Tom *the Cat*

Knit our cute feline with your free yarn kit!

Eyelash yarn is great fun and we're thrilled to bring you our fabulous self-striping version that's exclusive to Let's Knit! You can use the yarn in your kit to knit Tom the Cat and there's an extra pattern for his cute playmate Ronald the Kitten. If you'd like to knit both, see below for how to buy additional yarn. We're getting in the Christmas mood here at LK HQ so we've also included patterns for bonus festive outfits you can make from your stash!

Want to knit more cats? See below for how to buy extra yarn

Start knitting here...

TOM THE CAT
BODY

NOTE: start at bottom of body
Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 16 sts
☐ Row 1 and all WS rows: p
☐ Row 2: (k1, kfb) to end. 24 sts
☐ Row 4: (k1, kfb, k1) to end. 32 sts
☐ Rows 5-19: cont in st st
☐ Row 20: (k1, k2tog, k1) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rows 21-25: cont in st st
☐ Row 26: (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
☐ Rows 27-29: cont in st st
☐ Cast off
Sew running stitch along base edge and draw up tightly. Join back seam using mattress stitch. Stuff Body

HEAD

NOTE: start at back of Head
Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 16 sts
☐ Rows 1-4: work as for Body
☐ Row 5 and all WS rows: p
☐ Row 6: (k2, kfb, k1) to end. 40 sts
☐ Rows 7-21: cont in st st
☐ Row 22: k8, (k1, k2tog) eight times, k8. 32 sts
☐ Row 24: k8, (k2tog) eight times, k8. 24 sts
☐ Row 25: p
Change to yarn C
☐ Row 26: k
☐ Row 28: (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
☐ Rows 29-31: cont in st st
☐ Row 32: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts

☐ Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
Sew running stitch around base edge and draw up tightly. Join back seam and stuff Head. Sew Head onto Body. Using yarn D, embroider eyes and nose

OUTER EARS (make two)

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts
☐ Row 1 and all WS rows: p
☐ Row 2: skpo, k6, k2tog. Eight sts
☐ Rows 3-5: cont in st st
☐ Row 6: skpo, k4, k2tog. Six sts
☐ Row 8: skpo, k2, k2tog. Four sts
☐ Row 9: (p2tog) twice. Two sts
☐ Row 10: k2tog. One st
☐ Fasten off

INNER EARS (make two)

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on six sts
☐ Row 1: p
☐ Row 2: skpo, k2, k2tog. Four sts
☐ Rows 3-5: cont in st st
☐ Row 6: skpo, k2tog. Two sts
☐ Row 7: p2tog. One st
☐ Fasten off
Sew Inner and Outer ears together. Attach ears to Head

LEGS (make four)

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 12 sts
☐ Rows 1-20: beg with a k row, work in st st
Change to yarn B
☐ Rows 21-22: cont in st st
☐ Row 23: (k1, kfb) to end. 18 sts
☐ Row 24: p
☐ Row 25: (k1, kfb, k1) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rows 26-28: cont in st st
☐ Row 29: (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
☐ Row 30: p
☐ Row 31: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts
☐ Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
Join seam and stuff Legs. Using yarn D, embroider two stripes to make paws. Attach Legs to Body

Use the yarn in your kit to knit Tom the cat

TAIL

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts
☐ Rows 1-14: beg with a k row, work in st st
Change to yarn C
☐ Rows 15-16: cont in st st
☐ Row 17: (k2, kfb, k2) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rows 18-24: cont in st st
☐ Row 25: (k1, k2tog, k1) to end. Nine sts
☐ Row 26: p
☐ Row 27: (k1, k2tog) to end. Six sts
☐ Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
Join seam and stuff Tail. Sew Tail to Body

KITTEN
BODY

NOTE: start at bottom of Body
Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 16 sts
☐ Row 1: p

☐ Row 2: (k1, kfb) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rows 3-13: cont in st st
☐ Row 14: (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
☐ Rows 15-19: cont in st st
☐ Row 20: (k1, k2tog, k1) to end. 12 sts
☐ Row 21: p
☐ Cast off
Sew running stitch around base edge and draw up tightly. Join back seam using mattress stitch. Stuff Body

