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PURE WOOL 8PLY CROCHET CATS

What you'll need:

- 1 x 50g ball '4 Seasons' Pure Wool 8ply – main colour (head & tail)
- 14 x 50g balls '4 Seasons' Pure Wool 8ply – 14 different colours (body)
- Small amounts of white, black & red (eyes, nose, whiskers & mouth)
- 5.00mm crochet hook
- Scissors, yarn needle
- Hobby fill

Abbreviations

beg = begin/ning; **ch** = chain; dc = double crochet; **htr** = half treble; **lp/s** = loop/s; **sl st** = slip stitch; **sp** = space; **st-ch** = starting chain; **st/s** = stitch/es; **yoh** = yarn over hook

Special Abbreviations

beg cluster = 3ch, (yoh, pull up lp in next st, yoh, pull through 2 lps) twice, yoh, pull through all 3lps;

cluster (3tr cluster = (yoh, pull up lp in next st, yoh, pull through 2 lps) 3 times, yoh, pull through all 4 lps);

Note – The cat is worked in rounds of different colours, starting at the base. The colours are chosen at random, but the head and tail are worked using the main colour. The head is sewn closed in a single flat seam giving the head a wedge shape. Using 5.50mm hook, make 3ch, join with a sl st into 1st ch to make a ring.

CAT BODY

Using 5.00mm hook and any colour make 4ch, join with sl st into 1st ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: beg cluster, * 1ch, cluster, repeat from * 4 times, 1ch, join with sl st into 3rd ch of st-ch, sl st into 1-ch sp.

Change colour

Rnd 2: (beg cluster, 1ch, cluster) in same sp, *1ch, shell in next 1-ch sp, repeat from * 5 times, 1ch, join with sl st into 3rd ch of st-ch, sl st into 1-ch sp.

Change colour

Rnd 3: (beg cluster, 1ch, cluster) in same sp, *1ch, cluster in next 1-ch sp, 1ch, shell in next 1-ch sp, repeat from * 5 times, 1ch, cluster in last 1-ch sp, 1ch, join with sl st into 3rd ch of st-ch, sl st into 1-ch sp.

Change colour

Rnd 4: (beg cluster, 1ch, cluster) in same sp, * (1ch, cluster in next 1-ch sp) twice, 1ch, shell in next 1-ch sp, repeat from * 5 times, (1ch, cluster in next 1-ch sp) twice, 1ch, join with sl st into 3rd ch of st-ch, sl st into 1-ch sp.

Change colour

Rnd 5: (beg cluster, 1ch) in same sp, * (1ch, cluster in next 1-ch sp) repeat from * to end of round, 1ch, join with sl st into 3rd ch of st-ch, sl st into 1-ch sp.

Change colour

Repeat Rnd 5, 9 more times, changing colour for every row.

Change to main colour

Rnd 15: 1ch, 1htr in each st to end of round, sl st into 1st htr. Repeat Rnd 15, 10 more times. Fasten off, leaving a length of yarn to close the head seam.

TAIL

Note – tail is worked in a spiral.

Using 5.00mm hook and main colour make 3ch, join with sl st into 1st ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: 1ch, 6htr in ring, sl st into ch.

Rnd 2: 1ch, 2htr in each st around.

Rnd 3: 1htr in each of next 12 htr.

Repeat Rnd 3, 27 times.

Rnd 31: 1htr in next htr, 1dc in next htr, sl st into next htr. Fasten off, leaving a length of yarn to attach tail to body.

EYES (make 2)

Using black yarn make 2ch.

Rnd 1: 6dc int 2nd ch from hook, sl st into 1st dc.

Rnd 2: 1ch, 3dc in each st around, sl st into 1st dc. Fasten off, leaving a length of yarn to attach eyes to head.

To Finish

Check that all loose ends inside the body are tied securely and trim to 3-4cm in length before stuffing the body and closing the head in a flat seam at the top.

Pinch the top seam flat at each side of the head, pushing the stuffing towards the middle, then sew a line across each corner to form the triangular ears.

Stuff tail and attach at the back at the base around row 3-4.

Sew on eyes, embroider the nose, whiskers and mouth.

SPOTLIGHT