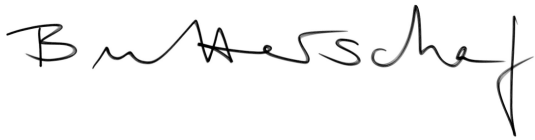# The CroCaTent

YOU WILL NEED …

MaterialS

- **Lang Yarns Grande** (100% cotton, 50 g/62 m)
  650 g = 13 balls
  (Or any other chunky/bulky yarn you like.)
- A 8 mm (US size 11/L) hook
- Wool needle
- 4 dowels (Ø 10 to 14 mm, 90 to 100 cm long)
- A cushion (40 x 40 cm)
- Cord for binding the dowels together
- Optional: air drying modelling clay
  (I used Super Fluffy by Rico Design)
  or sand paper

Gauge
10 dc and 6 rows = 10 x 10 cm
Gauge is not critical.

Measurements
Base: 43 x 43 cm
Height: 50 cm

Butterschaf

Techniques used
Working in rows
Working in the round
Single crochet
Double crochet
Standing stitches (optional)
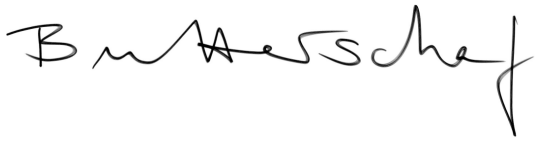Foundation double crochet
Sc2tog
Dc2tog

Abbreviations

ch	chain(s)
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	double crochet 2 together
fdc	foundation treble(s)
rnd	round
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together
sl st	slip stitch(es)
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
t-ch	turning-chain
WS	wrong side
yo	yarn over

SOME GENERAL INFO
Hello, kind stranger! Thanks for having a look at my crochet cat tent – *The CroCa Tent* (I know, great name, right?!)
Before you start crocheting, there are few things I'd like you to know:

- If you are going to use a tube yarn (like Lang Yarns Grande), make a knot into each yarn end to avoid the outer tube unraveling and the stuffing coming out of the yarn.
- This is a prototype – there are some things I would probably change when making another tent. If you have any ideas how to improve the design, please let me know. I'd love to see your creations (and your cats)!
- If you find any mistakes in the pattern or have any problems with it, feel free to message me via Ravelry.

BASE

Note: The base is one big square worked in the round. I used 137 g of yarn.

Make a magic loop.

Rnd 1   Ch3 (always counts as first dc), 1dc into ring, (ch2, 3dc into ring) 3 times, ch2, 1dc into ring, sl st in top of ch-3 [4 corner-sps, 12dc].

Rnd 2   Ch3, 1dc, * (2dc, ch2, 2dc) into ch-2 corner-sp, 3dc; repeat from * 3 more times, (2dc, ch2, 2dc) into last ch-2 corner-sp, 1dc, sl st in top of ch-3 [4 corner-sps, 28dc].

Rnd 3   Ch3, work 1dc in each dc and (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in each corner-sp, end with sl st in top of ch-3.

Rnd 4 to 11 Work as Rnd 3 [43dc per side, 172dc total].

Fasten off and weave in ends. (Do not forget to knot the ends.)

SIDE PANEL (MAKE 3)

Note: The side panels are worked in rows. I used pretty much exactly two balls of yarn for each panel.

Ch42.

Row 1 (RS)   Ch3 (always counts as first dc), dc in fourth ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn [43dc].

Row 2 (WS)   Ch2, dc in next st (ch2 + dc count as dc2tog), 1dc in each dc to last 2 sts, dc2tog, turn [2dc decreased; 39 sts].

Row 3   Repeat Row 2.

Row 4   Ch3, 1dc in each dc, turn.

Repeat Rows 2 to 4 seven more times, then work Row 2 three more times [38 sts decreased; 5 sts remaining].

Fasten off and weave in ends.

FRONT PANEL

Note: The entrance is not as neat as I wanted it to be. But let's be honest: the cats don't care.

Below you will find the written instructions for the Front Panel, but there is also a crochet on the last page.

Ch42.

Row 1 (RS)   Ch3 (always counts as first dc), dc in fourth ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn [43dc].

Left Side

Row 2 (WS) Ch2, dc in next st (ch2 + dc count as dc2tog), 6dc, turn [7 sts].

Row 3   Ch3, dc in first dc, 4dc, dc2tog, turn.

Row 4   Ch3, 6dc, turn.

Row 5   Ch3, dc in first dc, 4dc, dc2tog, turn.

Row 6   Ch2, dc in next st, 5dc, turn [6 sts].

Row 7   Ch3, dc in first dc, 5dc, turn [7 sts].

