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MATERIALS

Scheepjes Catona

(100% Mercerised Cotton; 25g/62.5m)

Yarn A 511 Cornflower x 1 ball

Scheepjes Catona Chroma

(100% Mercerised Cotton; 50g/125m)

Yarn B 014 Surf x 2 balls

3mm crochet hook

Polyester toy filling

Stitch marker

Small amounts of ecru yarn and black yarn

GAUGE/TENSION

26 sts and 26 rounds to measure 10 x 10cm over dc using a 3mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

44 x 9 x 8cm (7.3 x 3.5 x 3.1in) (excl. Flippers)

CROCHET TERM CONVERSIONS

UK	US
dc double crochet	sc single crochet
dc2tog double crochet 2 together	sc2tog single crochet 2 together

ABBREVIATIONS (UK TERMS)

[] number of sts on a given round

blo back loop only: insert hook under back lp only

cc colour change

dc double crochet

dc2tog double crochet 2 together to decrease by 1 st: (insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up lp) twice, yoh, draw through all lps

lp(s) loop(s)

mr magic ring

pm(s) place stitch marker(s)

prev previous

ss slip stitch(es)

st(s) stitch(es)

yoh yarn over hook

(.....) **once/twice/3 times** work the instructions between brackets the *total* number of times stated

PATTERN NOTES

Pattern uses amigurumi method. Work in a spiral without closing each round with ss, pm at start of each round, moving it up as you go. Carry unused yarn along as you work, trapping it inside sts worked in main colour, and switch colours to create pattern.

Colour change (cc) always happens in st before switch as follows: insert hook into st, yoh, pull through in old colour, yoh in new colour and pull through.

Note that ALL Yarn A sts are worked in blo to make ridged effect on underside.

INSTRUCTIONS

Head and Body

With Yarn A, make mr.

Round 1 6dc into ring. [6 sts]

Round 2 (2dc blo in next st) twice, cc to Yarn B, 2dc in next st, cc to Yarn A, (2dc blo in next st)

3 times. [12 sts]

Round 3 1dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 1dc blo, cc to Yarn B, (2dc in next st, 1dc) twice, cc to Yarn A, (2dc blo in next st, 1dc blo) twice, 2dc blo in next st. [18 sts]

Round 4 2dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 2dc blo, cc to Yarn B, (2dc in next st, 2dc) twice, cc to Yarn A, (2dc blo in next st, 2dc blo) twice, 2dc blo in next st. [24 sts]

Round 5 3dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 1dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 2dc, (2dc in next st, 3dc) twice, cc to Yarn A, (2dc blo in next st, 3dc blo) twice, 2dc blo in next st. [30 sts]

Rounds 6-7 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 13dc, cc to Yarn A, 11dc blo. [30 sts]

Round 8 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 14dc, cc to Yarn A, 10dc blo. [30 sts]

Round 9 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 14dc, cc to Yarn A, 9dc blo, 2dc blo in next st. [31 sts]

Round 10 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 14dc, cc to Yarn A, 10dc blo, 2dc blo in next st. [32 sts]

Round 11 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 15dc, cc to Yarn A, 10dc blo, 2dc blo in next st. [33 sts]

Round 12 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 15dc, cc to Yarn A, 11dc blo, 2dc blo in next st. [34 sts]

Round 13 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 15dc, cc to Yarn A, 12dc blo, 2dc blo in next st. [35 sts]

Round 14 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 16dc, cc to Yarn A, 12dc blo, 2dc blo in next st. [36 sts]

Round 15 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 16dc, cc to Yarn A, 12dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 1dc blo. [37 sts]

Round 16 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 17dc, cc to Yarn A, 12dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 1dc blo. [38 sts]

Round 17 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 17dc, cc to Yarn A, 12dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 2dc blo. [39 sts]

Round 18 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 17dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 2dc blo. [40 sts]

Round 19 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 18dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 2dc blo. [41 sts]

Round 20 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 18dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 3dc blo. [42 sts]

Round 21 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 19dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 3dc blo. [43 sts]

Round 22 6dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 19dc, cc to Yarn A, 14dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 3dc blo. [44 sts]

Round 23 5dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 21dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 4dc blo. [45 sts]

Round 24 5dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 21dc, cc to Yarn A, 14dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 4dc blo. [46 sts]

Round 25 5dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 22dc, cc to Yarn A, 14dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 4dc blo. [47 sts]

Round 26 4dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 24dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 5dc blo. [48 sts]

Round 27 4dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 24dc, cc to Yarn A, 14dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 5dc blo. [49 sts]

Round 28 4dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 25dc, cc to Yarn A, 14dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 5dc blo. [50 sts]

Round 29 3dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 27dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 6dc blo. [51 sts]

Round 30 3dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 28dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 6dc blo. [52 sts]

Round 31 2dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 30dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 6dc blo. [53 sts]

Round 32 2dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 30dc, cc to Yarn A, 14dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 6dc blo. [54 sts]

Round 33 2dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 6dc, 2dc in next st, 22dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 7dc blo. [57 sts]

Round 34 1dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 7dc, 2dc in next st, 24dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo, 2dc blo in next st, 8dc blo. [60 sts]

Round 35 1dc blo, cc to Yarn B, 36dc, cc to Yarn A, 23dc blo.

