

Crochet Black Cat

PATTERN

A chubby black amigurumi kitty with pointy pink-lined ears, big green eyes and a springy curly tail - the perfect quick Halloween make for confident beginners.



The finished Black Cat, about 15 cm (6 in) tall sitting.

Finished size	Approx. 15 cm (6 in) tall, sitting	Skill level	Confident beginner
Time	About 3 to 4 hours	Terms	US crochet terms

This little black cat is pure Halloween charm: a round plump body, two sharp triangle ears with pink inners, big green safety eyes and a tail that curls all by itself. Every part is a simple sphere, flat triangle or tube worked in single crochet, so the whole kitty comes together in one cozy evening. Work in a continuous spiral, mark the first stitch of every round - black yarn hides stitches! - and stuff firmly as you go.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (aran / #4) yarn in **black**, approx. 80 g - head, body, ears and tail
- Small amount of worsted-weight yarn in **pink** - inner ears, nose and mouth
- Small amount of yarn in **white or cream** - whiskers
- 4.0 mm crochet hook
- 2 green safety eyes, 12 mm (or embroider the eyes with green yarn for a child-safe toy)
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch	sc	single crochet
inc	increase - 2 sc in one stitch	dec	invisible decrease
sc3tog	single crochet 3 together	FO	fasten off
st(s)	stitch(es)	rnd	round

Size & gauge: Gauge is not critical for amigurumi - work tightly so the stuffing does not show through. Approx. gauge: 10 sc x 10 rounds = 6 x 4.2 cm. With the yarn and hook listed, the cat sits about 15 cm (6 in) tall.

Head (black)



Step 1 - starting the round black head from a magic ring.

Insert the safety eyes after Rnd 14, before the decreases: place them between Rnds 11 and 12, about 8 stitches apart (roughly 4 cm). Stuff the head firmly as the opening narrows.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 6: (Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[36]**

Rnd 7: (Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[42]**

Rnds 8-14: Sc in each st around (7 rounds). **[42]**

Rnd 15: (Sc in next 5 sts, dec) 6 times. **[36]**

Rnd 16: (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 17: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 18: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 19: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 20: Dec 6 times. **[6]**

Fasten off, thread the tail through the front loops of the last 6 stitches, pull to close the hole and weave in the end.

Body (black)



Step 2 - the round head and the plump body piece.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 6: (Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[36]**

Rnds 7-11: Sc in each st around (5 rounds). **[36]**

Rnd 12: (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 13: Sc in each st around. **[30]**

Rnd 14: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Stuff the body firmly. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Do NOT close the opening - the 24-stitch opening is sewn to the head in assembly, and you can add a last pinch of stuffing just before the final stitches.

Ears (make 2, black)

The ears are worked flat, in rows.

Row 1: Ch 8. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[7]**

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Dec, sc in next 3 sts, dec. **[5]**

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[5]**

Row 4: Ch 1, turn. Dec, sc in next st, dec. **[3]**

Row 5: Ch 1, turn. Sc3tog. **[1]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Pinch the bottom edge together slightly when you sew the ear on - the little fold gives it a natural curve.

Inner ears (make 2, pink)



Step 3 - triangle ears with pink inner ears.

Row 1: Ch 6. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[5]**

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Dec, sc in next st, dec. **[3]**

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc3tog. **[1]**

Fasten off. Sew each pink inner ear flat onto the centre of a black ear with a few small stitches.

Tail (black)



Step 4 - the curly tail, which spirals all by itself.

Ch: Ch 31.

Row 1: Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, work 3 sc in each ch across. The strip curls into a spiral by itself. **[90]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Do NOT straighten the spiral - the curl is the whole point! The finished tail measures about 10 cm (4 in) curled.

Face Details



Step 5 - the green eyes and embroidered pink nose.

- **Eyes:** 12 mm green safety eyes, already placed between Rnds 11 and 12 of the head, about 8 stitches apart.
- **Nose:** with pink yarn, embroider a small horizontal oval centred between the eyes, one round below them, then one short vertical stitch down from its centre.
- **Mouth:** from the base of the nose, embroider two tiny curved lines outwards in pink for a sweet cat mouth.
- **Whiskers:** thread three short strands of white or cream yarn through each cheek and trim them even.

Finish the whole face before you attach the ears - it is far easier to place everything while you can still check it from a distance.

Assembly



Step 6 - the finished black cat, assembled and ready.

- 1. Head to body:** pin the body's 24-stitch opening to the underside of the head, centred. Whipstitch all the way around with the body's long tail, adding a last pinch of stuffing just before you close the final stitches.
- 2. Ears:** sew one ear to the top of the head on each side, angled slightly outwards. Pinch each ear's base as you sew for a gentle curve.
- 3. Tail:** sew the tail to the back-side of the body so it curls up beside the cat; stitch along its first 2 cm to fix the spiral in place.

4. Weave in all remaining ends. Give the kitty a gentle squeeze all over to even out the stuffing - and it is finished!

3 Tips for a Perfect Black Cat

1. Work in bright light. Black yarn swallows your stitches. Crochet under a daylight lamp, pop a stitch marker in the first stitch of every round, and count each round out loud so your spheres stay perfectly even.

2. Insert the eyes before closing the head. Safety eyes can only be secured while the head is still open. Double-check their placement from a distance before the decreases close the opening for good.

3. Pin everything before sewing. Ears and tail shift as you stitch. Pin the full assembly first, check the symmetry from the front, and only then pick up your needle.

Happy crocheting! Make one for your Halloween mantel, gift one to your favourite cat lover - and keep this pattern handy so your next black cat is never more than an evening away.