Kat the Cat draught excluder knitting pattern

Keep out unwanted draughts by knitting your very own Kat the Cat draught excluder.

You will need:

Double knitting yarn:

- 2 x 100g Wendy supreme Blush
- 2x 100g Sirdar Snuggly Squirrel
- 2x 100g The Women's Institute Mustard
- 2x 100g Wendy supreme Teal
- 2x 100g Wendy supreme Sea Green
- 2x 100g Knitcraft Dark Grey Everyday Yarn

Note you will need a small length of Black yarn for stitching the mouth detail.

These yarns are the colours used for Kat, but you could use your favourite colours or use up left over balls of wool. Make your Kat personal to your home and family.

Note: Knit with two strands of yarn for the whole pattern. This keeps Kat nice and chunky and perfect for keeping out draughts.

- One set of 5mm double pointed needles (or circular needle)
- One set of 4.5mm double pointed needles (or circular needle)

You will also need two black buttons for eyes and three black pipe cleaners.

Kat measures 110cm in total but knit your draught excluder the length needed to fit your door. Most doorways measure between 80-100cm wide. Kat's body is made up of twelve coloured segments so simply reduce the number of segments to achieve the length you require.

Start with Kat's body

The twelve-segment colour sequence is:

Blush, Squirrel, Mustard, Teal, Sea Green,
Blush, Squirrel, Mustard, Teal, Sea Green,
Blush, Squirrel (follow decrease instructions for the end segment).

With 5mm DP needles and using two strands of Blush wool cast on 42 stitches.

For each different coloured segment of the body repeat the following 18 rows. Then change colour and repeat.

Row 1	Join into a round, place marker and k42
Row 2	p42
Row 3	k42
Row 4	p42
Row 5	k42
Row 6	p42
Row 7	k42
Row 8	p42
Row 9	p42
Row 10	p42
Row 11	p42
Row 12	k42
Row 13	p42
Row 14	k42
Row 15	p42
Row 16	k42
Row 17	p42
Row 18	k42

Change yarn colour and repeat from start for next segment.

For final segment change colour to Squirrel and follow pattern to row 12 then begin even decrease.

Row 1	k42
Row 2	p42
Row 3	k42
Row 4	p42
Row 5	k42
Row 6	p42
Row 7	k42
Row 8	p42
Row 9	p42
Row 10	p42
Row 11	p42
Row 12	*k4, k2tog* repeat to last stitch (35 stitches)
Row 13	P35
Row 14	*k3, k2tog* repeat to last stitch (28 stitches)

Row 15 P28
Row 16 *k2, k2tog* repeat to last stitch (21 stitches)
Row 17 P21
Row 18 K2tog to last stitch, k1 (11 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a long end. Using a darning needle, thread yarn through remaining stitches. Pull tight and secure.

Once the body is complete, stuff with wadding leaving a little room at the neck end for attaching the head.

Kat's legs – make four

With 4.5mm DP needles using two strands of Wendy supreme Teal wool.

Starting at the top of the leg.

Row 1 cast on 14 stitches and join into the round, place marker. Knit in a round until desired length is achieved (roughly 28 rows). Stuff the legs as you go for an even look.

Now begin shaping the cat's paws. Note: when knitting the paw increase stitches by picking up between the needles.

Row 29 k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k2 (18 stitches)
Row 30 k18
Row 31 k18
Row 32 k4, m1, k4, m1, k4, m1, k4, m1, k2 (22 stitches)
Row 33 k22
Row 34 k22
Row 35 k22
Row 36 k22

Begin decreasing for the cat's paw shape. Use wadding to stuff the paw as you decrease the stitches.

Row 37 k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4 k2tog, k4 (19 stitches)
Row 38 k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4 (16 stitches)
Row 39 k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog (12 stitches)

Row 40 k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog (8 stitches)

Finish stuffing paw then cut wool leaving a long end. Thread yarn thorough remaining stitches on the needle and pull together. Fasten off and weave wool end into work.

Kat's tail

With 4.5mm DP needles, using two strands of Wendy supreme Teal wool.

Row 1 Starting at the body end of the tail Cast on 14 stitches, join into the round and place marker. Knit in a round until desired length is achieved (roughly 30 rows). Stuff the tail as you go for an even look.

Begin shaping the cat's tail. Note: when knitting the tail increase stitches by picking up between the needles.

