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KNIT, EMBROIDER AND CROCHET

KITTY FINGERS

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CATS

If you love animals as much as I do, then I'm certain you can appreciate the pure joy a kitty cat can bring to your life. Independent yet loyal, they have a clever way of stealing our hearts (and our balls of yarn)! From their soft purring and warm touch to their playful character and adorable features, it's hard to deny the affinity these friendly felines share with humans all around the world. So, why not dedicate an entire issue to cats far and wide and celebrate them with fun projects to be enjoyed by both young and old?!

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KITTY FINGERS

Gauge/Tension
Tension is not critical for this project.

Measurements
Approximately 8.5cm high.

Abbreviations
[ ] number of sts on a given row
beg beginning
dec decrease(d)/decreasing
g st garter stitch: k all rows
inc increase(d)/increasing
k knit

k2tog knit 2 sts tog to dec by 1 st: insert needle kwise into first 2 sts and knit them tog
kfb knit front and back to inc by 1 st: insert needle kwise into next st; knit as normal but don't slip st from needle, instead bring needle around to back and knit through back lp of same st

kwise knitwise
lp(s) loop(s)
p purl
rep(s) repeat(s)
RS right side
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch: RS knit, WS purl
tog together
WS wrong side
(.......) once/twice/3 times work the instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

Pattern Notes
Grey Cat, Ginger Cat and Calico Cat are made using same pattern, in different yarn colours. Grey Cat's Ears are embroidered on, whereas other Ears are made separately then attached. Duplicate st tutorial available via *bit.ly/simys-embroidery-tutorial.*

Instructions

CAT (MAKE 3)

With Yarn A for Grey Cat, Yarn C for Ginger Cat and Yarn E for Calico Cat, cast on 16 sts.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (WS) Knit.

Rep Rows 1-2.

Grey Cat only

Work 14 rows in st st.

Ginger Cat only

With Yarn D, work 2 rows in st st.

With Yarn C, work 2 rows in st st.

Rep last 4 rows twice more, then rep Rows 1-2 once more.

With Yarn D, work 4 rows in g st.

Calico Cat only

With Yarn C, work 10 rows in st st.

With Yarn D, work 4 rows in st st.

Grey Cat and Calico Cat only

Work 4 rows in g st.

Head (all Cats)

Change to Yarn B for Grey Cat, Yarn D for Ginger Cat and Yarn F for Calico Cat.

Next row (RS) K5, kfb, k4, kfb, k5. [18 sts]

Work 5 rows in st st.

Next row (WS) (K2tog) twice, k10, (k2tog) twice. [14 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

EAR (MAKE 4)

Make two Ears using Yarn D for Ginger Cat, and make one each using Yarn E and Yarn F for Calico Cat.

Cast on 3 sts.

Work 3 rows in g st.

Cut yarn and weave through remaining sts, pull tight.

ASSEMBLY

Join Cat seam using mattress st. Keeping seam to centre back, fold cast-off edge flat and oversew. For Ginger Cat and Calico Cat, sew cast-on edge of Ears to top corners of Head. For Grey Cat, embroider ears using three strands of black embroidery thread and straight sts (use image as guide). For Calico Cat, use Yarn F and duplicate st 'spots' onto body.

TAIL

On all Cats, make twisted cord Tail as follows: with Yarn A for Grey Cat, Yarn C for Ginger Cat and Yarn E for Calico Cat, cut length of yarn twice as long as desired length of Tail. Pin one end to a table or flat surface, then twist yarn until it starts to fold back on itself, allowing it to curl. Knot both ends. Attach folded end of cord to Cat just above g st ridge at base.

TO FINISH

With dark brown embroidery thread for Ginger Cat and Calico Cat, and black embroidery thread for Grey Cat, embroider Eyes, Nose and Whiskers (use image as guide).

Weave in all ends.

KITTY CAT WAND

Made with your leftover materials!
Your kitty cat is going to love this fun toy which can be made from leftover materials from projects in this issue or your personal stash!

STEP 1
Make three pompoms with leftover yarns using a pompom maker such as Prym's set of four (item no. 624.153) or an alternative technique.

