



Pickle Crochet Cat Toy

Reading companion - complete supplied pattern follows

Size and supplies

Approximate length: 7 inches. Gauge: 10 sc and 11 rows per 4 inches. Use the listed super-bulky Forever Fleece with an 8 mm starting hook. About 40 yards is listed for one toy; a full ball is the purchase unit. Stuffing is part of this design, with catnip optional.

Construction and count checks

Work in a spiral, not joined rounds. Increase 6 to 12 to 18 stitches in rounds 1–3. Keep 18 body stitches through round 19, treating each popcorn as one body position. The securing chain on a popcorn is not an extra body stitch. Round 20 consumes 18 and produces 12; round 21 decreases to 6. Fill at the stated point and close securely through the remaining stitches.

Surface and closure checks

Count the body after each raised-stitch round. Keep the starting tail and final tail secured within the work. Stop if filling can be pulled through the fabric or the closure starts to open. Do not add plastic eyes, ribbons or bells.

Pet use and care

Use only with a pet whose size and play behavior suit the finished toy, under direct supervision. Dense crochet is not chew-proof. Inspect the bumps, strands and closure before and after play; remove the toy if damaged or filling is exposed. Follow the actual yarn and filling care instructions. Catnip changes cleaning considerations; assembled washability has not been tested.

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MATERIALS

Bernat® Forever Fleece™ (9.9 oz/280 g; 194 yds /177 m)

Ficus (61036)

1 ball or 40 yds/36.5 m

Size U.S. L/11 (8 mm) Susan Bates® Silvalume® crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Susan Bates® yarn needle. Susan Bates® stitch markers. Stuffing. Catnip (optional).



CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: **EASY**

ABBREVIATIONS

Alt = Alternate

Approx = Approximate(ly)

Beg = Beginning

Ch = Chain(s)

Cont = Continue

Hdc = Half double crochet

PM = Place marker

Popcorn = Work 4 hdc into same stitch or space. Drop loop from hook. Insert hook from front to back into first hdc of 4-hdc group. Pull dropped loop through st. Ch 1 to secure popcorn.

Rem = Remaining

Rep = Repeat

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

Sc = Single crochet

Sc2tog = Draw up a loop in each of next 2 stitches. Yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook

St(s) = Stitch(es)

Yoh = Yarn over hook

MEASUREMENT

Approx 7" [18 cm] long.

GAUGE

10 sc and 11 rows = 4" [10 cm].

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: Do not join at ends of rnds unless otherwise stated. Cont working in spiral placing marker on first st of rnd for easier counting.

Ch 2.

1st rnd: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. PM. 6 sc.

Do not join, cont working in spiral as follows. PM (first marker) for beg of rnd. Move marker up on rnds as work progresses.

2nd rnd: 2 sc in each sc around. 12 sc.

3rd rnd: *1 sc in next sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. 18 sc.

4th rnd: 1 sc in each of next 2 sc.
Popcorn in next sc. 1 sc in each of
last 15 sc.

5th and alt rnds: 1 sc in each st
around.

6th rnd: 1 sc in each of next 8 sc.
Popcorn in next sc. 1 sc in each of
last 9 sc.

8th rnd: 1 sc in each of next 12 sc.
Popcorn in next sc. 1 sc in each of
last 5 sc.

10th rnd: 1 sc in next sc. Popcorn
in next sc. 1 sc in each of last 16 sc.

12th rnd: 1 sc in each of next 6 sc.
Popcorn in next sc. 1 sc in each of
last 11 sc.

14th rnd: 1 sc in each of next
15 sc. Popcorn in next sc. 1 sc in
each of last 2 sc.

16th rnd: 1 sc in each of next 4 sc.
Popcorn in next sc. 1 sc in each of
last 13 sc.

18th rnd: 1 sc in each of next
10 sc. Popcorn in next sc. 1 sc in
each of last 7 sc.

20th rnd: *1 sc in next sc. Sc2tog.
Rep from * around. 12 sts.
Fill Pickle firmly with stuffing and
optional catnip.

21st rnd: (Sc2tog) 6 times. 6 sts.
Fasten off leaving long end. Draw
end tightly through rem sts and
fasten off.