Row 31 k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k2 (18 stitches)
Row 32 k18
Row 33 k18
Row 34 k4, m1, k4, m1, k4, m1, k4, m1, k2 (22 stitches)
Row 35 k22
Row 36 k22
Row 37 k22
Row 38 k22

Begin decreasing for the cat's tail shape. Use wadding to stuff the tail as you decrease the stitches.

Row 37* k2tog, k5, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k6 (19 stitches)
Row 38 k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k5 (16 stitches)
Row 39 k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4 (13 stitches)
Row 40 k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2tog (8 stitches)

**Please note, one of our knitters got in touch to suggest that the tail isn't quite long enough and needs more rows.*

Finish stuffing tail shape then cut wool leaving a long end. Thread yarn thorough remaining stitches on the needle and pull together. Fasten off and weave wool end into work.

Kat's ears - make two

With 4.5mm DP needles, using two strands of dark grey wool cast on 20 stitches, place marker and continue to knit in the round.

Row 1	Knit 20
Row 2	Knit 20
Row 3	Knit 20
Row 4	ssk, k6, k2tog, ssk, k6, k2tog (16 stitches)
Row 5	Knit 16
Row 6	ssk, k4, k2tog, ssk, k4, k2tog (12 stitches)
Row 7	Knit 12
Row 8	ssk, k2, k2tog, ssk, k2, k2tog (4 stitches)
Row 9	knit 4
Row 10	cut wool leaving a long end, thread yarn through the remaining 4 stitches on the needle. Pull tight and Fasten off.

Kat's head

The cat's head is knitted separately from the body.

With 4.5mm DP needles, beginning at the top of the Kat's head. Using two strands of dark grey, cast on 6 stitches, place marker and join into a round.

Row 1	increase by knitting kfb into each stitch (12 stitches)
Row 2	k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1, kfb (18 stitches)
Row 3	k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k2, kfb (24 stitches)
Row 4	k24
Row 5	k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1 (32 stitches)
Row 6	k32
Row 7	k4, m1, k4, m1, k4, m1, k4, m1, k4, m1, k4, m1, k4, m1, k4, m1 (40 stitches)
Row 8	k40
Row 9	k5, m1, k5, m1, k5, m1, k5, m1, k5, m1, k5, m1, k5, m1, k5, m1 (48 stitches)
Row 10	k48
Row 11	k48
Row 12	k48
Row 13	k48

Row 14	k48
Row 15	k48
Row 16	k48
Row 17	k48
Row 18	k48
Row 19	k48
Row 20	k48
Row 21	k48
Row 22	k48
Row 23	k48
Row 24	k48
Row 25	k48
Row 26	k48
Row 27	k48
Row 28	k48
Row 29	k48
Row 30	k48
Row 31	k6, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k6, k2tog (42 stitches)
Row 32	k42
Row 33	k42
Row 34	k42

Stuff the head with wadding, tuck the neck section of the head into the main body of Kat. Using Blush yarn and a darning needle, stitch the head and body together. Then follow instructions for detailing the face.

Kat's nose

Using 4.5mm needles and a single strand of Blush pink yarn cast on 6 stitches.

Row 1	k6
Row 2	p6
Row 3	increase in every stitch to end – 12 stitches
Row 4	p12
Row 5	k12
Row 6	p2tog to end – 10 stitches

Cut yarn leaving a long end. Thread through stitches on the needle, draw up tightly and fasten. Sew edges to create bobble and stuff with wadding.

To make up

Begin by positioning the ears on the head. Place them slightly to the back and down the sides of the head. Sew securely in place.

Next position the nose equal distance between the ears and central to the face. Sew securely in place. Next use two small black buttons for eyes. Position buttons on the head creating an even triangle between the two eyes and the nose. Sew securely in place.

For the whiskers use either pipe cleaners or just black yarn. If your using pipe cleaners thread the end of a whole pipe cleaner onto a large darning needle. Use the needle to draw the pipe cleaner from one side of Kat's muzzle to the other and pull through until the whisker is of even length both sides. Use black yarn to secure the pipe cleaner whisker. Repeat twice more.

If your using black yarn to create the whiskers. Use a darning needle to thread the yarn to the muzzle. Do two small tight stitches at the base of the whisker and fasten off. Repeat 6 times, 3 on each side of the muzzle.

Now give Kat her smile by stitching in her smile roughly 2cm below the nose or create a classic purr 'W' shape from the centre of the nose.

Finally position Kat's legs and tail. The two front legs will be placed on the second segment of the body, the Squirrel colour section. The back legs to the tenth segment of the body, the Sea Green colour section. Place the tail slightly to the top of the last segment and secure in place.

Much love and knitting joy,
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