), 6 times (24 sts)

Rnd 41: (k2tog, k2), 6 times (18 sts)

Rnd 43: (k2tog, k1), 6 times (12 sts)

Top up the stuffing before the next round

Rnd 45: k2tog 6 times (6 sts)

Cut yarn, thread it through the live stitches, and weave in end.

Pull up and weave in the tail from the disappearing loop cast on so that the hole at the top of the body is closed. Weave in all ends from where you changed colours. Set body aside.



Completed body with ends woven in

Head

Using MC, cast on 6 stitches using the disappearing loop cast on (see special instructions). Divide stitches evenly over 3 dpns for working in the round. Place marker for beginning of round if desired. If not using the DLC, cast on 6 stitches using preferred method, and join in the round.

Rnd 1: kfb into every stitch (12 sts).

Rnd 2: k1tbl, knit to end of round. (Knitting the first stitch through the back loop will help prevent a hole forming from the disappearing loop cast-on)

Rnd 3: (kfb, k1) 6 times (18 sts)

Rnd 4, and all even rounds up to and including rnd 10: knit all sts

Rnd 5: (kfb, k2) 6 times (24 sts)

Rnd 7: (kfb, k3) 6 times (30 sts)

Rnd 9: (kfb, k4) 6 times (36 sts)

Rnd 11: (kfb, k5) 6 times (42 sts)

Rnd 12-14: knit all sts (= 3 rounds)

Rnd 15: (k2tog, k5) 6 times (36 sts)

Rnd 16: knit all sts

Rnd 17: (k2tog, k4) 6 times (30 sts)

Rnd 18: knit all sts

Rnd 19: (k2tog, k3) 6 times (24 sts)

Bind off all sts, and cut yarn leaving a long tail – you will use this to sew the head to the body. Insert plastic safety eyes (refer to picture for placement) and stuff the head. There will be a large opening at the back of the head, but don't worry – this will be hidden against the body when the head is sewn on. Set head aside for later.



Eye placement on the head

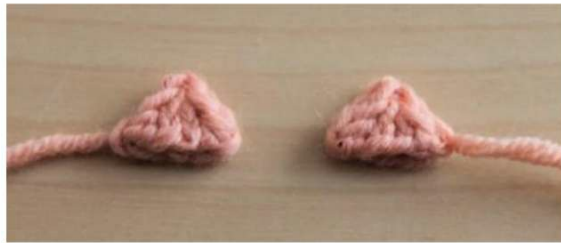
Ears

Using MC, CO 12 sts using knit cast on, leaving at least a 6 inch tail. Divide over two dpns (6 sts on each needle) and join in the round.

Rnd 1: k2tog tbl, k2, k2tog, k2tog tbl, k2, k2tog (8 sts)

Rnd 2: k2tog tbl, k2tog, k2tog tbl, k2tog (4 sts)

Cut yarn and thread through live sts; draw them up tightly together, and then weave in end to secure. Leave the long tail from the cast on to sew the ears on later. If necessary, wet block the ear to emphasise triangle shape. Make two ears and set aside.



Block ears into triangular shape

Muzzle

With CC, CO 12 sts using the long tail cast-on. Divide over three needles and join in round.

Knit 1 round.

Cut yarn, thread through live stitches and pull tight to gather them. Weave in both yarn tails (you will be using regular white sewing thread to attach the muzzle, as it gives a better appearance).

Paws

Using MC, cast on 3 stitches using cable cast-on, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Row 1: kfb 3 times (6 sts)

Row 2: purl all sts

Row 3: kfb, k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1 (9 sts)

Divide the stitches over 3 needles and join in the round. Continue in the round:

Rnds 1-2: knit all sts (= 2 rounds)

Change to CC

Rnd 3: knit all sts

Rnd 4: (kfb, k2) 3 times (12 sts)

Rnd 5-7: knit all sts (= 3 rounds)

Rnd 8: k2tog 6 times (6 sts)

Cut yarn and thread through live stitches to close top of paw. Weave in all yarn ends except the 6-inch tail at the cast-on edge – you will use this to attach the paws to the body. Make four and set aside.

