



I Love You Kitten – Emma Varnam

Size: Approx 7cm tall

You will need: Oddments of DK yarn in Black
1x 3mm crochet hook
2 safety eyes
A remnant or ribbon
Some embroidery thread
1 x Tapestry Needle
Fibrefill or stuffing of choice

Abbreviations:

dc=double crochet (single crochet US)
st(s) = stitch(es)
ch = chain
R =round, rep = repeat
dc2tog=decrease 2 crochet stitches together, ch st=chain stitch

Tips:

For body/head and legs work in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless otherwise instructed. For ears and tail work in rows.

PATTERN:

HEAD & BODY

Using black yarn and a 3mm hook make a magic adjustable ring. You are working from the top of the head to the bottom of the body.

R1: Work 6 dc into the ring and pull to tighten.
R2: 2 dc into each of dc around (12 sts)
R3: *dc 1, 2dc in next dc, rep from * 6 times (18 sts)
R4: *dc 2, 2dc in next dc, rep from * 6 times (24 sts)
R5 – 11: dc 24 sts.
R 12: *dc 2, dec 1, rep from * 6 times (18 sts).

Attach safety eyes. Begin stuffing, keep stuffing as work progresses.

R13: *dc 1, dec 1, rep from * 6 times (12sts).
R14: dc 12 sts.
R15: *dc 1, 2dc in next dc, rep from * 6 times (18 sts)
R16: *dc 2, 2dc in next dc, rep from * 6 times (24 sts)

R17: *dc 3, 2dc in next dc, rep from * 6 times (30 sts)
R18 – 24: dc 30 sts.
R25: *dc 3, dec 1, rep from * 6 times (24sts).
R26: *dc 2, dec 1, rep from * 6 times (18sts).
R27: *dc 1, dec 1, rep from * 6 times (12sts).
R28: *dc2tog, rep from * 6 times (6sts).
Fasten off.

LEGS: (MAKE 4)

Using black yarn and a 3mm hook make a magic adjustable ring.

R1: Work 6 dc into the ring and pull to tighten.
R2: 2 dc into each of dc around (12 sts)
R3: dc 12 sts.
R4: *dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog, rep from * (10sts)
R5:*dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, rep from * (8sts)
R6-10: dc 8 sts. Fasten off.

EARS

Using black yarn ch 8 sts.
Row 1: dc in second ch from hook, dc to end, turn (7sts)
Row 2: 1ch, dc2tog, 3dc, dc2tog, turn, (5sts)
Row 3, 1ch, 5dc, turn (5sts)
Row 4: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, turn (3sts)
Row 5: 1ch, 3dc, turn (3sts)
Row 6: 1ch, dc3tog. Fasten off.

TAIL

Using black yarn ch 11 sts.
Row 1: dc in second ch from hook, dc to end, turn (10sts)
Row 2–4: 1ch, 10dc, turn.
Row 5: 1ch, dc2tog, 6dc, dc2tog, turn (8sts)
Row 6: 1ch, dc2tog, 4dc, dc2tog, turn (6sts)
Row 7: 1ch, 6dc, turn (6sts)
Row 8: 1ch dc2tog, 2dc dc2tog, turn (4sts)
Row 9: 1ch dc2tog twice. Fasten off.

TO FINISH OFF

Stuff the legs and sew to the body firmly using co-ordinating thread. Position ears on the back of head and sew along the foundation chain. Fold the tail in half length-ways, sew along the diagonal edge and then secure to the bottom of the kitten. With some pink embroidery thread sew a small triangular nose and then a small mouth using photograph as a guide. If you have a small piece of ribbon (5mm width) tie around the neck and secure with a knot for a collar.

You can sew the paws together and I have sewn a little heart button as a small gift but you could cut a heart shaped piece of felt instead.

Give to a special friend as a token of love.

