

BERNAT® Crochet Gingercat Pillow

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CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: EASY

MATERIALS

Bernat® Blanket™ (10.5 oz/300 g; 220 yds/201 m)

Contrast A Orange Leaf (10907) **2 balls or 358 yds/327 m**

Bernat® Blanket™ (5.3 oz/150 g; 108 yds/98 m)

Contrast B Vintage White (00006) **1 ball or 50 yds/46 m**

Contrast C Cranberry (00705) **1 ball or 29 yds/26.5 m**

Size U.S. K/10½ (6.5 mm) Susan Bates® Silvalume® crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Susan Bates® interlocking stitch markers. Susan Bates® yarn needle. Polyester Fiberfill. Small amount of Black worsted weight yarn for Eye embroidery. 16" [40.5 cm] square pillow form.

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 18" wide x 22" tall [45.5 x 56 cm].

GAUGE

8 sc and 8 rows = 4" [10 cm].



ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximately

Ch = Chain(s)'

Dc = Double crochet

Hdc = Half double crochet

Hdcbp = Yoh and draw up a loop around post of next st at back of work, inserting hook from right to left. Yoh and draw through 3 loops on hook

PM = Place marker

Rem = Remain(ing)

Rep = Repeat

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

RS = Right side

Sc = Single crochet

Sc2tog = Draw up a loop in each of next 2 sts. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook.

Sl st = Slip stitch

St(s) = Stitch(es)

Tog = Together

WS = Wrong side

Yoh = yarn over hook

INSTRUCTIONS

FRONT AND BACK (Make 2 alike).

LEGS

First Leg

With A, ch 5. See *diagram on page 3*.

1st row: (RS). 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to last ch. 2 sc in last ch. Turn. 6 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each sc to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. Turn. 8 sc.

3rd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

Rep 2nd and 3rd rows twice more. 12 sc at end of last row.

Fasten off at end of last row.

Second Leg

Work as given for First Leg. **Do not** fasten off or turn at end of last row.

Join Legs: Ch 2. Join with sl st to first sc of First Leg.

Fasten off.

BODY

With RS facing, join A with sl st to first sc of Second Leg.

1st row: (RS). Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 12 sc of Second Leg. 1 sc in each of next 2 ch. 1 sc in each of next 12 sc of First Leg. Turn. 26 sc.

2nd to 4th rows: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

5th row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each sc to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Turn. 24 sts.

6th to 8th rows: Ch 1. 1 sc in each st to end of row.

9th to 17th rows: Rep 5th to 8th rows twice more, then 5th row once. 18 sts at end of last row.

18th row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each st to end of row. Turn.

19th row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each sc to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Turn. 16 sts.

20th row: As 18th row.

PM at each side of row just worked.

Shape Head

1st to 3rd rows: Beg with RS row, ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each sc to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. Turn. 22 sc at end of 3rd row.

4th row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

5th row: As 1st row. Turn. 24 sc.

6th to 10th rows: As 4th row.

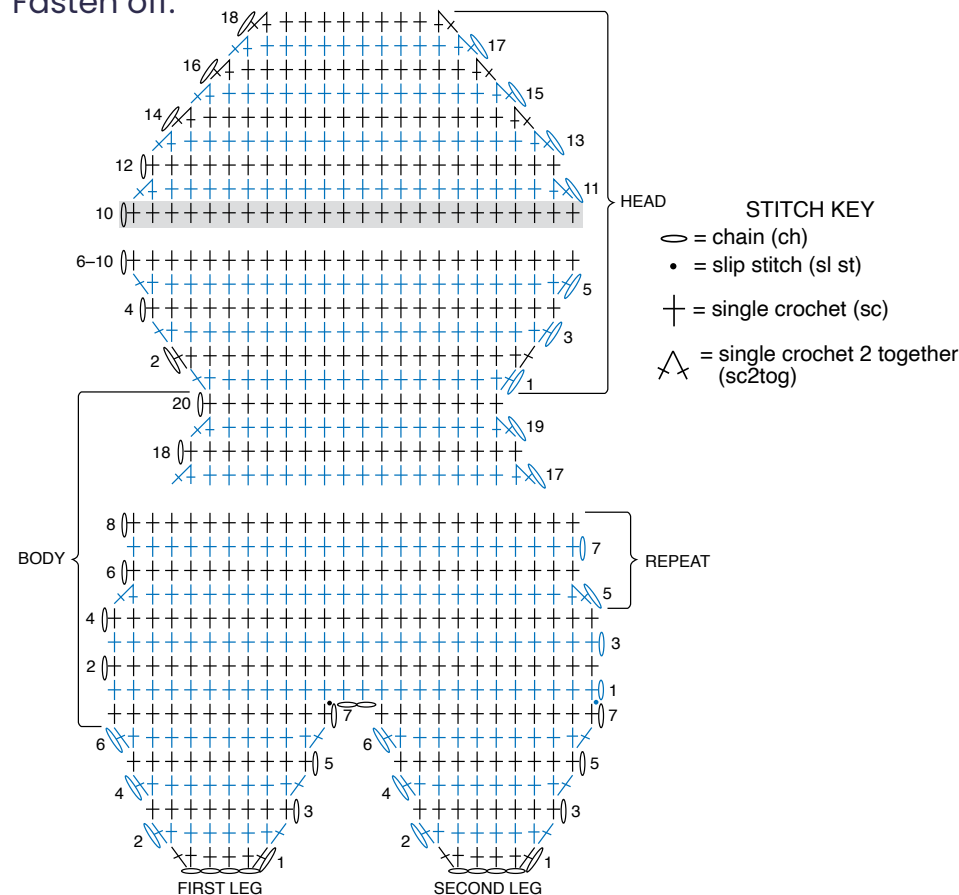
11th row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each sc to last 2 sts. Sc2tog. Turn. 22 sts.

