

CAT COCOON

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Finished size: S (M) L, for cats weighing 3 – 4 (4 – 5) 5 – 6 kg

Yarn: Lankava Paulina Chunky Twine (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 1 kg = ca. 170 – 180 m) 1 (1.5) 2 kg of terracotta (86).

Crochet hook: 8 mm or size to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 7.3 sts and 6.5 rnds = 10 cm

Abbreviations ch = chain stitch, rnd = round, sc = single crochet, sl st = slip stitch, st(s) = stitch(es)

Instructions: Begin at the center of the back and work towards the front. Decrease at three points along the front edges to create a triangular opening. Note: Work Rnds 1 – 16 in the same way in all sizes.

Size S: **Rnd 1:** Make a loop around your finger, insert hook inside the loop, hook yarn and draw through the loop. 1 ch, 6 sc and 1 sl st into the first sc. Close all rounds in the same manner. Tighten the loop by pulling on the loose end. **Rnd 2:** 1 ch, 2 sc into each st to end = 12 sts. **Rnd 3:** 1 ch, *1 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 5 times more = 18 s. **Rnd 4:** 1 ch, *1 sc, 2 sc into each st, 1 sc*, repeat *-* 5 times more = 24 sts. **Rnd 5:** 1 ch, *5 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 3 times more = 28 sts. **Rnd 6:** 1 ch, *3 sc, 2 sc into each st, 3 sc*, repeat *-* 3 times more = 32 sts. **Rnd 7:** 1 ch, *7 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 3 times more = 36 sts. **Rnd 8:** 1 ch, *4 sc, 2 sc into each st, 4 sc*, repeat *-* 3 times more = 40 sts. **Rnd 9:** 1 ch, *9 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 3 times more = 44 sts. **Rnd 10:** 1 ch, *5 sc, 2 sc into each st, 5 sc*, repeat *-* 3 times more = 48 sts. **Rnd 11:** 1 ch, *11 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 3 times more = 52 sts. **Rnd 12:** 1 ch, *6 sc, 2 sc into each st, 6 sc*, repeat *-* 3 times more = 56 sts. **Rnd 13:** 1 ch, *13 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 3 times more = 60 sts. **Rnd 14:** 1 ch, *7 sc, 2 sc into each st, 7 sc*, repeat *-* 3 times more = 64 sts. **Rnd 15:** 1 ch, *15 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 3 times more = 68 sts. **Rnd 16:** 1 ch, *8 sc, 2 sc into each st, 8 sc*, repeat *-* 3 times more = 72 sts. **Rnds 17 – 19:** 1 ch, 72 sc. **Rnd 20:** 1 ch, *4 sc, 2 sc tog (= insert hook into st, hook yarn and draw through the st, insert hook into next st and hook yarn and draw through all 3 sts)*, repeat *-* 11 times more = 60 sts. Note: Work the decreased st a bit higher than the others to make a neater arch. **Rnd 21:** 1 ch, 60 sc. **Rnd 22:** 1 ch, **5 sc, *2 sc tog, 1 sc*, repeat *-* 2 times more, 2 sc tog, 4 sc**, repeat **-* 2 times more = 48 sts. **Rnd 23:** 48 sl st.

Size M: Work Rnds 1 – 16 as indicated for Size S. **Rnd 17:** 1 ch, *17 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 3 times more = 76 sts. **Rnd 18:** 1 ch, *9 sc, 2 sc into each st, 9 sc*, repeat *-* 3 times more = 80 sts. **Rnd 19:** 1 ch, *19 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 3 times more = 84 sts. **Rnd 20:** 1 ch, *10 sc, 2 sc into each st, 10 sc*, repeat *-* 3 times more = 88 sts. **Rnds 21 – 24:** 1 ch, 88 sc. **Rnd 25:** 1 ch, *6 sc, 2 sc tog, repeat *-* 10 times more = 77 sts. **Rnd 26:** 1 ch, 77 sc. **Rnd 27:** 1 ch, *7 sc, 2 sc tog, 1 sc, 2 sc tog, 3 sc, 2 sc tog, 1 sc, 2 sc tog, 5 sc*, repeat *-* 2 times more, 2 sc = 65 sts. **Rnd 28:** 1 ch, 65 sc. **Rnd 29:** 1 ch, **6 sc, *2 sc tog, 1 sc*, repeat *-* 2 times more, 2 sc tog, 4 sc**, repeat **-* 2 times more, 2 sc = 53 sts. **Rnd 30:** 53 sl st.

Size L: Work Rnds 1 – 16 as indicated for Size S and Rnds 17 – 20 as indicated for Size M. **Rnd 21:** 1 ch, *21 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 3 times more = 92 sts. **Rnd 22:** 1 ch, *11 sc, 2 sc into each st, 11 sc*, repeat *-* 3 times more = 96 sts. **Rnd 23:** 1 ch, *23 sc, 2 sc into each st *, repeat *-* 3 times more = 100 sts. **Rnd 24:** 1 ch, *12 sc, 2 sc into each st, 12 sc*, repeat *-* 3 times more = 104 sts. **Rnds 25 – 28:** 1 ch, 104 sc. **Rnd 29:** 1 ch, *6 sc, 2 sc tog*, repeat *-* 12 times more = 91 sts. **30. krs:** 1 ch, 91 sc. **Rnd 31:** 1 ch, *10 sc, 2 sc tog, 1 sc, 2 sc tog, 3 sc, 2 sc tog, 1 sc, 2 sc tog, 6 sc*, repeat *-* 2 times more, 4 sc = 79 sts. **Rnd 32:** 1 ch, 79 sc. **Rnd 33:** 1 ch, **9 sc, *2 sc tog, 1 sc*, repeat *-* 2 times more, 2 sc tog, 5 sc**, repeat **-* 2 times more, 4 sc = 67 sts. **Rnd 34:** 67 sl st.

Handle loop: Ch 16 (20) 22 and leave a loose end of 30 cm at the beginning for sewing.

Row 1: 1 sl st into the horizontal loop behind the 2nd ch from hook and in the same way 1 sl st into the back loop of each ch. Leave a yarn end of 30 cm at the end.

Finishing: Use the beginning of round as the base of the cocoon and sew the ends of the handle loop side by side at the top of Rnd 18 (23) 27 of the cocoon. Weave in ends inside the stitches.