STEP 2
Make one tassel by wrapping yarn around your fingers, tying yarn around the top beneath one finger, then cutting the loops at the other end.

STEP 4
Take the remaining length* of your wooden rod (from Purrfect Hanger on p.8) and either glue or tie on your dangling garland!

*assumes at least 50cm of leftover wooden rod

STEP 3
Braid or crochet a chain and tie the pompoms and tassel to it to make a 'garland'.

BONUS DIY-PROJECT

Recycle toilet paper rolls and create a fun play toy for your cat in the meantime!

Simply fold in one end of the toilet paper roll, fill with some cat treats, then close the other end to secure them inside. Don't tape it closed: this way your cat gets a well-earned reward after lots of playtime!

MEOW

CRAFTY CAT NECKLACE

BY LIZ BARRACLOUGH

Measurements

ø 5cm

Pattern Notes

Crafty Cat is worked in satin stitch: imagine colouring in and the direction you would make pencil strokes and mimic this with stitches. Yarn tail is worked using backstitch: tutorial available via *bit.ly/simys-embroidery-tutorial*. For best results, try not to overlap stitches but keep them adjacent to each other and lying flat. Work with two strands of cotton, apart from features and whiskers that are worked in one. Refer to Schematic 1: Embroidery Chart for colours and design transfer to fabric, and use image as guide for stitch direction and placement.

Instructions

TRANSFERRING DESIGN

Choose one of two options below or alternative.
1) Tape design to window or lightbox, position fabric on top and tape to window or lightbox. Trace design onto fabric using air erasable pen.
2) Tape design to window or lightbox, position soluble stabiliser on top and tape to window or lightbox, trace pattern onto stabiliser. Pin stabiliser to fabric.
Clamp fabric into ø 12.5cm embroidery hoop with traced design facing up and screw tight to secure.

EMBROIDERY

Step 1 Work centre of face by making satin stitches that start around nose and mouth and move outwards.
Step 2 Work inner ears, keeping stitches pointing up in direction of ear.
Step 3 Work black part of face in same way as centre, continue around to fill in body, tail and paw.
Step 4 Work white 'socks' on paws.
Step 5 Work features followed by whiskers.
Step 6 Work yarn ball, starting with areas that appear 'behind' first. Note: To increase variegated effect of thread, separate 2 strands and change direction of one before putting back together.
Step 7 Work tangled up yarn tail using backstitch.

TO FINISH

Remove Crafty Cat from embroidery hoop, trim excess fabric, then frame in mini hoop with glue and following instructions on product packaging.

Schematic 1: Embroidery Chart

Key

■ Black
□ White
■ Pink
■ Grey
▥ Variegated Red

NOTES

Use this space to write your pattern notes!

PURRFECT HANGER

BY DAWN CURRAN

Gauge/Tension
18 sts and 20 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over dc using a 3.5mm hook.

Measurements
40 x 55cm.

Abbreviations (UK Terms)
ø diameter
[ ] number of sts on a given row
ccA colour change to Yarn A
ccB colour change to Yarn B
ch(s) chain(s) or chain stitch(es)
beg begin(ning)
dc double crochet
htr half treble crochet
mr magic ring
RS right side
ss slip stitch(es)
st(s) stitch(es)
tr treble crochet
WS wrong side
yoh yarn over hook
(.......) once/twice/3 times work the instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

Pattern Notes
Wall Hanger is worked in rows, turn work after each row. Main Hanger is made using intarsia method, divide Yarn A into two identical balls to work on either side of Cat. Colour changes take place on last st of working colour: work last yoh of last dc in new colour and pull through. Tabs create four loops to pass wooden rod through for hanging.

