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Presents Greta the Captivating Cat A Very Lovely Knitting Pattern

Hello and thank you for purchasing my pattern! You are now holding in your hands the information you need to make Greta the Captivating Cat. Cats and knitting go together like peas and carrots, so what better thing to knit than a cat?! From her tiny kitty ears, to her lovely long tail, Greta makes a great gift: for a friend or yourself!



A little bit about Greta:

Greta adores the silent movies from the 1920's and 1930's. She loves the mystery and glamour that no talking creates. Her favorite silent film actress is of course the always mesmerizing Greta Garbo. Greta is particularly fond of the fashion and style of Greta Garbo and can look through pictures of the movie star for hours upon hours. Greta feels strongly that Greta Garbo is the best actress of all time. She also swears that "Cat Naps" are the key to timeless beauty of the classic movie stars.

A Note About Gauge:

One of the greatest things about knitting toys is gauge doesn't matter! For those of you who detest gauging as much as me, this is the perfect project for you. Simply use smaller needles than those recommended for your yarn to create a tighter knit fabric that the stuffing doesn't show through. My rule of thumb is to go down 2-3 needle sizes from the smallest recommended size for your yarn.



You Will Need:

- *150-175 yards of good kitty yarn
- *One set double pointed needles, smaller than recommended for your yarn by 2-3 needle sizes (ex: yarn says Us Size 8, use Us size 5-6 instead)
- *One 36" or longer circular needle in the same size your dpn's
- *Scissors
- *Tapestry needle
- *Buttons/plastic safety eyes/scrap yarn for eyes
- *Scrap yarn for nose and mouth (or safety nose)
- *Stuffing
- *Row counter (Optional but very helpful)
- *Ribbon for Greta's neck (Optional)
- *Stitch markers (Optional: to mark beginning of round/decrease spots)
- *Straight Pins (Optional: help greatly with making up)
- *Sticky Notes (Optional: help keep track of your place in the pattern)

A Note About The Method Used:

I like to use the "magic loop" method to knit small circumference projects. It is super easy, super fun, and you can find an instructional video on www.knittinghelp.com (just search Magic Loop). Feel free to use dpn's or a small circular if you prefer and your project will allow it.



Let's Get Started!

Leg 1:

Evenly CO 6 sts on dpn's and join, making sure not to twist your stitches

R1: KFB all 6 Sts (12 sts)

R2: (KFB, K1) around (18 sts)

R3-R18: K all sts

R19: KFB, K16, KFB of the last stitch (20 sts)

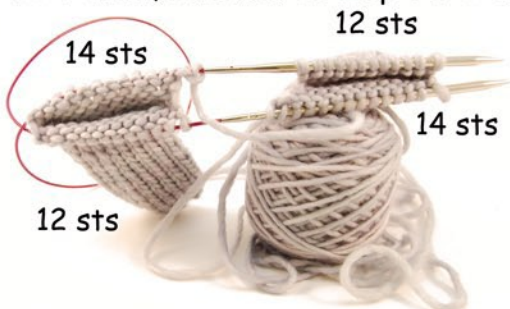
R20: K all

R21: KFB, K18, KFB of the last stitch (22 sts)

R22: K all

R23: KFB, K20, KFB of the last stitch (24 sts)

R24: K all, backwards loop CO 2 sts (26 sts)



Break yarn, leaving a long tail and move stitches to your circular needle. Make a second leg, repeating above instructions. Divide these sts onto 2 dpn's with 12 sts on one needle and 14 sts on the other. Transfer these stitches onto the circular needle with the CO sides facing. (See picture for reference) 52 sts total

Using Magic Loop Method (or small circular/dpn's depending on the size of your project) begin body:

Note, counting starts over here

R1-24: K all

R25: (K2tog, k24) twice (50 sts)

R26: K all

R27: (K23, k2tog) twice (48 sts)

R28: K all

R29: (K2tog, k22) twice (46 sts)

R30: K all

R31: (K21, k2tog) twice (44 sts)

R32: K all

R33: (K2tog, k20) twice (42 sts)

R34: K all

R35: (K19, k2tog) twice (40 sts)

R36: K all

R37: (K2tog, K18) twice (38 sts)

R38: K all

R39: (K17, k2tog) twice (36 sts)

R40: K all



Three Needle
Bind Off

Working the leg



Working the body



R41: (K2tog, k14, k2tog) twice (32 sts)

R42-R44: K all

R45: (KFB, k14, KFB) twice (36 sts)

R46: K all

R47: (KFB, k16, KFB) twice (40 sts)

R48: K all

R49: (KFB, K18, KFB) twice (44 sts)

R50-R59: K all

R60: (K2tog, k18, k2tog) twice (40 sts)

R61: K all

R62: (K2tog, k16, k2tog) twice (36 sts)

R63: K all

R64: (K2tog, k14, k2tog) twice (32 sts)

R65: K all

R66: (K2tog, k12, k2tog) twice (28 sts)

Turn Greta inside out and 3 needle BO all sts. Me-ow, it's a cat body!

Working the arm



Ears: (Make 2)

Using your dpn's CO 18 sts and join making sure not to twist your sts

R1: K all

R2: (K2tog, k7) twice (16 sts)

R3: K all

R4: (K6, k2tog) twice (14 sts)

R5: K all

R6: (K2tog, k5) twice (12 sts)

R7: K all

R8: (K4, k2tog) twice (10 sts)

R9: K all

R10: (K2tog) around (5 sts)

Cut your yarn and using a tapestry needle, thread through the remaining sts.

Working the ear



Working the tail



Tail:

Using your dpn's CO 9 sts and join making sure not to twist your sts

R1-R50: K all

Cut your yarn and using a tapestry needle, thread through the remaining sts.

Making Up:

Begin by weaving the ends in on all of the pieces. Now stuff the body and arms until you are happy with how they look. I only stuff the "paw" part of the arms and use the one-sided increase to create paws that point in towards the body. I don't stuff the ears or the tail but you can if you'd like.

Now is the best time to add the belly button and face. Once the face is to your liking begin to play around with positioning the arms, ears and tail using the straight pins. Once they look right to you sew everything down, double checking that the second ear/arm lines up with the first. Sew shut the bottom seam and add a bow if you'd like, and you're done!

Please see the next page for sample faces and yarns used in this pattern.



Sewing the nose

Way to go, you kitty knitter! I am sure Greta would love to sit down with a big bowl of popcorn and a Greta Garbo movie and help you knit a second kitty friend. Just make sure not to let Greta into your yarn stash, she is a cat after all and would love to chase some yarn!

Samples Shown In This Pattern:



Malabrigo Worsted
Color# 927
Us Size 7 Needles
About 15" tall finished



Kertzer On Your Toes
Color: ON240781
Us Size 4 Needles
About 12" tall finished



Universal Yarn Co.
Deluxe Worsted Magic
Color: Desert #908
Us Size 6 Needles
About 13" tall finished



Cascade 220 Wool
Color# 9401 (2 Balls)
2 Strands Held Together
On Us Size 9 Needles
About 18" tall finished

If you need help with anything in this pattern you are entitled to unlimited email help with me:

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Terms Used:

BO: Bind Off CO: Cast On DPN: Double Pointed Needle K: Knit K2tog: Knit 2 sts as one
KFB: Knit in front and back of one stitch R1, etc: Round number Sts: Stitches

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