12th row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each st to end of row. Turn.

13th row: As 11th row. 20 sts.

14th to 18th rows: Rep 11th row 5 times more. 12 sts at end of last row.

Fasten off.



EARS (Make 2).

With A, ch 7.

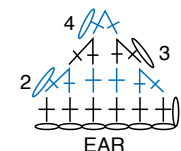
1st row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 6 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each sc to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Turn. 4 sts.

3rd row: Ch 1. (Sc2tog) twice. 2 sts.

4th row: Ch 1. Sc2tog.

Fasten off.



Sew Ears to either side of Head, centering Ear on each top corner, with 4 sc between them along top of Head.

ARMS (Make 2).

With A, ch 5.

1st row: (RS). 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to last ch. 2 sc in last ch. Turn. 6 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each sc to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. Turn. 8 sc.

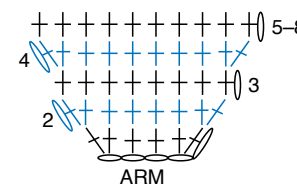
3rd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

4th row: As 2nd row. 10 sc.

5th to 8th rows: As 3rd row.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Using tail, sew Arms to each side of Body at marked row.



Edging

Join A with sl st to rem loop at bottom of First Leg. Ch 1. Work 1 rnd of sc evenly around edges, working 1 sc into the side of each row and having 3 sc in each outward corner and Sc2tog in each inward corner. Join with sl st to first sc. **Do not** fasten off.

Side Gusset

1st rnd: Ch 2 (**does not** count as a st). 1 hdcbp around each sc of edging. Join with sl st to first st.

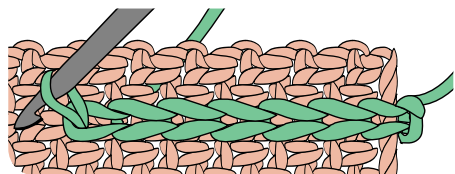
2nd rnd: Ch 2 (**does not** count as a st). 1 hdc in each st around. Join with sl st to first hdc. Fasten off.

FRONT ONLY

SURFACE SLIP STITCH ICING

With B held at back of work (on WS), insert hook from front to back into any sc along edge and pull up a loop. Working across each sc of edging, work surface slip stitch as follows: *Insert hook into next st and draw up a loop through loop on hook. Rep from * around. Fasten off at end of rnd.

Work Surface slip st triangles in same manner inside each ear.



ZIG ZAG ICING

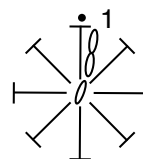
Thread yarn needle with 2 strands of B. Make 'zig-zags' using straight stitches working over 3rd and 4th rows of Legs and 6th and 7th rows of Arms.

EYES (Make 2).

With B, ch 3.

1st rnd: 8 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Join with sl st to top of first hdc.

Fasten off.



EYE

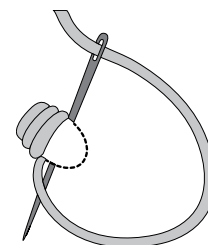
STITCH KEY

- = chain (ch)
- = slip stitch (sl st)
- ⌋ = half double crochet (hdc)

With black worsted weight yarn, embroider pupils using straight stitch.

Sew Eyes to Front as shown in picture.

With C, embroider Nose using Satin Stitch 1 row below lower edge of Eyes as shown in picture. With B, embroider whiskers and mouth using straight stitch as shown in picture.



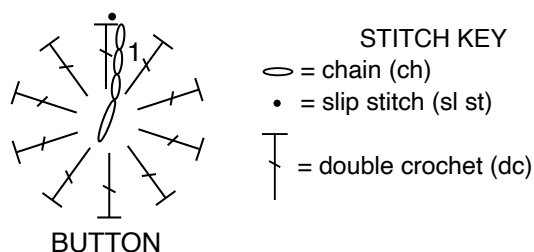
SATIN STITCH

BUTTONS (Make 2).

With C, ch 4.

1st rnd: 10 dc in 4th ch from hook. Join with sl st to first dc. Fasten off.

Sew Buttons to Front as shown in photo.



BOW

With C, ch 51.

1st row: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. 50 sc.

Fasten off.

Tie piece into Bow.

Sew Bow to Front at center of neck as shown in picture.

JOIN FRONT AND BACK

Hold Front and Back pieces tog by placing stitch markers into corresponding sts of Front and Back, making sure pieces are aligned.

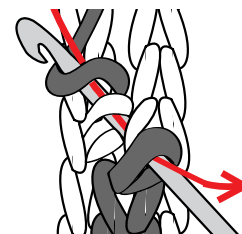
NOTES:

- Hold A beneath work, on WS.
- It is helpful to stop and check every couple of inches to make sure that Front and Back are aligned.

Join A to Back with sl st into back loop of any hdc. Insert hook from front to back loop of this same hdc. Insert hook from front to back into back loop of corresponding hdc of Front piece. (3 loops on hook). Yoh and draw through 3 loops on hook.

*Insert hook from front to back into back loop of next hdc on Back. Insert hook from front to back into back loop of corresponding st on Front. Yoh and draw through 3 loops on hook. Rep from * around. Approx halfway around, insert pillow form in Body of Pillow and stuff around pillow form as you work.

Fasten off at end of rnd.



FLAT SLIP STITCH JOIN