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Cat Neck Pillow

Designed by Sue Penrod.

Cat Neck Pillow measures 34" long x 8" wide.

RED HEART® "Designer Sport™": 2 Balls each 3002 Black **CA** and 3101 Ivory **CC**, small amount of 3701 Blossom **CD** for the nose and mouth, small amount of 3650 Pistachio **CE** for the eyes.

Crochet Hook: 5.5 mm [US I-9].
Split lock stitch marker, Polyester fiber fill, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 12 sts = 4"; 14 rnds = 4" in sc with 2 strands of yarn. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. With any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:
dec1 (decrease 1 st) = draw up a loop in each of next 2 sc, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

dec2 (decrease 2 sts) = draw up a loop in each of next 3 sc, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

To Change Color in Sc: work last sc before change until 2 loops are on hook, drop color in use, with next color to be used yarn over and draw through 2 loops; continue with new color.

NOTE: Work with 2 strands of yarn held together as one throughout unless otherwise instructed.

NOTE: Work in continuous rnds without joining unless specified otherwise. Mark beginning of rnd with marker and move up each rnd.

MUZZLE: With **C**, ch 4; join with a slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Rnd 1: 2 Sc in each ch around – 8 sc.
Rnd 2: 2 Sc in each sc around – 16 sc.
Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 8 times – 24 sc.
Rnd 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 8 times – 32 sc.
Rnd 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 8 times – 40 sc.
Rnds 6-8: Sc in each sc around – 40 sc.
Rnd 9: [Sc in next 3 sc, skip next sc, sc in next sc] 8 times – 32 sc. Break off **C**.
Rnd 10-HEAD: With **A**, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 16 times – 48 sc.
Rnds 11-21: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 22: [Sc in next 4 sc, skip next sc, sc in next sc] 8 times – 40 sc.
BODY-Row 23: Sc in next 19 sc, 2 sc in next sc, drop **A**, with **C**, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 19 sc; **turn** – 42 sc.
Row 24: Ch 1, sc in next 20 sc, 2 sc in next sc, drop **C**, with **A**, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each sc to end; turn – 44 sc.
Row 25: Ch 1, sc in each **A** sc to last **A** sc, 2 sc in next sc, drop **A**, with **C**, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each sc across – 46 sc; turn.
Row 26: Ch 1, sc in each **C** sc, drop **C**, with **A**, sc in each sc across; turn.
Rows 27-40: Repeat Rows 25 and 26 – 60 sc at end of Rows 39 and 40.
Row 41: Ch 1, sc in each **A** sc, drop **A**, with **C**, sc in each sc across; turn.

Row 42: Ch 1, sc in each **CC** sc, drop **C**, with **A**, sc in each sc across; turn.

Rows 43-70: Repeat Rows 41 and 42.

Row 71: Ch 1, sc in each sc of **A** to last 3 **A** sc, dec2 changing to **C**, with **C**, dec2 over next 3 sc, sc in each sc across; turn – 56 sc.

Row 72: Ch 1, sc in each **C**, drop **C**, with **A**, sc in each sc across; turn.

Rows 73-80: Repeat Rows 71 and 72 – 40 sc. Break off **CC**.

Rnd 81: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, bring opposite end around, sc in row end to form a ring – 40 sc. Now work in rnds without joining.

Rnd 82: [Sc in next 3 sc, skip next sc, sc in next sc] 8 times – 32 sc.

Rnd 83: [Sc in next 2 sc, skip next sc, sc in next sc] 8 times – 24 sc.

Rnd 84: [Sc in next sc, skip next sc, sc in next st] 8 times – 16 sc.

TAIL-Rnds 85-97: Sc in each sc around – 16 sc.

Rnds 98-105: Skip the first sc, sc in each sc around – 8 sc at end of last rnd.

Rnd 106: Sc in every other sc around – 4 sc.

Rnd 107: Slip st in every other sc to close tip of tail – 2 sts. Fasten off, leaving 8" end. **After** assembly (below), thread this end into needle, weave needle in and out of every other rnd on top of tail and into end of body. Draw yarn up, to gather tail slightly and causing tip of tail to curve. Secure and weave in end.

ASSEMBLY: Stuff and shape head, body and base of tail (DO NOT STUFF TAIL). Sew body opening closed. Thread needle with **A**, weave needle in and out of top of body, (just above body seam) turn and continue to weave needle in and out of bottom of body, (just below body seam). Holding starting and ending gather ends together, carefully gather sides, causing body to curve to desired shape. Tie gather ends to secure. Weave in ends.

LEGS (Make 4): With **C**, ch 4; join with a slip st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: 2 Sc in each ch around – 8 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 Sc in each sc around – 16 sc.

Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 8 times – 24 sc.

Rnds 4-8: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 9: [Sc in every other sc] 8 times, sc in each sc around – 16 sc. Break off **C**.

Rnds 10-22: With **A**, sc in each sc around. Stuff and shape paw (DO NOT STUFF LEG).

Row 23: Ch 1, flatten leg opening to close, turn, slip st through both thicknesses to close – 8 slip sts. Fasten off, leaving end long enough to sew leg onto body. Overlap back legs slightly when attaching.

Optional Toe: With ONE strand of yarn, stitch through paw, tighten and secure, weave in ends. Repeat twice on each paw.

EARS (Make 2): With **A**, ch 8.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 7 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, dec1, sc in each sc to last 2 sc, dec1; turn – 5 sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

Rows 5 and 6: Repeat Rows 3 and 4 – 3 sc.

Row 7: Ch 1, dec2. Fasten off. Sew ear onto to head and shape.
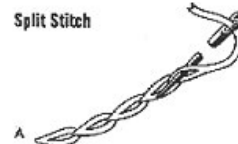
NOSE: With **D**, ch 2; 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Fasten off. Sew nose onto muzzle.

Mouth: With 2 strands of **D**, embroider mouth with Split Stitch, slipping needle between the 2 strands.

Whiskers: With 1 strand of **A**, embroider whiskers with straight stitch.

EYES (Make 2): With **E**, ch 2; hdc in 2nd ch from hook, with **A** dc in same ch, with **E** (hdc, sc) all in same ch. Fasten off. Sew onto head.

HINT: After attaching eyes, push needle out through back of head, repeat same for second eye, out through the same st in back of head. Tie ends together (as you tighten, head will shape); weave in ends.

Split Stitch

A

This stitch resembles a fine Chain Stitch. Bring the thread through at (A) and make a small stitch over the line of the design, piercing the working thread with the needle as shown. Split Stitch can be used as a filling stitch where a fine flat surface is required.

3 LIGHT

RED HEART® "Designer Sport™", Art. E744 available in 2 1/2oz (70g), 240yd (219m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B, etc.** = color A, B, etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **dec** = decrease; **hdc** = half double crochet; **inc** = increase; **mm** = millimeters; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.