

## Caramel the Cat by Mary



Caramel the Cat is a worry eater with a large mouth and mouth pocket to receive children's worries. Her body is knitted in one piece with a centre back seam.

## Materials

- Caramel is knitted in either chunky yarn, or two strands of double knitting yarn used together in orange and white for body and pink for mouth and nose. Knitting yarns vary in thickness and what size knitting pins you use will also depend on how tightly or loosely you knit, but use between 4mm and 5mm pins for the body.
- Some other pieces are knitted with a single strand of double knitting yarn so please read the instructions at the start of each piece. The size of your pins for single strand double knitting yarn needs to be between 3mm and 4mm. Please remember that the finish needs to be tight enough not to let the filling poke through.
- A pair of safety eyes, or felt to make eyes
- A tapestry needle.
- Stuffing should be BS or CE marked toy stuffing.

## Tension

*It is important that no stuffing is accessible in your finished item as this would be a safety hazard.*

Tension varies between yarn brands and weights and from knitter to knitter. Needle sizes are suggested in the pattern, but if you know you knit loosely, reduce your needle size to achieve a firm weave. As a rough guide use a needle a size smaller than that recommended for garment knitting on the ball band.

## Abbreviations

**st/sts** - stitch/stitches

**k** - knit

**p** - purl

**ss** - stocking stitch (1 row k, 1 row p)

**gs** - knit every row

**k2tog** - knit 2 stitches together

**p2tog** - purl 2 sts together

**sl1** - slip one stitch

**psso** - pass slipped stitch over the stitch just knitted

**inc1** - increase by knitting into the back and front of the stitch on a knit row, or purling into the front and back of the stitch on a purl row

**k2togtbl** – knit 2 together through backs of sts, inserting the knitting pin through 2nd st first

## **Caramel the Cat head and body**

The body and head are knitted in one piece with a seam at the centre back. Work in ss with **2 strands of DK (or chunky)** yarn in stripes of 2 rows alternating orange and white and 4mm or 5mm pins.

Starting at the bottom of the body, cast on 51 sts in orange yarn

ss 2 rows

(k7, inc1) 3 times, k3, (inc1, k7) 3 times (57 sts)

ss 3 rows

(k8, inc1) 3 times, k3, (inc1, k8) 3 times (63 sts)

ss 3 rows

(k9, inc1) 3 times, k3, (inc1, k9) 3 times (69 sts)

ss 3 rows

(k10, inc1) 3 times, k3, (inc1, k10) 3 times (75 sts)

Continue in ss until work measures 10" (25cm) from cast on edge ending on a white purl row.

Cast off the whole row in orange. This makes the mouth less slack and also gives the suggestion of a neck.

With right side facing, and **2xDK (or chunky)** yarn in mouth colour, pick up for mouth pocket:

Leave 25 sts, pick up and knit centre 25 sts, leave 25 sts (25 sts)

(wrong side facing) k 1 row to form a ridge

(right side facing) starting with k row, ss pocket to 10" ending with a purl row.

Break off yarn

With right side facing and **2xDK (or chunky)** yarn in orange.

**\*\*Pick up and knit across first 25 cast off sts, knit across 25sts from pocket, pick up knit last 25 cast off sts. (75 sts)**

purl 24, p2tog, p 23, p2tog, p 24 (73 sts)

ss until work measures 3.5" (9cm) from **\*\***

Decrease for top of head.

k1, (k7, k2tog) 4 times, (k2tog, k7) 4 times (65 sts)

purl

k1, (k6, k2tog) 4 times, (k2tog, k6) 4 times (57 sts)

purl

k1, (k5, k2tog) 4 times, (k2tog, k5) 4 times (49 sts)

purl

k1, (k4, k2tog) 4 times, (k2tog, k4) 4 times (41 sts)

purl

k1, (k3, k2tog) 4 times, (k2tog, k3) 4 times (33 sts)

purl

k1, (k2, k2tog) 4 times, (k2tog, k2) 4 times (25 sts)  
purl  
k1, (k2tog) to end (13 sts)  
purl  
k1, (k2tog) to end (7 sts)  
Cut yarn leaving enough length to sew up, pass sewing needle through sts,  
draw up and fasten off.

### **Cat Front Legs (make 2)**

With **2xDK (or chunky)** orange yarn and 4mm or 5mm pins, cast on 14 sts  
ss 20 rows orange  
change to white and ss 14 rows  
Increase for paw: k3, (inc every st) to last 3 sts, k3 (22 sts)  
ss 7 rows  
(k2tog) all row (11 sts)  
Cut yarn leaving enough length to sew up, pass sewing needle through sts,  
draw up and fasten off.

