


Witch cats


One size


Circumference, unstretched : approx 20 inches ; height : approx 8.75 inches.

Materials

 Orange -main color MC- (Chantelaine 79, 30 % mohair-70 % acrylic, 150 m/50 g) : about 2 thirds of a ball.

 Black : 3/4 to 1 ball of yarn to be knitted with US 2½/3.0 mm or US 4/3.5 mm needles.

 Pale and dark oranges : remnants (I used Idéal from Bergère de France).

 1 16-inch US 2½/3.0 mm circular needle, 1 16-inch US 4/3.5 mm circular needle, and 1 set US 4/3.5 mm double-point needles.

Directions

Gauge : 27 sts/30 rows = 4 inches over chart 1 patt using US 4/3.5 mm needles.

Nota : except the purl row for the folding edge, all the sts are knit sts.

Folding edge

Using black yarn and US 2½/3.0 mm circular needle, CO 120 sts. Place marker and join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. Knit for 1" then purl 1 round.

Body

Work 1 round in purl st using black yarn and US 4/3.5 mm circular needle, increasing 16 sts in the round : * p7, yo, p8, yo * around (136 sts).

Work as follows :

- chart 1 beginning at A (17 rep of 8 sts),
- chart 2 beginning at B (8 rep of 17 sts),
- chart 3 beginning at C (17 rep of 8 sts).

Knit 1 round, decreasing 6 sts : * k20, k2 tog * rep from * to * 5 more times, k24, k2tog (130 m).

Shaping

Work chart 4 beginning at D (13 rep of 10 sts and 16 rounds). You may work in stranded knitting.

Work chart 5 beginning at E. K2tog between cat heads in round 9 (117 sts), in round 12 (104 sts) and in round 16 (91 sts).

Next round : knit using black yarn.

Work chart 1 beginning in A and decreasing in the round as follows : [* k2tog using black yarn, k3 using dark orange * rep from * to * 6 more times, then k1 using black, k3 using dark orange]. Rep once from [to]. 64 sts.

Next row : using MC, knit one round decreasing 1 st at each group of 3 sts in dark orange (48 sts).

Top (using MC)

Next row : knit.

Next row : * k1, k2tog *, rep from * to *. 32 m rem.

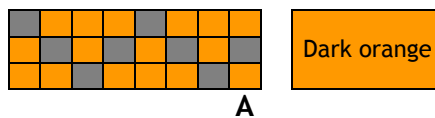
Next row : k2tog around. 16 m rem.

Break yarn and draw through rem sts ; pull tight.

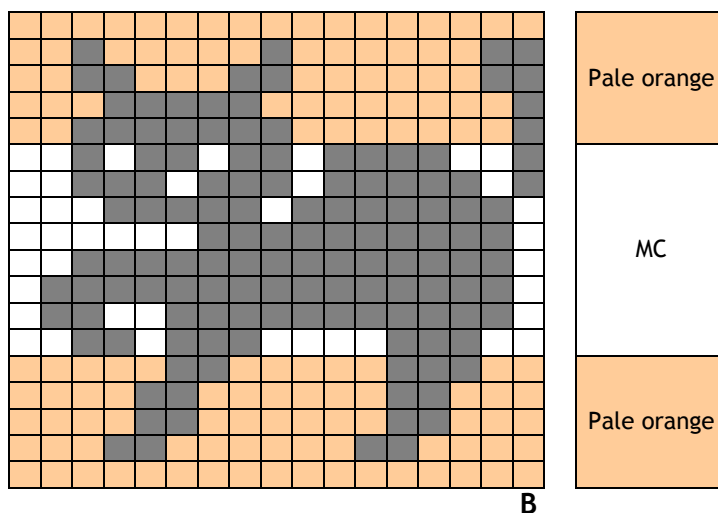
Finishing

Fold in the bottom and sew loosely by hand to the WS to the stranded threads (do not sew onto the knitting). Weave in ends.

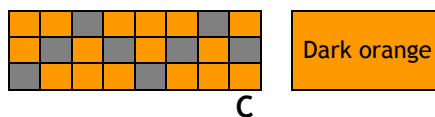
☆ **Chart 1** ☆



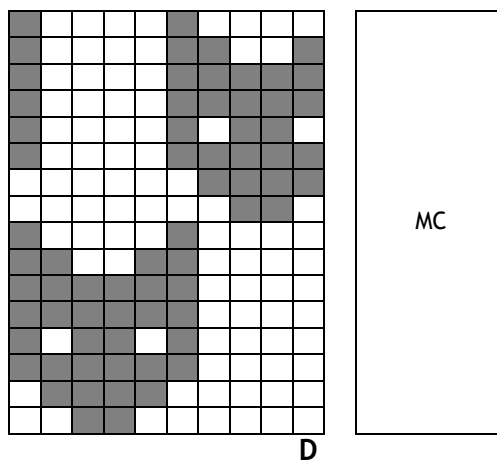
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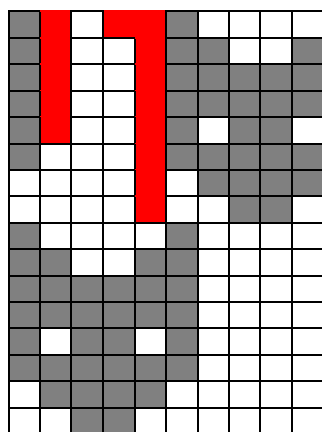
☆ **Chart 3** ☆



☆ **Chart 4** ☆



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