Captain Cat-Battler the Catnip Mouse

The notorious Captain Cat-Battler is a veteran of cat vs mouse conflict. Since the dawn of time, rodents and their feline foe have pitted their wits against one another. Captain Cat-Battler is a handmade hero of mousekind, keeping the cats of the world on their furry toes with his cunning and his defiant squeak.

Captain Cat-Battler was designed specially for Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. If you use this pattern, please donate to the Home, send a mouse to befriend lonely cats waiting for new owners, or even better, adopt a cat to go with your mouse.

Gubbins

- 3.5mm knitting needles
- 15g White Acrylic DK (body)
- 15g Black Acrylic DK (body, eye and eyepatch)
- 5g Pink Acrylic DK (ears, nose and tail)
- Stuffing (innards)
- Small squeaker (optional)
- Catnip pouch (optional)
- Fierce feline-fighting determination (essential)

Size

10cm (4") approx. from nosetip to start of tail

Gauge: Not important. No one will be wearing him.

Skills you’ll need


Abbreviations

K = knit  P = purl  M1 = make one (make stitch from yarn between stitches)

Pattern

Body

Cast on 2 stitches in White
Row 1. K across
Row 2. P across
Row 3. K, m1, k (3sts)
Row 4. P across
Row 5. K, m1, k, m1, k (5sts)
Row 6. P across
Row 7. K, m1, k3, m1, k (7sts)
Row 8. P across
Row 9. K, m1, k5, m1, k (9 sts)
Row 10. P across
Row 11. K, m1, k7, m1, k (11 sts)
Row 12. P across
Row 13. K, m1, k9, m1, k (13 sts)
Row 14. P across
Row 15. K, m1, k11, m1, k (15 sts)
Row 16. P across

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1. Sew two sides of mouse body together from ‘tail end’ to ‘nose end’ (making sure your stripes match up) leaving a hole for stuffing
2. Insert stuffing (and optional squeaker and catnip) into mouse body.
3. Finish sewing body right up to the tip of the nose.
4. Sew on ears using cast on yarn ends.
5. Embroider nose with pink yarn, running end of yarn through body and out of ‘tail end’ to form tail.
6. Tie knot at end of tail.
7. Embroider eye and square eyepatch with band. Eyepatch band should run from left ear, across his face to first black stripe under his chin.
8. Greet your new roguish rodent with a cheery “Yaaaaaaaaaarn, me hearty!” and then launch him at the nearest cat.

**Useful Pirate Mouse-keeping Tips**

**Keep watch:** Be sure to keep an eye on the Captain when there be precious cheeses or gold doubloons about. He’ll plunder un-guarded booty afore ye know it.

**Catnip cologne:** Wild cat off the port bow! Captain Cat-Battler is oft spied asportin’ a catnip pouch about his scurvy person. The catnip stink be havin’ a strange effect on his foes, like a tot o’ good rum. Makes ‘em easier for him t’ conquer ‘em!

**Cat-battling:** Captain Cat-Battler won’t be harmin’ your cat. He’ll just keep ‘em amused. Every cat be needin’ a bit o’ swashbuckling to keep ‘em happy.

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