Instructions

MAIN HANGER
With Yarn A, ch73.
Row 1 (RS) 1dc in second ch from hook, 18dc, ccB, 34dc, ccA, 19dc, turn. [72 dc]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 19dc, ccB, 33dc, ccA, 20dc, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, 20dc, ccB, 32dc, ccA, 20dc.
Row 4 Ch1, 20dc, ccB, 31dc, ccA, 21dc.
Rows 5-6 Ch1, 21dc, ccB, 30dc, ccA, 21dc.
Row 7 Ch1, 21dc, ccB, 29dc, ccA, 22dc.
Rows 8-10 Ch1, 22dc, ccB, 28dc, ccA, 22dc.
Row 11 Ch1, 22dc, ccB, 27dc, ccA, 23dc.
Rows 12-14 Ch1, 23dc, ccB, 26dc, ccA, 23dc.
Row 15 Ch1, 23dc, ccB, 25dc, ccA, 24dc.
Rows 16-18 Ch1, 24dc, ccB, 24dc, ccA, 24dc.
Row 19 Ch1, 24dc, ccB, 23dc, ccA, 25dc.
Rows 20-22 Ch1, 25dc, ccB, 22dc, ccA, 25dc.
Row 23 Ch1, 25dc, ccB, 21dc, ccA, 26dc.
Rows 24-26 Ch1, 26dc, ccB, 20dc, ccA, 27dc.
Row 27 Ch1, 21dc, ccB, 29dc, ccA, 22dc.
Row 28 Ch1, 20dc, ccB, 31dc, ccA, 21dc.
Row 29 Ch1, 19dc, ccB, 33dc, ccA, 20dc.
Row 30 Ch1, 18dc, ccB, 35dc, ccA, 19dc.
Row 31 Ch1, 17dc, ccB, 37dc, ccA, 18dc.
Row 32 Ch1, 16dc, ccB, 39dc, ccA, 17dc.
Row 33 Ch1, 15dc, ccB, 41dc, ccA, 16dc.
Row 34 Ch1, 14dc, ccB, 43dc, ccA, 15dc.
Row 35 Ch1, 14dc, ccB, 44dc, ccA, 14dc.
Row 36 Ch1, 13dc, ccB, 45dc, ccA, 14dc.
Row 37 Ch1, 13dc, ccB, 46dc, ccA, 13dc.
Row 38 Ch1, 12dc, ccB, 47dc, ccA, 13dc.
Rows 39-56 Ch1, 12dc, ccB, 48dc, ccA, 12dc.

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Row 57 Ch1, 12dc, ccB, 47dc, ccA, 13dc.
Row 58 Ch1, 13dc, ccB, 46dc, ccA, 13dc.
Row 59 Ch1, 13dc, ccB, 45dc, ccA, 14dc.
Row 60 Ch1, 14dc, ccB, 44dc, ccA, 14dc.
Row 61 Ch1, 14dc, ccB, 43dc, ccA, 15dc.
Row 62 Ch1, 15dc, ccB, 42dc, ccA, 15dc.
Row 63 Ch1, 15dc, ccB, 41dc, ccA, 16dc.
Row 64 Ch1, 16dc, ccB, 40dc, ccA, 16dc.
Row 65 Ch1, 16dc, ccB, 39dc, ccA, 17dc.
Row 66 Ch1, 17dc, ccB, 38dc, ccA, 17dc.
Row 67 Ch1, 17dc, ccB, 37dc, ccA, 18dc.
Row 68 Ch1, 18dc, ccB, 36dc, ccA, 18dc.
Row 69 Ch1, 18dc, ccB, 35dc, ccA, 19dc.
Row 70 Ch1, 19dc, ccB, 34dc, ccA, 19dc.
Row 71 Ch1, 19dc, ccB, 33dc, ccA, 20dc.
Row 72 Ch1, 20dc, ccB, 32dc, ccA, 20dc.
Row 73 Ch1, 28dc, ccB, 16dc, ccA, 28dc.
Rows 74-103 Ch1, 72dc.
Fasten off.

Tabs

With WS facing, place st marker in 1st, 22nd, 42nd and 63rd sts. These mark sts where you will start each of four Tabs.
Row 104 Join yarn with ss in 1st marked st, 1dc in same stitch, 9dc, turn. [10 dc]
Rows 105-120 Ch1, 10dc, turn.
Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.
Fold Tabs over, aligning top of Row 120 to Row 104 and sew together.

