

Black Cat/Ginger Cat

Finally. I've finished the cat patterns. My black cat turned into a bit of a scoundrel. He has one eye and a torn ear and a glint in his eye which suggests he's up to no good. His name is Jack. His counterpart, Abi (named after my wonderful niece), is much more genteel. It's a bit of a Lady and the Tramp affair.

Let me know if you need help or if I've made any mistakes.

Happy hooking!





Jack the Black Cat/Abi the Ginger Cat

Size

15cm/6in tall, 14cm/5 ½in wide

Skill Level

Moderate. This gets a moderate difficulty because of the tail. The tail requires doing a single crochet over another single crochet to make it curve— instructions and pictures are included under the tail section of the pattern.

Note on yarn and hook size

I crochet with a light worsted (DK) weight yarn. You can use a slightly heavier or lighter yarn as long as you use the same type of yarn for the different colours. This will ensure your toy is in proportion. Use a hook size that will give you a nice firm stitch. The 3.00mm is my favourite hook.

Materials

For Jack the Black Cat

Yarn

Black (approx. 100metres/109yards)

Pink (small amount)

White (small amount)

Grey (small amount)

White, black and grey felt

For Abi the Ginger Cat

Yarn

Orange (approx.. 100metres/109yards)

Pink (small amount)

White (small amount)

Yellow (small amount)

White, black and green felt

For both

Crochet Hook – 3.00mm or preferred size

Filling

Plastic pellets/dried beans and stocking

Tapestry needle

Craft glue and/or thread and sharp needle for attaching felt

Terminology

This pattern was written using US crochet terminology

ch – Chain

ch-3 sp- Chain 3 space. A gap created by chaining 3 and skipping stitches.

Rnd – Round

sc – Single crochet

sc2tog – Single crochet two stitches together.

sl st – Slip stitch

st – Stitch. This term covers ch, sc, hdc, sl st and other stitches used in crochet.

Make a ring – The starting point for crocheting in a spiral. Use which ever method you prefer.

****** - Repeat the instructions between the asterisks as directed.

() – The number of stitches that should be in a completed round are placed in brackets at the end of that round's instructions.

Instructions

Head (in Black or Orange)

Make a ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring (6)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around (12)

Rnd 3: sc in each st around

Rnd 4: *sc in next st, 2 sc in next st* around (18)

Rnd 5: sc in each st around

Rnd 6: *sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st* around (24)

Rnd 7: sc in each st around

Rnd 8: *sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st* around (30)

Rnd 9: sc in each st around

Rnd 10: *sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st* around (36)

Rnd 11: sc in each st around

Rnd 12: *sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st* around (42)

Rnd 13: sc in each st around

Rnd 14: *sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st* around (48)

Rnd 15-20: sc in each st around

Rnd 21: *sc in next 6 st, sc2tog* around (42)

Rnd 22: sc in each st around

Rnd 23: *sc in next 5 st, sc2tog* around (36)

Rnd 24: sc in each st around

Rnd 25: *sc in next 4 st, sc2tog* around (30)

Rnd 26: sc in each st around

Start stuffing.

Rnd 27: *sc in next 3 st, sc2tog* around (24)

Rnd 28: sc in each st around
Rnd 29: *sc in next 2 st, sc2tog* around (18)
Rnd 30: sc in each st around
Rnd 31: *sc in next st, sc2tog* around (12)
Rnd 32: sc in each st around
Finish stuffing firmly.
Rnd 33: sc2tog around (6)
Close up hole and fasten off. Weave in ends.