### **Cat Back Legs (make 2)**

With **2xDK (or chunky)** orange yarn and 4mm or 5mm pins, cast on 24 sts  
ss 20 rows orange  
k5, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k5 (21 sts)  
purl  
k4, k2tog, (k3, k2tog,) x 3 (17 sts)  
purl  
change to white and ss 14 rows  
Increase for paw: k3, (inc every st) to last 3 sts, k3 (28 sts)  
ss 6 rows  
(p2tog, p5) x 4 (24 sts)  
(k2tog) all row (12 sts)  
Cut yarn leaving enough length to sew up, pass sewing needle through sts,  
draw up and fasten off.

### **Cat Ears (make 2)**

With 3mm or 4mm pins and single strand DK yarn in orange, cast on 35 sts  
ss 4 rows  
k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k12, k2tog, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k12, k2tog, k1 (31 sts)  
p 1 row  
k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k10, k2tog, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k10, k2tog, k1 (27 sts)  
p 1 row  
k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k8, k2tog, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k8, k2tog, k1 (23 sts)  
p 1 row  
k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k6, k2tog, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k6, k2tog, k1 (19 sts)  
p 1 row

k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k4, k2tog, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k4, k2tog, k1 (15 sts)  
p 1 row  
k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k2, k2tog, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k2, k2tog, k1 (11 sts)  
p 1 row  
k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k2tog, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k2tog, k1 (7 sts)  
p 1 row  
Cut yarn leaving enough length to sew up, pass sewing needle through sts,  
draw up and fasten off.

## Cat Tail

You can adjust the width and length of the tail as you wish. There are several methods you could use, but this is how I made mine:

With **2 x DK orange yarn** and 4 mm pins, cast on 10 sts

ss 34 rows

Change to 2xDK white yarn and ss 16 rows

Cut yarn leaving enough length to sew up, pass sewing needle through sts,  
draw up and fasten off.

## Cat Nose

With **single strand DK pink yarn** and 3mm or 4mm pins, cast on 6 stitches

p 1 row

inc1 in every stitch (12 sts)

p 1 row

inc1, k to last st, inc1 (14 sts)

ss 7 rows

k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (12 sts)

p

(k2tog) to end (6 sts)

Cut yarn leaving enough length to sew up, pass sewing needle through sts,  
leaving open.

## Cat Muzzle (1 piece)

With **single strand DK white yarn** and 3mm or 4mm pins, cast on 6 st

p 1 row

inc1 in every st (12 sts)

p

inc1, k to last sts, inc1 (14 sts)

p

inc1, k to last sts, inc1 (16 sts)

ss 7 rows

k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (14 sts)

p2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog (12 sts)

k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (10 sts)

p2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog (8 sts)

k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (6 sts)  
p 1 row (centre of muzzle)  
inc1, k to last st, inc1 (8 sts)  
inc1, p to last st, inc1, (10 sts)  
inc1, k to last st, inc1, (12 sts)  
inc1, p to last st, inc1, (14 sts)  
inc1, k to last ss, inc1, (16 sts)  
ss 7 rows  
k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (14 sts)  
p  
k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (12 sts)  
p  
k2tog all row (6 sts)  
cast off in p





## To make up cat

**Mouth Pocket.** Fold pocket in half right sides together and sew up sides. Put the cat body face down, smooth the mouth pocket down to make sure it is lying flat, and then stitch the bottom of the pocket to the underside of the body.

**Body and Head.** If you are using safety eyes, put these in now. With right sides together, sew up back seam leaving bottom open. Turn right way and stuff. With seam centre back, sew across bottom edge.

**Ears.** Fold in half with right sides together and sew down side. Turn right way out, sew across bottom and sew to head.

**Muzzle.** Sew to cat face adding a little stuffing to make 'cheeks'. Embroider black whiskers with embroidery silk and a pink line of wool/silk down the middle to hold middle flat.

**Face.** Sew on or embroider eyes if not using safety eyes. Run a stitch around the edge of the nose, add a little stuffing and draw up, then attach just above muzzle.

**Front Legs.** With right sides together and leaving top open, sew up long seam which will be centre back. Stuff, but don't overstuff the top of the legs so that they will hang down, and sew across top to close. Sew to sides of body.

(You can embroider 4 claws if you wish.)

**Back legs.** With right sides together and leaving top open, sew up long seam which will be centre back. Stuff, but don't overstuff the top of the legs so that they will hang down and the cat will be able to sit. Sew across top to close. Attach to cast on edge at bottom of body. (You can embroider 4 claws if you wish.)

**Tail.** With right sides together, sew up the first few inches of the tail and turn right side out. Stuffing as you go, carefully sew together on the right side, and sew across top. The long seam will be centre back. Sit your cat on a table. Join the tail just above the point where the centre back seam meets the table, with the tail seam underneath.

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