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crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
2 Skeins 312 Black **A**, 1 skein each 254 Pumpkin **B**, and 528 Medium Purple **C**.

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
5 mm [US H-8]

Susan Bates® split lock stitch markers

Small wire cutters, sewing pins, 12-gauge black floral wire, one 8" (20.5 cm) Styrofoam® wreath, one 14" (35.5 cm) Styrofoam® wreath, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4" (10 cm); 10 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Waffle st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

BUY YARN



RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); prints, multicolor and heather 5 oz (141 g), 236 yd (215 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins



Superstitious Black Cat Wreath

Crochet a charming black cat to greet your visitors during the Halloween season. Cover round wreaths with crocheted pieces, add ears and tail and a haunting striped bow.

Wreath measures: 18 x 25" (46 x 63.5 cm)

WAFFLE STITCH (worked over an even number of sts, foundation has odd number chs)

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, * dc in next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * to last ch, dc in last ch, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in 1st st, * dc in next st, sc in next st, repeat from * to last st, dc in last st, turn.

Repeat Row 2 only for Waffle st.

EARS (make 2)

With **A**, ch 4, join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join. Mark first st, and work in continuous unjoined rounds, moving marker up to first st of each round.

Rounds 2-23: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, leaving a 12" (30.5) yarn tail for later sewing.

Cut two 12" (30.5) pieces of floral wire, and insert a wire piece in each ear tube. Center the ear tube on the wire.

Right Ear

Poke one end of wire through smaller Styrofoam® wreath, then bend 1¼" (3 cm) of it up and around inside of wreath. Bend ear tube in half, and repeat with other end of wire, leaving a 1" (2.5 cm) space between the two wire ends. Snip off excess wire.

Left Ear

Work same as right ear, leaving a 2" (5 cm) space in between.



HEAD

With **A**, ch 17, and work in Waffle st for 56 rows. Fasten off.

With wrong side facing, sew foundation edge to final row, and insert resulting band into center of smaller wreath. Position the seam between Ears. Fold band around wreath until the sides touch on outside of wreath. Use sewing pins to hold band in place. Use yarn tails from Ear tubes to seam top of head and sew in Ears. Use a strand of **A** to sew remaining seam around outside of Head.

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TAIL

With **A**, ch 4, join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join. Mark first st, and work in continuous unjoined rounds, moving marker up to first st of each round.

Round 2: * Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, repeat from * twice more - 9 sts.

Round 3: Sc in each st around. Repeat Round 3 only until piece measures 10" (25.5 cm). Fasten off, leaving a 12" (30.5) yarn tail for later sewing.

Cut a 14" (35.5 cm) piece of floral wire, and insert into Tail tube. Poke one end of wire through left side of larger wreath, then bend 1¼" (3 cm) of it up and around inside of wreath. Snip off excess wire in wreath and at end of Tail.

BODY

With **A**, ch 19, and work in Waffle st for 94 rows. Fasten off.

With wrong side facing, sew foundation edge to final row, and insert resulting band into center of larger wreath. Position the seam at top of wreath. Fold band around wreath until the sides touch on outside of wreath. Use sewing pins to hold band in place. Use yarn tail from Tail tube to seam left side of wreath and sew in Tail. Use a strand of **A** to sew remaining seam around outside of Body.



Attach Head to Body

You may choose from one of the following 2 methods:

Method 1: With two 24" (61 cm) strands of **A** held together, tie a figure eight around bottom center of Head and top center of Body. Tie a knot in back, between the wreaths.

Method 2: Cut a 14" (35.5 cm) piece of floral wire and insert through Head and Body. Wrap the two ends of wire together in back of wreath. Snip off excess wire.



BOW

Note: To change colors, keep last two loops of row on hook, use both colors held together to pull through the last two loops, and use new color to make next st. Do not cut yarn each time the colors are switched, instead carry the unused color along the row, working the new color sts around the unused color.

With **B**, Ch 14.

Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each of next 10 ch, changing to **C** on last st, turn - 11 dc.

Row 2: Ch 2, dc in 1st dc and in each of next 10 dc, changing to **B** in last st, turn.

Row 3: Ch 2, dc in 1st dc and in each of next 10 dc, changing to **C** in last st, turn.

Rows 4 - 61: Repeat Rows 2 and 3. Fasten off.



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Fold Bow in 3 sections, crossing the two outer sections over one another. Pull top of bow out on either side to measure 10" (25.5 cm) in width. Cut 3 36" (108 cm) strands of each **B** and **C**. Wrap all 6 strands around center of the bow, working around all 3 sections and allowing the sides to hang down. Tighten and knot strands, then wrap them around larger wreath, near top and just off center to the right. Wrap around twice tightly, and knot strands between bow and wreath.



HANGER

With 2 strands of **A** held together, ch 65, join with slip st in first st to form loop. Fasten off.

Tie loose yarn ends into a knot. Wrap loop around top of head, between ears, and pull one end of loop through other end and pull tight.



FINISHING

Weave all loose ends to inside of fabric.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C etc;
ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

