

Cat Hat

by Val Pierce



SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Small amounts of Cream, Orange, Grey and Black DK yarn.

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 3.75mm (UK9/US5) Pony knitting needles
- A small amount of toy stuffing

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

K	Knit
P	Purl
alt	alternate
inc	increase
sts	stitches
st st	stocking stitch
k2tog	Knit two together

PATTERN

Base

- Using 3.75mm needles and orange, cast on 28 sts.
- Knit 3 rows of garter stitch.
- Work 2 rows st st.
- Join in cream work 2 rows st st.
- Work 2 rows st st in orange.
- Work 2 rows st st in cream.
- Work 2 rows st st in orange, then 2 rows st st in cream.
- **Next Row:** K2tog across row in orange.
- **Next Row:** Purl
- **Next Row:** K2tog across row in orange.
- Break yarn and run through stitches.
- Fasten off.

Ears (Make 2)

- Using 3.75mm needles and orange cast on 8 sts.
- Work 6 rows in garter stitch.
- **Next Row:** K2tog at each end.
- **Next Row:** Knit
- **Next Row:** K2tog at each end.
- **Next Row:** K2tog twice, k2tog and fasten off.

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Nose

- Using 3.75mm needles and orange cast on 2sts.
- **Next Row:** Purl
- **Next Row:** Inc at each end.
- Repeat last 2 rows until you have 10 sts, ending on a purl row.
- Work 6 rows in st st.
- **Next Row:** K2tog across row. 5 sts.
- **Next Row:** Purl
- Cast off.

Tail

- Using 3.75mm needles and orange cast on 8 sts.
- Work 4 rows st st, join cream.
- Work 2 rows cream.
- Work 2 rows orange.
- Repeat last 4 rows 4 more times.
- Continue in orange.
- **Next Row:** K2tog at each end
- **Next Row:** Purl
- **Next Row:** K2tog at each end
- **Next Row:** Purl
- **Next Row:** K2tog twice,
- **Next Row:** K2tog. Fasten off.

Mouse

- Using 3.75mm needles and grey cast on 10 sts.
- Knit 8 rows.
- K2tog at each end of next and following alt rows to 4 sts.
- K2tog twice, k2tog fasten off.

To Make up

- Sew seam on base, this will run down the centre back.
- Sew and ear to each side of the head.
- Take the nose and pin in position on front of head, add a tiny bit of stuffing to pad out.
- Sew in place.
- Embroider eyes, nose and whiskers using black DK.
- Sew seam on tail, add a tiny bit of stuffing to pad out.
- Sew to back seam then curl tail around front of base, secure with a few stitches.
- Curl the piece of knitting for the mouse to form a little triangle shape, add a tiny bit of stuffing.
- Using French knots, embroider one for each ear in grey and one in black for nose.
- Embroider eyes in black.
- Add a small length of grey yarn for tail.
- Position mouse onto cat and sew in place.

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