

CAT CALL PATTERN FOR CATNIP MICE



Materials

Knitting needles size 10

Double Knit wool in black for the nose and another colour for the body

Black embroidery silk for the eyes

Stuffing (cheap white pillow stuffing is best)

Catnip – best in a tin as keeps better

Large eyed needle for sewing

Method

Cast on 7 stitches in black, purl one row

Knit 2, increase in back of next 2 stitches, knit 3 (9). Purl one row.

Cut off black wool leaving about 8 inches, change to other coloured wool leaving about 8"

K 3, increase in next 2 stitches, k4. (11) (these lengths of wool are for sewing up)

Continue in stocking stitch, increasing in same way until 29 stitches

K 1 row, purl 1 row (29)

S1, k1, pss0 7 times, k1, k 2 tog. 7 times (15 sts). Purl 1 row.

S1, pss0 3 times, k3, k2 tog. 3 times (9 sts). P 1 row. Cut off wool leaving about 12" for sewing up.

Thread wool in needle, thread up the 9 sts and fasten off. With right sides together, sew about one inch and fasten up. Leave the thread for later sewing.

Whilst still inside out and using the cast-on length of the black wool, sew round the black nose and fasten tightly. Push the other length of black wool inside. Using the 8" of the cast on other colour, sew up short length of body making sure to leave enough gap to stuff mouse. Turn in the right way, thread the black wool on the needle and gather round the black nose and fasten off really tightly.

Stuff the mouse leaving a gap in the middle. Put in a good pinch of catnip in and then another amount of stuffing to cover the catnip and finish mouse shape. Using the remaining length of coloured wool finish off the sewing up of the body and sew firmly.

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Tail Using about 3 lengths of main coloured wool (18”), thread through the end of body fold wool in half and tie. Dividing the 6 treads in 3 lots of two, plait the tail firmly for about 6” and knot the last bit, trimming off remaining ends.

Ears (Knit 2)



C/O 3 sts. Row 1 K1, increase in next st. k1. (4) Row 2 Incr. in first st. Purl to end (5) Row 3 incr. in first stitch K to end. (6) Row 4 incr. in first stitch purl to end (7). Row 5 incr. in first st. knit to end (8). Row 6 – Knit. Cut off about 8” of wool, thread on needle, thread stiches and fasten off. Thread in the cast on length and trim. Sew on to side of mouse just above the nose. Repeat with other ear.

Eyes With black embroidery silk, make French knot on each side just below the ears, I find it is easiest to go in through the nose to make it neatest.

FINISHED!