Tail

Using MC, cast on 8 sts using long tail cast-on, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Divide over 3 needles and join in the round.

Rnds 1-3: knit all sts (= 3 rounds)

Rnd 4: k3, kfb, k3, kfb (10 sts)

Rnds 5-7: knit all sts (= 3 rounds)

Rnd 8: k1, kfb, k4, kfb, k3 (12 sts)

Rnds 9-12: knit all sts (= 4 rounds)

Rnd 13: (k1, k2tog) 4 times (8 sts)

Rnd 14: knit all sts

Rnd 15: k2tog 4 times (4 sts)

Cut yarn and thread through live stitches to close top of tail. Weave in yarn end, but leave the 6-inch tail at the cast-on edge – you will use this to attach the tail to the body.



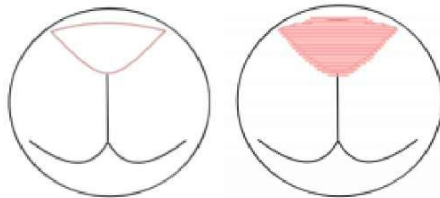
Embroidering the Details

Muzzle: Thread your sewing needle with two strands of black embroidery floss.

Using split stitch, embroider a smiling mouth (use diagram for reference).

Keeping your stitches small will make it easier to embroider neat curves. Fasten

off and change to two strands of pink embroidery floss. Using split stitch, embroider the outline of the nose, using the diagram for reference. Satin stitch over the outline to fill out the shape in solid colour.



Muzzle embroidery diagram

Whiskers: Using one strand of white embroidery floss, make a few small stitches on the back of the muzzle to secure the floss. Push the needle and floss through the muzzle from back to front, exiting the muzzle near the edge on one side. Pull gently to fully extend, and then trim floss to approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

This makes one whisker. Make another 5 whiskers, with three on each side (see photo for placement).



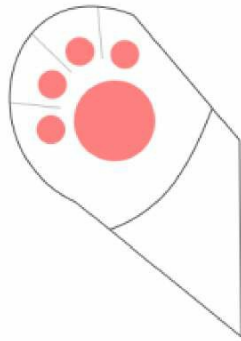
Stages of embroidering the muzzle

Paws: With your fingers, slightly flatten the paw so that the knitted-flat section is folded in half lengthways and the edges line up. Turn two of the four paws over so that each paw slants towards a different corner of an imaginary rectangle (see photo). Using an air-soluble pen or tailors' chalk, make a mark on the 'pad' of the paw to ensure you embroider the paws on the correct side – it's easy to end up with three left paws!



Mark the embroidered side of paws to avoid confusion

Stuff the paws before embroidering. Using two strands of pink floss, stitch a small circle in split stitch on the white section of the paw – this will be the paw pad. Using satin stitch, stitch over the outline to fill out the shape in solid colour. Using four strands of pink floss, make four French knots as shown, to form the toe pads. Once the toe pads are in place you can use a single strand of grey floss to indicate separate toes, using 3 large stitches as shown. Repeat for all four paws.



Paw embroidery diagram



Stages of embroidering the paws

Making Up

Using long pins, pin the muzzle and ears to the head, and the head, tail, and paws to the body, adjusting until you are happy with the placement



Placement of the limbs

Using a darning needle and the yarn tails you left earlier, sew everything into place, then weave in tails to secure. To attach the muzzle to the head, use a sewing needle and white sewing thread – this will create a neater finish than using yarn.

Hanging

To hang your cat, you will need to use sewing thread matching MC to sew a soldered jump ring to the cat's back.

Before sewing the ring in place, take time to find the centre of gravity so that your cat will hang straight instead of leaning upwards or

downwards. Make several stitches to ensure the ring is secure, then use the doll-making or packing needle to make a few stitches that go right through the cat's body and back through the jump ring – these will prevent your cat sagging over time.



Sewing through the whole body

Tie a loop of cord or ribbon through the jump ring and hang your cat in pride of place!