HEAD

NOTE: start at back of Head
Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 16 sts
☐ Row 1 and all WS rows: p
☐ Row 2: (k1, kfb) to end. 24 sts
☐ Row 4: (k1, kfb, k1) to end. 32 sts
☐ Rows 5-17: cont in st st
☐ Row 18: k8, (k2tog) eight times, k8. 24 sts
☐ Row 19: p
Change to yarn C
☐ Row 20: k4, (k2tog) eight times, k4. 16 sts
☐ Rows 21-23: cont in st st
☐ Row 24: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts

☐ Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
Sew running stitch around base edge and draw up tightly. Join back seam and stuff Head. Sew Head to Body. Using yarn D, embroider eyes and nose

OUTER EARS (make two)

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on eight sts
☐ Row 1: p
☐ Row 2: skpo, k4, k2tog. Six sts
☐ Row 3: p
☐ Row 4: skpo, k2, k2tog. Four sts
☐ Row 5: p
☐ Row 6: skpo, k2tog. Two sts
☐ Row 7: p2tog. One st
☐ Cast off

INNER EARS (make two)

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on six sts
☐ Row 1: p
☐ Row 2: skpo, k2, k2tog. Four sts
☐ Row 3: p

☐ Row 4: skpo, k2tog. Two sts
☐ Row 5: p2tog. One st
☐ Fasten off
Sew Inner and Outer ears together. Sew ears to Head

LEGS (make four)

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on nine sts
☐ Rows 1-12: beg with a k row, work in st st
Change to yarn B
☐ Rows 13-14: cont in st st
☐ Row 15: (k1, kfb, k1) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rows 16-18: cont in st st
☐ Row 19: (k1, k2tog) to end. Eight sts
☐ Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
Join seam and stuff Legs. Using yarn D, embroider two stripes to make paws. Attach Legs to Body

TAIL

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on six sts

☐ Rows 1-10: beg with a k row, work in st st
Change to yarn C
☐ Rows 11-12: cont in st st
☐ Row 13: (k1, kfb) to end. Nine sts
☐ Rows 14-16: cont in st st
☐ Row 17: (k1, k2tog) to end. Six sts
☐ Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
Join seam and stuff Tail. Sew Tail to Body

JUMPER

NOTE: instructions are for Ronald the Kitten with the instructions for Tom the Cat shown in brackets

BACK

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 23 (31) sts
☐ Rib row 1: [k1, p1] to last st, k1
☐ Rib row 2: [p1, k1] to last st, p1
☐ Rep Rib rows 1-2 once more
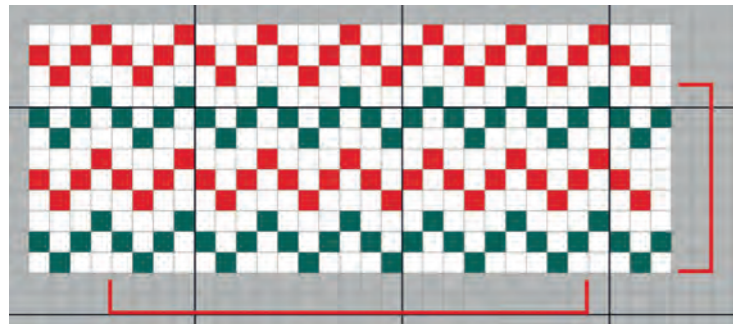Change to 4mm needles
☐ Row 1: k
☐ Row 2: p
☐ Beg with a RS row, work Fair Isle design from chart

Ronald the Kitten only

Cont in yarn A only
☐ Next row: p

JUMPER CHART

Both cats

Cont in yarn A only
☐ Next row (RS): cast off 1 (2) sts, k to end. 22 (29) sts
☐ Next row: cast off 1 (3) sts, p to end. 21 (26) sts **

Divide for back opening

☐ Row 1: k1, skpo, k8 (10), turn. 10 (12) sts
Leave rem 10 (13) sts on a holder
☐ Row 2: p
☐ Row 3: k1, skpo, k to end. 9 (11)
☐ Row 4: p
☐ Rep Rows 3-4 a further 2 (4) times, then Row 1 once more. Six sts
Cut yarn and leave rem six sts on another holder. Rejoin yarn to 10 (13) sts on first holder
☐ Row 1: k1, m1 (0), k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 10 (12)
☐ Row 2: p
☐ Row 3: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1
☐ Row 4: p
☐ Rep Rows 3-4 a further 2 (4) times, then Row 1 once more. Six sts
Cut yarn and leave rem six sts on another holder

FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 23 (31) sts
☐ Work as for Back to **. 21 (26) sts
☐ Row 1: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 19 (24) sts
☐ Row 2: p
☐ Rep Rows 1-2 a further 1 (3) times. 17 (18) sts