Rounds 36-38 Cc to Yarn B, 38dc, cc to Yarn A, 22dc blo.

Rounds 39-40 Cc to Yarn B, 39dc, cc to Yarn A, 21dc blo.

Rounds 41-42 Cc to Yarn B, 40dc, cc to Yarn A, 20dc blo.

Rounds 43-44 Cc to Yarn B, 41dc, cc to Yarn A, 19dc blo.

Rounds 45-46 Cc to Yarn B, 42dc, cc to Yarn A, 18dc blo.

Rounds 47-48 Cc to Yarn B, 43dc, cc to Yarn A,

17dc blo.

Rounds 49-50 Cc to Yarn B, 44dc, cc to Yarn A, 16dc blo.

Rounds 51-52 Cc to Yarn B, 45dc, cc to Yarn A, 15dc blo.

Rounds 53-54 Cc to Yarn B, 46dc, cc to Yarn A, 14dc blo.

Rounds 55-56 Cc to Yarn B, 47dc, cc to Yarn A, 13dc blo.

Rounds 57-58 Cc to Yarn B, 48dc, cc to Yarn A, 12dc blo.

Rounds 59-60 Cc to Yarn B, 49dc, cc to Yarn A, 11dc blo.

Rounds 61-62 Cc to Yarn B, 50dc, cc to Yarn A, 10dc blo.

Round 63 Cc to Yarn B, 51dc, cc to Yarn A, 9dc blo.

Round 64 Cc to Yarn B, 52dc, cc to Yarn A, 8dc blo.

Round 65 Cc to Yarn B, 53dc, cc to Yarn A, 7dc blo.

Round 66 Cc to Yarn B, 54dc, cc to Yarn A, 6dc blo, fasten off Yarn A.

Round 67 (18dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [57 sts]

Round 68 1dc in each st around.

Round 69 (17dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [54 sts]

Round 70 1dc in each st around.

Round 71 (16dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [51 sts]

Round 72 1dc in each st around.

Round 73 (15dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [48 sts]

Round 74 1dc in each st around.

Round 75 (14dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [45 sts]

Round 76 1dc in each st around.

Round 77 (13dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [42 sts]

Round 78 1dc in each st around.

Round 79 (12dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [39 sts]

Round 80 1dc in each st around.

Round 81 (11dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [36 sts]

Round 82 1dc in each st around.

Round 83 (10dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [33 sts]

Round 84 1dc in each st around.

Round 85 (9dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [30 sts]

Round 86 1dc in each st around.

Round 87 (8dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [27 sts]

Round 88 1dc in each st around.

Round 89 (7dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [24 sts]

Round 90 1dc in each st around.

Round 91 (6dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [21 sts]

Round 92 1dc in each st around.

Round 93 (5dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [18 sts]

Round 94 1dc in each st around.

Round 95 (4dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [15 sts]

Round 96 1dc in each st around.

Round 97 (3dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [12 sts]

Rounds 98-101 1dc in each st around, do not fasten off.

Add filling.

Tail

Round 102 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 103 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]

Rounds 104-105 1dc in each st around.

Round 106 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]

Rounds 107-108 1dc in each st around.

To make split in tail, divide 30 dc of prev round into two separate rounds of 15 dc as follows:

Next round 1dc in each of first 15 sts.

Next round Work first dc in first dc of prev round to join: (4dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [18 sts]

Next round (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]

Next round 10dc, dc2tog twice, 10dc. [22 sts]

Next round 10dc, dc2tog twice, 8dc. [20 sts]

Next round 10dc, dc2tog twice, 6dc. [18 sts]

Next round (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]

Next round (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Add filling, thread yarn through remaining 6 sts, pull to close, fasten off leaving 15cm tail for sewing.

Rejoin yarn with ss in next st of Round 108, repeat prev 8 rounds once more, fill, close and fasten off as before.

Flippers (make 2)

With Yarn B, make mr.

Round 1 6dc into ring. [6 sts]

Round 2 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]

Round 3 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]

Round 4 (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]

Round 5 (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [14 sts]

Round 6 (6dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [16 sts]

Rounds 7-14 1dc in each st around.

Round 15 (7dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [18 sts]

Rounds 16-17 1dc in each st around.

Round 18 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]

Do not fill, leave 15cm tail for sewing.

Dorsal Fin

With Yarn B, make mr.

Round 1 6dc into ring. [6 sts]

Round 2 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]

Round 3 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]

Round 4 (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]

Round 5 (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [14 sts]

Round 6 (6dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [16 sts]

Add filling, leave 15cm tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

Attach Flippers on cc line halfway along body with blanket stitch. Sew Dorsal Fin to top, halfway between Flippers and Tail.

With needle and Yarn A, embroider ventral pleats to underside using back stitch, then make adjacent sts in ecru yarn. Sew on eyes in black yarn and oversee eyelids, using photo as guide.

TO FINISH

Fasten off, weave in all ends.