The example cat is ginger and white, but with different coloured yarn you could make any colour or breed of cat. They look great done in stripes!



The Parlor Cat



With paws tucked in and tail to his side, The Parlor Cat makes a very prim and proper house guest. Knit in the round, it is one piece from head to tail, and a befitting 10” long and 7” wide.

Materials Required

- Worsted weight yarn – app. 170 yards
- Size 4 double pointed needles
- Size 4 circular needle (optional)
- Darning needle
- Stitch markers
- Stuffing

Abbreviations

CO cast on

dpn double pointed needle

K knit

P purl

M1 make one stitch (see special note below)

st stitch

sts stitches

K2tog knit two stitches together

PU pick up (create) a new stitch from existing work

WT wrap and turn (see special note below)

SSK slip next two stitches knit-wise, place them back onto left needle, and then knit them together through the back loop

pm place a marker

Special Notes

- The increases in this pattern (M1) are made by lifting the right “leg” of the next stitch (the right side of the stitch directly below

the next stitch on your left needle), placing it on the left needle, then knitting it as you would any other stitch.

- The wrap & turn (WT) rows are worked across two dpns only. After knitting the number of sts specified, bring yarn to the front of your work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the back of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. Turn your work and purl the stitches back to the beginning of the needle. Purl the number of sts specified on the other dpn, bring yarn to the back of your work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the front of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. Turn your work and knit the stitches back to the beginning of the needle.

Body

CO 52 sts onto 3 dpns and work the following rounds. You may switch to a circular needle as needed.

1-2) K all sts

3) K1, M1, K2, M1, K to last 3 sts, M1, K2, M1, K1

4-7) K all sts

8) K1, M1, K2, M1, K to last 3 sts, M1, K2, M1, K1

9-12) K all sts

13) K1, M1, K2, M1, K to last 3 sts, M1, K2, M1, K1

14-17) K all sts

18) K1, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K to last 5 sts, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K1

19-22) K all sts

23) K1, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K to last 5 sts, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K1

24-27) K all sts

28) K1, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K to last 5 sts, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K1

29-44) K all sts

Measure off about 25 yards of yarn for finishing the rear and tail later, and then cut. Thread a darning needle with a piece of scrap yarn, and slip all of the live sts (82) onto it, removing the dpns as you go.

Chest

Stitches are now picked up in the original CO sts to form the cat's chest. Yarn color can be changed at this time, if desired. Count 10 sts to the left of the first CO st, then with a dpn and new yarn PU the following 15 sts. With a second dpn, PU the next 15 sts. The 30 sts on these two dpns should form a "V" which points straight down the middle of the neck.

Purl back across all sts on the 2nd dpn only. This will leave your working yarn in between the 1st and 2nd dpns, and you are ready to work the short rows.

Short rows are now worked back and forth across these two dpns:

1) 2nd dpn: K3, WT, P3

1st dpn: P3, WT, K3

2) 2nd dpn: K4, WT, P4

1st dpn: P4, WT, K4

3) 2nd dpn: K5, WT, P5

1st dpn: P5, WT, K5

Continue in this manner, increasing the number of stitches to knit/purl by one on each short row, until all 15 sts on both dpns (except the first 3 on each dpn) have been wrapped. Cut yarn.

Head

Additional sts are now picked up between the end of the 2nd dpn and beginning of the 1st. With your 3rd dpn and the color yarn that was used for the cat's body, PU 22 sts, one in each of the remaining CO sts.

