

# Tabby Cattercushion

A snuggly big cat cushion to give your sofa some *hygge*. Or maybe knit yourself an entire *pounce* of cats and lose yourself in their embrace...



## **You will need:**

- 2 x 50g balls of Shachenmayr Boston in Pumpkin
- 2 x 50g balls of Rico Creative Melange Chunky in CurryGreen
- 7mm circular needle
- stitch marker
- Stitch holder or waste yarn for holding live stitches
- tapestry needle for sewing in ends
- 2 big buttons for eyes
- 1 40cm x 40cm cushion pad
- stuffing for ears



### Abbreviations:

K: knit

P: purl

CO: cast on

PM: place marker

Sl: slip

k2tog: knit two stitches together

SSK: slip, slip, knit – slip the next two stitches across to the right needle and knit them together.

**Directions:**

With the Shachenmayr, cast on 50 stitches, PM for middle,



CO 50 stitches more. Join in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. (100 stitches in all)



Knit 4 rounds.

Introduce the Rico



and Knit 2 rounds

Then knit random numbers of stripes for 42 cm – this is personal preference, really. I favoured a heavier volume of Rico, with one Rico ear and one Schachenmayr, but you may prefer a more uniform 2 rows each approach to the project. It's entirely up to you.



## **Dividing and knitting the ears**

Next you're going to divide for the ears. Keeping the seam on the side, you'll need to begin and end them at the middle of the front and back. Essentially, you're going to knit two big triangles back and forth.

So, K26 and put the first 25 of these on a stitch holder or waste yarn, along with the 25 stitches before those (at the end of the last round). You will work this ear second.

If you are following my Cat, you will just use the Rico for this ear.

With the 50 stitches still on the needles, follow this repeat:

- 1) SSK, K to the last 2 stitches, K2tog
- 2) Purl

Knitting two together:



The ear taking shape:



The ear taking shape as seen from the front:



Repeat until you have 4 stitches left and K2tog twice, then K2tog again. Leave a long tail for sewing up later.



Now put the last 50 live stitches back on the needles and attach the Schachenmayr to the right hand side (the right side of the knitting) of the work and repeat the two rows above to make the second ear.



### **Finishing up**

Using the Shachenmayr, sew up the bottom of the cat and insert the cushion pad through the ears.

Then using the long tail of the Rico ear, fold the triangle in half and start to sew it together from the top down.

It will look like this:



Before you get to the bottom, fill the ear with stuffing and squeeze and manipulate into shape.

Repeat with the Schachenmayr ear:





## The face

Decide where you would like your eyes to be, and using the Rico yarn, sew them in place.

Again with the Rico yarn, using a bright length of it, sew a triangle nose and 3 whiskers each side, to look like this:



Enjoy your Cattercushion!



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**Thank you <3**

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