CHIN

With Yarn C, ch4.
Row 1 (RS) 2tr in fourth ch from hook (skipped 3 ch counts as first tr). [3 tr]
Row 2 (WS) Ch3 (counts as 1 tr throughout), 1tr in base of 3 ch, 2tr in each tr. [6 tr]
Row 3 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 1tr, (2tr in next tr, 1tr) twice. [9 tr]
Row 4 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 2tr, (2tr in next tr, 2tr) twice. [12 tr]
Row 5 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 3tr, (2tr in next tr, 3tr) twice. [15 tr]
Row 6 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 4tr, (2tr in next tr, 4tr) twice. [18 tr]
Row 7 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 5tr, (2tr in next tr, 5tr) twice. [21 tr]
Row 8 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 6tr, (2tr in next tr, 6tr) twice. [24 tr]
Row 9 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 7tr, (2tr in next tr, 7tr) twice. [27 tr]
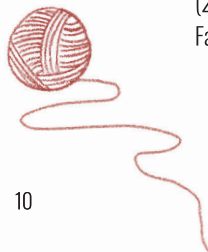**Row 10** Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 8tr, (2tr in next tr, 8tr) twice. [30 tr]
Row 11 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 4tr, (2tr in next tr, 4tr) five times. [36 tr]
Row 12 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 5tr, (2tr in next tr, 5tr) five times. [42 tr]
Row 13 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 6tr, (2tr in next tr, 6tr) five times. [48 tr]
Row 14 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3 ch, 7tr, (2tr in next tr, 7tr) five times. [54 tr]
Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

Fun Fact!

Did you know that a study found that cats really are just as loyal as dogs?

(Current Biology vol. 29 issue 18)

EAR (MAKE 2)

Outer Ear

With Yarn B, ch2.

Row 1 (WS) 3dc in first ch. [3 dc]

Row 2 (RS) Ch1, 1dc in each dc to last st, 2dc in last dc. [4 dc]

Row 3 Ch1, 3dc, 2dc in last dc. [5 dc]

Row 4 Ch1, 4dc, 2dc in last dc. [6 dc]

Row 5 Ch1, 5dc, 2dc in last dc. [7 dc]

Row 6 Ch1, 6dc, 2dc in last dc. [8 dc]

Row 7 Ch1, 7dc, 2dc in last dc. [9 dc]

Row 8 Ch1, 8dc, 2dc in last dc. [10 dc]

Row 9 Ch1, 9dc, 2dc in last dc. [11 dc]

Row 10 Ch1, 10dc, 2dc in last dc. [12 dc]

Row 11 Ch1, 11dc, 2dc in last dc. [13 dc]

Row 12 Ch1, 12dc, 2dc in last dc. [14 dc]

Row 13 Ch1, 13dc, 2dc in last dc. [15 dc]

Row 14 Ch1, 14dc, 2dc in last dc. [16 dc]

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Inner Ear

With Yarn D, ch2.

Repeat Rows 1-8 of Outer Ear.

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

CHEEK (MAKE 2)

With Yarn D, ch4, ss to first ch to make ring.

Round 1 Ch3 (counts as 1 tr throughout), 11tr in ring, ss to top of beg 3-ch. [12 tr]

Round 2 Ch3, 1tr in base of 3-ch, 2tr in each tr, ss to top of beg 2-ch. [24 tr]

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

NOSE

With Yarn D, ch4, ss to first ch to make ring.

Repeat Rows 1-6 of Outer Ear.

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

EYE (MAKE 2)

With Yarn F, make mr.

Round 1 Ch1, 10dc in ring, ss to first dc, fasten off. [10 dc]

Round 2 Join Yarn C with ss to any dc, ch2 (counts as first htr), 1htr in base of ch-2, 2htr in each dc, ss to top of beg 2-ch. [20 htr]

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

STRIPE (MAKE 7)

With Yarn E, ch4.

Row 1 2tr in fourth ch from hook (skipped 3 ch counts as first tr). [3 tr]

Row 2 Ch3, 1tr in base of ch 3, 2tr. [4 tr]

Row 3 Ch3, 1tr in base of ch 3, 3tr. [5 tr]

Row 4 Ch3, 1tr in base of ch 3, 4tr. [6 tr]

Row 5 Ch3, 1tr in base of ch 3, 5tr. [7 tr]

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

TO FINISH

Using image as guide, sew face details onto Main Hanger.

Weave in all ends and block to measurements. Position wooden rod through loops. Cut 50cm of Yarn A and tie to both ends of rod for hanging.

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