Work the following rounds beginning with the 1st dpn from the chest section above (at left “shoulder”):

- 1) K all sts
- 2) K2tog, K21, SSK, K1, K2tog, K to last 2 sts, SSK
- 3) K2tog, K19, SSK, K1, K2tog, K to last 2 sts, SSK
- 4-5) K all sts
- 6) K2tog, K17, SSK, K1, K2tog, K to last 2 sts, SSK
- 7-8) K all sts
- 9) K1, M1, K17, M1, K3, M1, K to last 2 sts, M1, K2
- 10-11) K all sts
- 12) K1, M1, K19, M1, K3, M1, K to last 2 sts, M1, K2
- 13-14) K all sts
- 15) K1, M1, K21, M1, K3, M1, K to last 2 sts, M1, K2
- 16-17) K all sts
- 18) K1, M1, K23, M1, K3, M1, K to last 2 sts, M1, K2
- 19-20) K all sts
- 21) K1, K2tog, K22, SSK, K2, K2tog, K to last 3 sts, SSK, K1
- 22-23) K all sts

24) K1, K2tog, K20, SSK, K2, K2tog, K to last 3 sts, SSK, K1

25-26) K all sts

27) K1, K2tog, K18, SSK, K2, K2tog, K to last 3 sts, SSK, K1

28-29) K all sts

At this point 44 sts remain and you are ready to knit the ears. Slip the first 7 sts onto your working dpn without knitting them. Thread a darning needle with a piece of scrap yarn, and slip the next 30 sts onto it for working later. You now have 14 sts remaining on 2 dpns. Transfer some of them to a 3rd dpn since you will be knitting in the round. Begin with the first original st on the outer right side of the head and work the following rounds:

1-3) K all sts

4) SSK, K3, K2tog, SSK, K3, K2tog

5-6) K all sts

7) SSK, K1, K2tog, SSK, K1, K2tog

8) K all sts

Cut yarn and thread through a darning needle. Remove dpns and thread through remaining live sts. Pull tightly closed, insert needle down through center of ear and secure to inside.

Place the next 8 sts from scrap yarn at the front of the head onto a dpn. Place last 8 sts from the scrap yarn at the back of the head onto a 2nd dpn. With the Kitchener stitch, graft these 16 sts together to form the area between the ears.

Arrange the 14 remaining live sts onto 3 dpns. The first stitch should be the innermost stitch on the right side of the ear. Repeat all rounds (1-8) for this ear as with the first one.

Sew up any holes, weave in any loose ends, and stuff the head and front half of body. Be sure to stuff the entire chest area very firmly. This will ensure the proper posture for your Parlor Cat!

Rear and Tail

Place the live sts on scrap yarn back onto 3 dpns (or circular needle). Work the following rounds:

- 1) (K7, K2tog) 4 times, pm, K10, pm, (K7, K2tog) 4 times
- 2) K all sts
- 3) (K6, K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K6, K2tog) 4 times
- 4) K all sts
- 5) (K5, K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K5, K2tog) 4 times
- 6) K all sts

- 7) (K4, K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K4, K2tog) 4 times
- 8) K all sts
- 9) (K3, K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K3, K2tog) 4 times
- 10) K all sts
- 11) (K2, K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K2, K2tog) 4 times
- 12) K all sts
- 13) (K1, K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K1, K2tog) 4 times
- 14) K all sts
- 15) (K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K2tog) 4 times – (remove the st markers on this round)

The 18 remaining sts will form the tail. Finish stuffing the cat's body. K all sts for 3 inches, decreasing 1 st every inch, then K all 15 sts for approximately 5 inches. Decrease every other round until 12 sts remain then K all sts for 1 inch. Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts. Stuff tail, pull tightly closed, and secure. Hold the tail alongside of the body and seam together at bottom.

Front legs

CO 15 sts onto 3 dpns and K in the round for 5 inches. Cut yarn, thread through live sts, pull tightly closed and secure. Stuff all but

about 1 inch at open end. Fold the closed end of paw inward and stitch to hold in place. Seam leg to bottom of cat's body as pictured on the Tips Page.

Face

Eyes, nose, mouth and whiskers can be embroidered, painted, appliqued, etc. Make your Parlor Cat as unique as you like!

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This picture shows the approximate placement of The Parlor Cat's tail and legs. Seam all but about 2 inches of the tail to the side of the body, and all of the legs up to the paws.

To make knitting the tail easier, you may want to knit it for an inch or two before stuffing the end of the body.

I recommend using this type of stuffing which makes it much easier to “sculpt” your toy and create the desired shape.



