



Kitty Cat Mat

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Being a cat is a very difficult job, which is why every pretty kitty needs a special place to lounge, preen, and purr. This kitty perch has fanciful flair with its lattice stitch design, and the ability to easily remove the insides for washing. For stuffing material, the sample uses towels ready for retirement that most households have lying around... even better!



ABBREVIATIONS

CO: cast on

Rep: repeat

K: knit stitch/U-stitch

P: purl stitch

KO: knit off

St(s): stitches

S1: slip one/skip one

BO: bind off

KNITTING LOOM: Zippy Loom, 28 pegs used (7 Zippys or 6 Zippys with 4 corners).

YARN: Approximately 320 yards of #6 weight yarn. Sample used 3 skeins of Lion Brand Thick & Quick in color Cranberry, 106 yds/97 m per skein.

NOTIONS: knitting tool, 6mm crochet hook, stitch markers, scissors, knitting pins, yarn needle, row counter, 3 large washable buttons, sewing thread & needle for attaching buttons, stuffing of choice (*see Finishing Step*).

GAUGE: 5 sts x 9 rows= 4 inches (in pattern, using U-Stitch).

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 20.5"W x 19"H.

SKILLS NEEDED: Knit/U-stitch, Purl, Slip Stitch, Right/Left Twists (explained in Pattern Notes), Chain CO (or CO of your choice), Basic BO, and Seaming.





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Pattern Notes:

This pattern uses 2 strands of yarn held throughout.

For the sample, all knit stitches were made using the U-stitch.

The cables in this pattern involve simply trading the loops of 2 pegs in the correct order. They consist of a Right Twist [rt2] (a twist with the sts running to the right), and a Left Twist [lt2] (a twist with the sts running to the left). **They are worked as follows:**

[rt2]: Worked over 2 pegs: Lift the loop from the peg on the right and either hold in your fingers, or place on a cable needle. Lift the loop on the left and move it to the peg on the right. Place the held loop onto the peg on the left. With the working yarn, knit the 2 pegs.

[lt2]: Worked over 2 pegs: Lift the loop from the peg on the left and either hold in your fingers, or place on a cable needle. Lift the loop on the right and move it to the peg on the left. Place the held loop onto the peg on the right. With the working yarn, knit the 2 pegs.

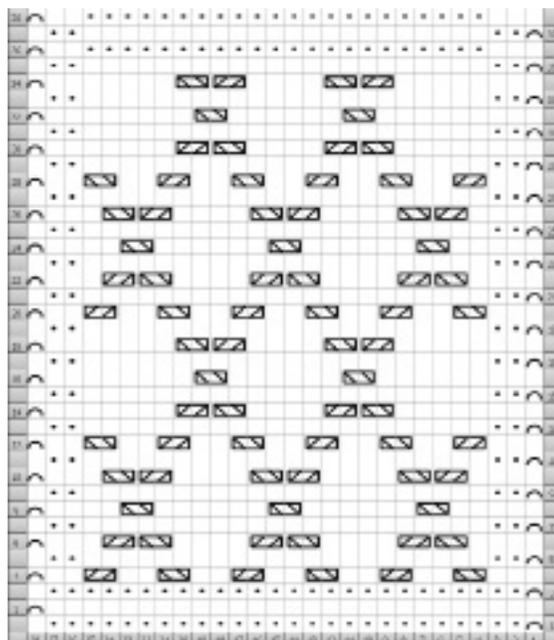


**An easy way to remember which direction to go is to remember to hold the stitch on the side of the slant. So...for a right twist, hold the loop on the right. For a left twist, hold the loop on the left.*

INSTRUCTIONS

Front Panel

Chart Key	
	k, knit
	p, purl
	S1/ slip (skip) stitch
	rt2/ right twist 2
	lt2/ left twist 2





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Configure Zippy Looms to work as a flat panel using 28 pegs (7 Zippys or 6 Zippys with 4 corners). Leaving a long tail for seaming later, CO to 28 pegs.

Row 1: S1, p26, k1.

Row 2: S1, k27.

Row 3: Rep Row 1.

Row 4: S1, *k2, rt2, k2, lt2, rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 5: S1, p2, k22, p2, k1.

Row 6: S1, k3, *rt2, lt2, k4, rep from * to end of row.

Row 7: Rep Row 5.

Row 8: S1, k4, *lt2, k6, rep from * to end of row (last repeat's knits will total 5).

Row 9: Rep Row 5.

Row 10: S1, k3, *lt2, rt2, k4, rep from * to end of row.

Row 11: Rep Row 5.

Row 12: S1, *k2, lt2, k2, rt2, rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 13: Rep Row 5.

Row 14: S1, k7, *rt2, lt2, k4, rep from * to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 15: Rep Row 5.

Row 16: S1, k8, *lt2, k6, rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 17: Rep Row 5.

Row 18: S1, k7, *lt2, rt2, k4, rep from * to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 19: Rep Row 5.

Rows 20-35: Rep Rows 4-19.





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Row 36: S1, k2, p22, k3.

Row 37: S1, p2, k22, p2, k1.

Row 38: Rep Row 36.

Basic BO all sts. Weave in ends. Block lightly.

Back Panel

Using the same configuration of Zippy Looms as before, prepare to work as a flat panel. Using one strand, CO to 28 pegs.

Row 1: S1, p26, k1.

Row 2: S1, k27.

Row 3: Rep Row 1.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Row 5: S1, p2, k22, p2, k1.

Rows 6-35: Rep Rows 4 & 5.

Row 36: S1, k2, p22, k3.

Row 37: S1, p2, k22, p2, k1.

Row 38: Rep Row 36.

Basic BO all sts, leaving a long tail for seaming.
Block lightly.

Finishing

Using long CO and BO tails, seam the top piece to the bottom piece with wrong sides together, leaving the right edges open. Sew around the corners and into the side to be left open for about one inch.

Attach the 3 large buttons to the bottom piece within the garter stitch border at the open right side. Make sure to stitch the buttons onto the outside of the piece, rather than the inside. The buttons will not need corresponding buttonholes, as they will simply be slipped through the sts on the top piece, within the garter stitch border. Weave in all ends.

Fold a couple of towels or an old blanket into the size of the knitted case and insert so that the piece is filled all the way to the corners and button closed.