Shape neck

☐ Row 1: k1, skpo, k4, turn. Six sts
Leave rem 10 (11) sts on a holder
☐ Row 2: p
☐ Row 3: k1, skpo, k1, k2tog. Four sts
☐ Row 4: p
☐ Row 5: k1, skpo, k1. Three sts
☐ Row 6: p3tog. One st
☐ Fasten off
☐ With RS facing, leave first 3 (4) sts on holder and rejoin yarn to next st, then work second side of neck to match first reversing all shaping

SLEEVE (make two)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 17 (23) sts
☐ Rib row 1: [k1, p1] to last st, k1
☐ Rib row 2: [p1, k1] to last st, p1
☐ Rep Rib rows 1-2 once more
Change to 4mm needles
☐ Beg with a k row, work 6 (8) rows in st st
☐ Next row: cast off 1 (2) sts, k to end. 16 (21) sts
☐ Next row: cast off 1 (2) sts, p to end. 15 (19) sts

Shape top

☐ Row 1: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 13 (17) sts
☐ Row 2: p
☐ Rep Rows 1-2 a further 4 (6) times. Five sts
☐ Cast off

TO MAKE UP

Stitch side and Sleeve seams. Sew tops of Sleeves to sloping edges on Back and Front of jumper

NECKBAND

☐ Using 3.25mm needles, yarn A and with RS facing, k six sts from holder on left back, pick up and k five sts across top of left Sleeve, 3 (5) sts down left neck edge, k 3 (4) sts from holder at centre, pick up and k 3 (5) sts up right neck edge, five sts across top of right sleeve, k six rem sts from holder. 31 (36) sts
☐ Row 1: [k1, p1] to last st (end), k1 (0)
☐ Row 2: p1 (0), [k1, p1] to end
☐ Row 3: rep Row 1
☐ Cast off loosely in rib
Weave in all loose ends, then make a small button loop using a plait or crochet chain. Attach to one side at top of neck opening. Sew a button on the other side

TROUSERS
LEFT SIDE

Using 4mm needles and yarn D, cast on 30 sts
☐ Rows 1-4: beg with a p row, work in st st
☐ Row 5 (ridge): k
☐ Rows 6-13: cont in st st
☐ Row 14: k2tog, k to end. 29 sts
Pm at beg of last row
☐ Rows 15-17: cont in st st
☐ Rep Rows 14-17 three times more. 26 sts
☐ Row 30: as Row 14. 25 sts
Pm at beg of last row
☐ Row 31: p
☐ Row 32: k19, turn
☐ Row 33: p
☐ Row 34: k15, turn
☐ Row 35: p
☐ Row 36: k11, turn
☐ Row 37: p
☐ Row 38: k7, turn
☐ Rows 39-41: cont in st st across all sts
Change to 3.25mm needles
☐ Row 42: [k1, p1] to last st, k1
☐ Row 43: [p1, k1] to last st , p1
☐ Row 44: k1, [yfwd, k2tog] to end
☐ Row 45: as Row 43
☐ Cast off loosely in rib

RIGHT SIDE

Using 4mm needles and yarn D, cast on 30 sts
☐ Rows 1-4: beg with a p row, work in st st
☐ Row 5 (ridge): k
☐ Rows 6-13: cont in st st
☐ Row 14: k2tog, k to end
☐ Rows 15-17: cont in st st
☐ Rep Rows 14-17 three times more. 26 sts
☐ Row 30: as Row 14. 25 sts
☐ Row 31: p
☐ Row 32: k
☐ Row 33: p19, turn
☐ Row 34: k
☐ Row 35: p15, turn
☐ Row 36: k
☐ Row 37: p11, turn
☐ Row 38: k
☐ Row 39: p7, turn
☐ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st
Change to 3.25mm needles
☐ Row 42: [k1, p1] 12 times, k1
☐ Row 43: [p1, k1] 12 times, p1
☐ Row 44: k1, [yfwd, k2tog] to end
☐ Row 45: as Row 43
☐ Cast off loosely in rib

TO MAKE UP

On each leg, fold first four rows to WS along ridge row. Slip stitch cast-on edge to inside. Sew Front seam. Sew Back seam, leaving rows between markers open for Tail hole. Sew leg seams. Insert elastic through eyelet holes and stitch ends together **LK**

The back of the sweater has a button loop fastening to make it easy to put on and take off