This type of stuffing has a mind of its own and tends to clump together into balls, making it harder to shape your toy the way you want it.



Dpns are great for moving the stuffing into tight areas like ears and tips of tails.

- No need to spend a lot of money on yarn. Acrylic-based yarns work great for toys!
- Try not to knit tightly!



Brownie The Cat

The cat starts off knit in the round, from the bottom up. The intarsia portion is knit back and forth and leaves an opening in the back for stuffing. The top of the head and ears finish up the cat and are knit in the round.





Yarn: Brown is Malabrigo worsted for his back and chunky in white for his chest. Using different gauges changes his looks. Reverse the sizing if you want a cat with more color and a smaller white chest.

Needles: Size 5 dpns, set of 4 or 5. I knit on the tight side. Uses a needle a couple of sizes smaller than stated for the yarn, so the stuffing doesn't show through.

Gauge: really doesn't matter.

Materials to finish: 6-7 inch circle of fabric for weight beads. Stuffing of choice. I like wool roving or corn stuffing. Fiberfill makes a much softer cat, which is nice, too.

Techniques: Intarsia, Knitting in the Round, Kitchener. I knit from the same ball using both ends for my intarsia. I only go nuts for a short time, kind of like raising kids:)

Inc.1 is the same as a M1. Pick up strand between stitches with left needle front to back and knit through the back. (I've attempted to replace all the inc.1 with M1 in this first revision)

1. CO 5 stitches with chest color. (cc)
2. Slide stitches down to opposite end of DPN and bring working yarn around the back of work. Kf&b of the first CO stitch. Place a marker to mark the beginning. This joins the work to knit in the round. Kf&b of remaining stitches added two other needles. (10 st)
3. Knit
4. K2, Kf&b to end (18 st)
5. Knit
6. K1, Kf&b of next 5 stitches. K7, Kf&b to end. (28 st)
7. Knit
8. Knit
9. Join main color. K2. Change to cc. K3, M1, K19, M1, K3. Join second ball of mc, and K1. Turn work and start knitting back and forth

in stockinette stitch. When changing colors twist colors and snug up to avoid holes. (30 st)

10. P1 with mc. Change to cc. P to last two stitches. Change to mc, P2. Turn

11. K3 with mc. Change to cc. K3, M1, K19, M1, K3. Change to mc, K2. Turn (32)

12. P2 with mc. Change to cc, P across to last 3 stitches. Change to mc. P3. Turn

13. K6 with mc. Change to cc. K3, M1, (K1, M1) 2 times, K11, (M1, K1) two times. M1, K3. Change to Mc. K5 (38 st) Turn

14. P5 with MC. Change to CC, P across to last 6 st. Change MC. P 6.turn

15. K9 with MC. Change to CC, K2 (M1, K1) two times. M1, K13, (M1, k1) two times. M1, K2. Change to MC. K8 (44 st)

16. P8 with MC. Change to CC. P to last 9 st. Change to MC. K9.

Add a 5th needle if the knitting is tight. Row 17 and all odd rows to Row 27: K8 with MC, change to CC, K to last 7 st. Change to MC K7. Turn

Row 18 and all even rows to Row 28: P7 with MC, Change to CC. P to last 8 st. Change MC K8.

29. K1 with MC, K2tog. K5. Change to CC and K to last 7 st. Change to MC. K5, SSK. Turn

30. P6 with MC. Change to CC. P to last 7 st. change to MC. K to end. Turn

31. K1 with MC. K2tog. K5. Change to CC. K to last 7 st. Change to MC. K5, SSK. Turn.

32. P6 with MC. Change to CC. P to last 7 st. Change to CC. P to end. Turn

33. K1 with MC. K2tog. K5. Change to CC. K to last 7 st. Change to MC. K5, SSK. Turn.

34. P6 with MC. Change to CC. P to last 7 st. Change to MC. P7. Turn. (38 st)

35. K1 with MC. K2tog. K4. Change to CC. K3, change to MC. K2. Change CC K15. Change to MC, K2. Change to CC, K3. Change to MC, K4, SSK. Turn

36. P5 with MC Change to CC, P3. Cut yarn and leave 5 in tail. Change to MC, p2. Join CC, P15. Change to MC, P2. Change CC, P3. Change to MC, P6. Turn

37. K1 with MC. K2tog, K4. Change to CC and K1. Cut yarn leaving tail to weave in. Change to MC K 5. Join CC, K11. Change to MC K5. Use tail to K1 with CC. Change to MC K4. SSK.