Row 8   Ch2, dc in next st, 5dc, turn [6 sts].

Row 9   Ch3, dc in first dc, 3dc, dc2tog, turn.

Row 10   Ch3, 5dc, turn.

Row 11   Ch3, dc in first dc, 3dc, dc2tog, turn.

Row 12   Ch2, dc in next st, 4dc, yo, insert hook in top ch of previous row, * yo and pull up loop, yo und pull yarn through first loop on hook (= ch1), (yo und pull yarn through 2 loops on hook) twice (= 1fdc completed) **; yo and insert hook in ch1 at foot of previous fdc; rep from * to ** once more, turn [7 sts].

Row 13   Ch4, dc in fourth ch from hook, 7dc, turn [9 sts].

Row 14   Ch2, dc in next st, 7dc, yo, insert hook in top ch of previous row, * yo and pull up loop, yo und pull yarn through first loop on hook (= ch1), (yo und pull yarn through 2 loops on hook) twice (= 1fdc completed) **; yo and insert hook in ch1 at foot of previous fdc; rep from * to ** once more, turn [10 sts].

Fasten off and weave in ends.

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Right Side

With WS of row 1 facing, join yarn in eighth st from the left with a standing dc (or join with slip stitch and ch3).

Row 2 (WS) Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog turn [7 sts].

Row 3 (RS) Ch2, dc in next st (ch2 + dc counts as dc2tog), 4dc, 2dc in last st, turn [7 sts].

Row 4 Ch3 (always counts as first dc), 6dc, turn.

Row 5 Ch2, dc in next st, 4dc, 2dc in last st, turn.

Row 6 Ch3, 4dc, dc2tog, turn [6 sts].

Row 7 Ch3, 4dc, 2dc in last st, turn [7 sts].

Row 8 Ch3, 4dc, dc2tog, turn [6 sts].

Row 9 Ch2, dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in last st, turn.

Row 10 Ch3, 5dc, turn.

Row 11 Ch2, dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in last st, turn.

Row 12 Ch4, dc in fourth ch from hook, 4dc, dc2tog, turn [7 sts].

Row 13 Ch3, 6dc, yo, insert hook in top ch of previous row, * yo and pull up loop, yo und pull yarn through first loop on hook (= ch1), (yo und pull yarn through 2 loops on hook) twice (= 1fdc completed) **; yo and insert hook in ch1 at foot of previous fdc; rep from * to ** once more, turn [9 sts].

Row 14 Ch4, dc in fourth ch from hook, 7dc, dc2tog, turn [10 sts].

Upper half of Front Panel

Row 15 Ch2, dc in next st, 8dc, yo, insert hook in top ch of previous row, * yo and pull up loop, yo und pull yarn through first loop on hook (= ch1), (yo und pull yarn through 2 loops on hook) twice (= 1fdc completed) **; yo and insert hook in ch1 at foot of previous fdc; rep from * to ** 4 more times; now work along last row of Left Side taking care it is not twisted; 8dc, dc2tog, turn [23 sts].

Row 16 Ch3, 1dc in each dc, turn.

Row 17 to 28 Work Row 2 to 4 of Side Panel 3 times, then repeat Row 2 three more times [5 sts remaining after Row 28].

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Entrance

With RS facing, join yarn around last dc of Row 2 of Left Side. Work 1 round of sc evenly along entrance, ending with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

ASSEMBLY
Attaching Side Panels and Front Panel to Base
Place WS of a Side Panel on RS of Base. Join yarn through both layers, inserting hook in remaining free loops of base chain of Side Panel and in both loops of base, work a row of sc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Join the other two Side Panels and the Front Panel in the same way.

Pole Sleeves
Row 1 (seam)   Join yarn through both layers of two adjoining Side Panels and sc evenly along edge, turn.
Note: Working 2 sc around each pair of t-ch/sc worked very well. Also, make sure to work an additional sc into the ch-2 corner-sp of the base.

Row 2   Ch1 (does not count as st), work 1sc in each sc, turn.
Repeat Row 2 until work fits snugly around dowel.
Note: I used 14 mm dowels and worked 5 rows of sc (including sc seam).
Fasten off, leaving a yarn end that is twice as long as the edge.
Whipstich the last to the first row to form the pole sleeve and stitch the bottom end of the sleeve closed. Weave in ends.
Work the other three pole sleeves the same way.

