

## CROCHET TIGER KITTY

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» Aww ... so sweet when this little tiger kitty is sleeping, you better hope to never meet him awake. Don't let that sweet sleepy face surprise you; he's the fiercest little tiger I know.

### MATERIALS AND SPECS

#### Yarn

- » 10g — fingering weight yarn, color A
- » 10g — fingering weight yarn, color B
- » 10g — fingering weight yarn, color C

#### Needles

- » Crochet hook, size D (3.5mm)
- » Yarn needle

#### Gauge

4½ sc = 1"



## Pattern

### Body

**Foundation Row:** Holding yarn A & B together, chain 13 sts. Sc into 2nd chain from hook, 1sc in each ch st to end of row, turn.

- » Row 1: Ch1, 1 sc in tch st; 1sc in each sc to end of row, turn.

Repeat row 1 four more times — 6 rows completed, including foundation row.

**Pick up round:** Ch1, work 1sc in each next 6 row ends, work 1sc in each of next 12 sts in foundation row, work 1sc in each of next 6 row ends, work 1sc in each of next 12 sts — 36sc worked.

Place marker at the beginning of round.

- » Rnd 1: 1sc in each of next 36sc, join to beginning of round with a slip stitch.
- » Rnd 2: Repeat Round 1.

- » Work 2 rounds as Round 1 with color A & C.

- » Work 2 rounds as Round 1 with color B & C.

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**Decrease Round:** Change to color B & C — Ch1, 1sc in each of next 4sc sts; sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 10sc sts, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 6sc sts, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 10sc, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 2sc sts, join to beg of round with a slip stitch — 32sts remaining.

Work 1 round as Round 1.

**Change to colors A & B:** Ch1, 1sc in each of the 4sc, sc2tog, 1sc in each of the next 8sc sts, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 6sc, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 8sc, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 2sc, join to beg of round with slip stitch — 28 sts remaining.

Work 1 round as Round 1.

**Change to color A & C:** Work next 4 rounds as round 1.

Pack with stuffing at this point, as much as possible.

Ch1, 1sc in ch st, 1sc in next sc, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 10sc sts, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 12 sc sts.

Work 1 round as Round 1.

Ch1, 1sc in ch st, 1sc in next sc, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 10sc, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 12 sc sts.

Work 1 round as Round 1.

Ch1, sc in base of slip stitch, sc2tog, 1sc in each of next 10 sc sts, sc2tog, 1sc in each stitch to beg of round.

Ch1, sc in base of sl st, \*sc-2tog, 1sc in next sc stitch\*; repeat \* \* until 8sc sts remain.

Cut 3" tail and fasten off. Stitch hole shut using tail yarn. Weave in end.

### Ears

Using colors A & B — 1sc in each of 4 sts as shown in diagram for ears, turn.

- » Row 1: Ch1, 1sc in each of 4 sc sts, turn.

- » Row 2: Ch1, 1sc, sc2tog, 1sc, turn.

- » Row 3: Ch1, 1sc, sc2tog, cut yarn and fasten off.

Repeat for the 2nd ear.

Using color A, embroider face as shown in the illustration.