38. P13 with MC. P7 with CC. P14 with MC. Turn.

39. K1 with MC. K2tog, K11. Change to CC. K7. Change to MC, K11. SSK. Turn.

40. P13 with MC. Change to CC. P5. Change to MC, P14. Turn

41. K1 with MC, K2tog. K11. Change to CC, K5. Change to MC K11, SSK. Turn.

42. P 13 with MC. Cut yarn. Change to CC P3. Change to MC, P14. Turn.

43. K1, K2tog, K12 with MC. K1 with CC. Cut yarn. K12 with MC, SSK. Do not turn. Finish with MC.

44. Join to knit in the round. Knit one row. (28 st)

45. K1, K2tog. K6. SSK. K7, K2tog. K6, SSK. (24 st.)

46. K1, K2tog. K3. SSK. K9. K2tog. K3. SSK. (20 st)

47. K1, K2tog. K15. SSK (18 st)

48. Prepare stitches for the ears. Knit eight st. on to needle 1. K10 stitches on to needle 2.. Knit the first two stitches from needle 1 and

place them on needle two. These 12 stitches are on hold for the top of the head and one ear. The 6 left on needle 1 are the other ear and the first one knit, which is knit in the round.

Left ear: K the 6 stitches on needle one. Join to knit in the round. Divide the stitches on 2 or 3 needles. SlK1PSSO. Snug this stitch up well and knit to end. K2, S1K1PSSO, K1. (4 st). S1K1PSSO. Knit last 2 stitches on to needle 1. Slide to the other end. SlK2tog, PSSO. End off

Right ear: Rearrange remaining stitches on two needles, 6 st. on each needle.

Cut a piece of yarn long enough to knit the second ear and kitchener 3 stitches. 18 inch or so. Thread on darning needle. With the front of the cat facing you,

Sew into first stitch on back DPN, as if to purl, (back to front) and pull up leaving 4-5 inch tail. *Bring yarn forward and sew through first stitch on front needle as if to purl

Then go through first stitch of back DPN as if to purl and pull off that stitch.

Go through 2nd stitch on back needle as if to knit, but leave stitch on needle.

Bring yarn forward and go through first stitch on front needle as if to knit and pull stitch off.

Repeat from * until 3 stitches are left on each DPN. The long tail is on the back. Now continue knitting in the round with the long tail.

Knit one row. (6 st) K4, K2tog.(5 st) Next row, K1, K2tog, K2 on to same needle. (4 st) Slide to other end of DPN, K1, K2tog, K1. (3 st) Slide to other end of DPN. Last row. Sl, K2tog, PSSO. End off.

Tail: start with 3 stitches on 3 needles. Join to knit in the round. Knit one row. K1M1 around (6 st). Knit one row. K1M1K1 around. (9 st). Continue knitting in the round until it is as long as you want it. Knit or sew a curl in it. Stuff as you go. Bind off and finish stuffing.

Finishing: Sew in yarn tails around ears, close up any holes. Knot on the inside and use tails to stuff ears, or add stuffing. A small tweezers is helpful. Tighten up holes on the intarsia portion and knot or sew in ends on the inside. Join yarn at top of opening and sew opening closed about 1/3 of the way. Stuff head firmly.

To add weight so the cat stands up better, cut a circle of fabric 6-8 inches in diameter. Gather up the edge with a running stitch and strong thread. Add polyester beads or sand. I stay away from organic matter because bugs get into it here in the tropics. Stuff the bag into the bottom of the cat and add more stuffing around and on top if the bag.