Body (in Black or Orange)

Make a ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring (6)
Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around (12)
Rnd 3: *sc in next st, 2 sc in next st* around (18)
Rnd 4: *sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st* around (24)
Rnd 5: *sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st* around (30)
Rnd 6: *sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st* around (36)
Rnd 7: *sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st* around (42)
Rnd 8: *sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st* around (48)
Rnd 9: *sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st* around (54)
Rnd 10-11: sc in each st around
Rnd 12: *sc in next 7 st, sc2tog* around (48)
Rnd 13-15: sc in each st around
Rnd 16: *sc in next 6 st, sc2tog* around (42)
Rnd 17: sc in each st around
Rnd 18: *sc in next 5 st, sc2tog* around (36)
Tie some plastic pellets/dried beans in some stocking material and place in the bottom of the body. This will help the cat stand up.
Rnd 19: sc in each st around
Rnd 20: *sc in next 4 st, sc2tog* around (30)
Rnd 21: sc in each st around
Rnd 22: *sc in next 3 st, sc2tog* around (24)
Start stuffing and continue stuffing as you go.
Rnd 23: sc in each st around

Rnd 24: *sc in next 2 st, sc2tog* around (18)

Rnd 25-27: sc in each st around

Finish stuffing firmly. Fasten off, leaving a long tail to use for joining.

Ears (in Black or Orange)

Make a ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring (6)

Rnd 2: *sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st* twice (8)

Rnd 3: sc in each st around

Rnd 4: *sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st* twice (10)

Rnd 5: *sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st* twice (12)

Rnd 6: *sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st* around (16)

Rnd 7: *sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st* around (20)

Rnd 8: *sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st* around (24)

Rnd 9: sc in each st around

Fasten off, leaving a tail to use for joining. Leave unstuffed. Make one for Jack. Make two for Abi.

Torn Ear (in Black)

Make a ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring (6)

Rnd 2: *sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st* twice (8)

Rnd 3: sc in next 3 st, chain 3, skip next 3 st, sc in next 2 st (8)

Rnd 4: sc in next 3 st, 4 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st (10)

Rnd 5: *sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st* twice (12)

Rnd 6: *sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st* around (16)

Rnd 7: *sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st* around (20)

Rnd 8: *sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st* around (24)

Rnd 9: sc in each st around

Fasten off, leaving long tail to use for joining. Flatten the ear so that the hole appears like a tear in the edge of the ear. Thread the tail of yarn through the ear, pulling out at the top of the hole. Stitch the edges of the hole together. Thread the tail of yarn back down to the opening.





Arms (in Black or Orange)

Make a ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring (6)

Rnd 2: *sc in next st, 2 sc in next st* around (9)

Rnd 3-10: sc in each st around

Rnd 11: *sc in next st, sc2tog* around (6)

Rnd 12: sc in each st around

Fasten off, leaving a long tail to use for joining. Leave unstuffed. Make two.

Tail (in Black or Orange)

The tail is a tube 8 stitches in circumference that is curved at three points. There are several methods to curve a crocheted tube. Basically, you want to make one side of the tube higher than the other to curve it before returning to crocheting evenly. You can do this by using stitches of different height, for example, single crocheting on one side and then half-double crocheting on the other. Or you can increase on one side and decrease on the other. For me, the neatest and easiest way was to single crochet over the single crochets in the previous round on one side (this will be the side that curves in) then single crochet as normal on the other. Photos and further instructions can be found below. If you can't be bothered doing this, you can always crochet a straight tube 8 stitches in circumference and about 18cm/7in long, stick a pipe cleaner in it, stuff it firmly and shape it as you wish.

Sc over sc

The hardest part is recognising where to put your hook. You want to place your hook under the single crochet made in the previous round. Instead of inserting your hook where the black crosses are, you insert it in the hole marked by the blue crosses, making a single crochet just as you would normally.



Let's get started. Remember to stuff the tail as you go.

Make a ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring (6)

Rnd 2: *sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st* twice (8)

Rnd 3-4: sc in each st around

Rnd 5: sc over next 4 sc, sc in next 4 st (8)

Rnd 6: sc in each st around

Rnd 7: sc over next 4 sc, sc in next 4 st (8)

Rnd 8: sc in each st around

Rnd 9: sc over next 4 sc, sc in next 4 st (8)

Rnd 10: sc in each st around

Rnd 11: sc over next 4 sc, sc in next 4 st (8)

Rnd 12: sc in each st around

Rnd 13: sc over next 4 sc, sc in next 4 st (8)