Ties
At top edge, join yarn yarn to the last row of one of the side panels. Work 1 rnd of sc while doing the following: sc2tog over the last st of each panel and the first st of the next panel (leaving out the pole sleeves) and (ch30, sl st in second ch from hook and in each ch to end) in the middle of the two Side Panels that are next to the Front Panel (green ties in schematic). End with sl st in first sc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

MAKING UP
Insert one dowel into each pole sleeve.
Note: I used air drying modelling clay to round the ends of the dowels that go into the pole sleeve. You can also sand down the ends, so the stitches won't snag on the rough edges.
Put the cushion in the tent.
Wrap cord around the point where the dowels meet and tie securely (pink tie in schematic). Knot the ties of the Side Panels over the knot just made.
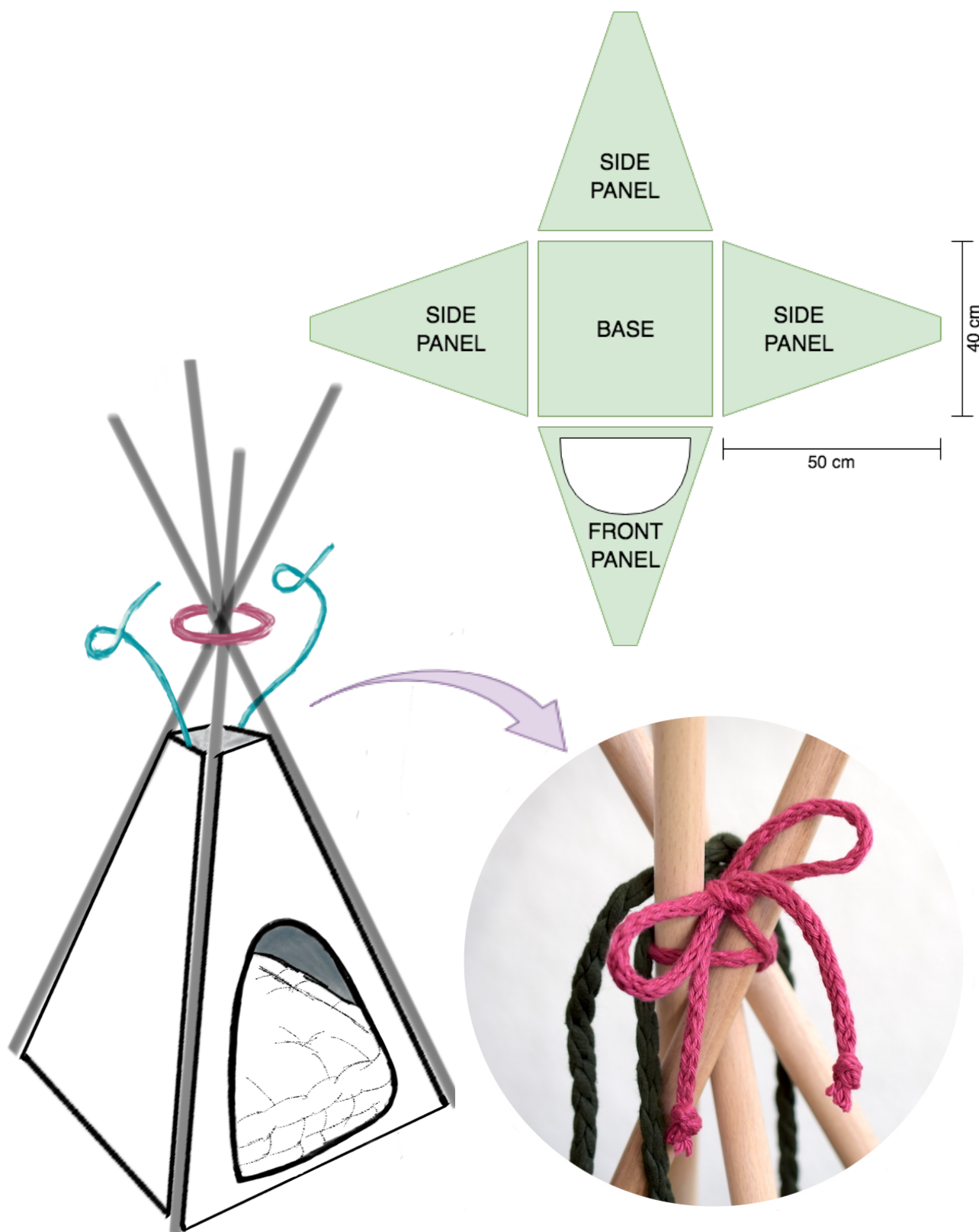BAM … you're done!

SCHEMATICS

SIDE
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BASE

SIDE
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40 cm

FRONT
PANEL

50 cm

CHART FRONT PANEL

o = ch

⊤ = dc

⋏ = dc2tog

⊤ = fdc