Finish sewing shut. Set cat on the table and shape it the way you want and then arrange the tail the way you want it before sewing it down.



Add features with embroidery, needle felting, beads or buttons.



Tiny Window Cat



Materials Required

- Sport weight yarn – 20 yards
- Size US 1 double pointed needles
- Darning needle
- Stuffing
- Thread or embroidery floss for face

Abbreviations

CO cast on

dpn double pointed needle

K knit

P purl

st stitch

sts stitches

M1 make one stitch (see special note below)

K2tog knit two stitches together

SSK slip two sts K-wise, place them back onto left dpn, then K them tog through back loop

PU pick up (create) a new stitch from existing work

X number of times to work the instruction in parenthesis

Special Notes

- M1 = make one stitch: Lift the right “leg” of the next stitch (the right side of the stitch directly

below the next stitch on your left needle), place it on the left needle, then knit it as you would any other stitch.

- Metal needles are recommended for this project. You’ll be pulling the sts tightly, and it’s easy for wooden needles to break.

Body, Neck and Head

Work begins at the bottom. CO 28 sts onto 3 dpns, join in the round, and K all sts for 1¼ inch. Then work the following rounds:

1) (K2tog) 2X, K20, (SSK) 2X (24 sts)

- 2) K all sts
- 3) (K2tog) 2X, K16, (SSK) 2X (20 sts)
- 4) K all sts
- 5) (K2tog) 2X, K12, (SSK) 2X (16 sts)
- 6) K all sts
- 7) K2tog, K12, SSK (14 sts)
- 8) K all sts
- 9) K5, SSK, K2tog, K5 (12 sts)
- 10) (M1, K5, M1, K1) 2X (16 sts)
- 11) K all sts
- 12) (M1, K7, M1, K1) 2X (20 sts)
- 13) K all sts
- 14) K all sts
- 15) (K2tog, K5, SSK, K1) 2X (16 sts)
- 16) K all sts

Ears

The ears of your cat are each shaped from 6 sts. There are 4 sts between the two ears – 2 in the front and 2 in the back.

Slip the first 3 sts in the round onto a dpn without knitting them. Slip next 10 sts onto a piece of scrap yarn for working later. 6 sts remain on two dpns. Move some of them to a third dpn, and join in the round. Work the rounds below to shape the first ear:

1) K all sts

2) K all sts

3) (K2tog) 3X (3 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a tail of about 12 inches. Thread through remaining 3 sts and pull closed. Weave the loose end down the side of the ear, and slip the first two sts from the scrap yarn onto it. These 2 sts will form the area between the ears at the front of the head.

You're now ready to work the second ear. Arrange the next 6 sts from the scrap yarn onto 3 dpns.

Join in the round, and repeat rounds 1-3 above using the tail from the first ear. Weave the loose end down side of ear, and thread through the last 2 sts from scrap yarn. These 2 sts will form the area between the ears at the back of the head.

Pull the center sts closed; weave in loose ends or simply run them down through the body of the cat.

Seam small holes at base of ears.

Base of Cat

With the inside of your cat facing you, PU 28 sts in the original CO sts. This will create a round of purl stitches on the right side. This round of purls will help to differentiate the body from the base of the cat and stabilize it when standing. Then work the rounds below:

1) (K2, K2tog) 7X (21 sts)

2) K all sts

3) (K1, K2tog) 7X (14 sts)

This is a good time to stuff your cat, if you haven't already.

4) K all sts

5) (K2tog) 7X (7 sts)

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts and pull closed. Weave in loose end.

Tail

The tail of your cat can be worked either as an icord or in the round. CO 6 sts all on one dpn, or onto 3

dpns depending on which way you choose to do it.

Knit all sts until your tail is 2½ long, then work the 2 rounds below:

1) (K2tog) 3X (3 sts)

2) K all sts

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts, and pull closed. Seam the CO end to the side of your cat that has the decreases, beginning at the base. The tail can also be tacked to the side of your cat about half way up to create a curve.