Rnd 14: sc in each st around

Rnd 15: sc over next 4 sc, sc in next 4 st (8)

Rnd 16-23: sc in each st around

Rnd 24: sc over next 2 sc, sc in next 4 st, sc over next 2 sc (8)

Rnd 25-26: sc in each st around

Rnd 27: sc over next 2 sc, sc in next 4 st, sc over next 2 sc (8)

Rnd 28-37: sc in each st around

Rnd 38: sc over next sc, sc in next 4 st, sc over next 3 sc (8)

Rnd 39-40: sc in each st around

Rnd 41: sc over next sc, sc in next 4 st, sc over next 3 sc (8)

Rnd 42-47: sc in each st around

Fasten off, leaving a tail to use for joining. Don't stuff all the way to the end so that the end can be easily flattened.

Abi's collar (in Pink)

Make a foundation chain long enough to go around the cat's neck. Starting from the second chain from the end, place a slip stitch in each chain till the end. Leave a tail of yarn to use for joining.

Abi's Tag (in Yellow)

Make a ring.

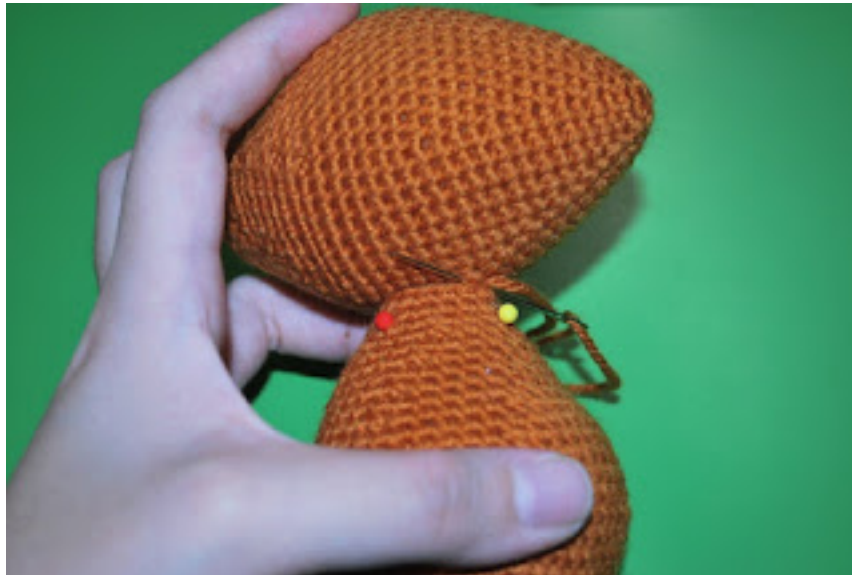
Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Join it to the centre of the collar.

Assembly

These are guidelines only. Be guided by your own eye at all times.

Join the head to the body. It should be centred on the neck.



Join the arms to the body. They sit just below where the body starts to narrow to form the neck.



Join the ears to the head. They sit close to the points of the head and should be slightly curved or cupped. Pin them on before joining



Join the tail to the body. Flatten the base of the tail and join to the bottom back of the body. To help the tail stand up, put another couple of stitches between the tail and the body further up the tail.

Stitch the nose and mouth on the face. Using pink yarn stitch nose onto the face. Using white yarn stitch on a mouth.



Make and attach the eyes. Cut an almond shape from white felt for the base of the eye, an oval from black or green (depending on the cat you're making) for the iris and little circles of white for the highlights.



Join these together with needle and thread or glue. Attach to the face. Cut a strip of black felt for the eyebrows and attach to face above the eyes. For Jack's patch, cut an almond shape from grey felt. Attach to face then thread some grey yarn under the patch to make a strap, tying it around the head. To hold it in place, stitch the grey yarn down at the back, top and bottom of the head.

Put on Abi's collar. Wrap the collar around the neck and join the ends together.

Now you have your cats. Don't let them get too close to [the oddball mice](#) or you'll end up getting haunted by a whole lot of [ghost mice](#).



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