

Crochet Pumpkin Kitty

PATTERN

A sweet black amigurumi kitty wearing a ribbed pumpkin hat - a cozy Halloween make for confident beginners.



The finished Pumpkin Kitty, about 15 cm (6 in) tall including the hat.

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

This round little black cat has big amber-rimmed eyes, rosy pink cheeks and an orange pumpkin hat perched between its ears. Every piece is a simple sphere, tube or flat shape worked in single crochet, so the whole kitty comes together in one cozy weekend. Work in a continuous spiral unless a section says otherwise, mark the first stitch of every round, and stuff firmly as you go.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (aran / #4) yarn in **black**, approx. 70 g - head, body, ears, paws and tail
- Worsted-weight yarn in **orange**, approx. 25 g - pumpkin hat
- Small amounts of worsted-weight yarn in **brown** (stem) and **green** (leaf)
- Pink embroidery yarn or thread - cheeks
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 12 mm (amber-rimmed if you can find them)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins
- Optional: short piece of craft wire or a chenille stem for a poseable tail

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

hdc	half double crochet	dc	double crochet
BLO	back loop only	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 (2 1/4 x 1 3/4 in). With the yarn and hook listed, the kitty stands about 15 cm (6 in) tall including the hat.

Head (black)



Step 1 - starting the round black head.

Insert the safety eyes after Rnd 15, before the decreases: place them between Rnds 12 and 13, about 7 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]**

Rnd 8: (Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[48]**

Rnds 9-15: Sc in each st around (7 rounds). **[48]**

Rnd 16: (Sc in next 6 sts, dec) 6 times. **[42]**

Rnd 17: (Sc in next 5 sts, dec) 6 times. **[36]**

Rnd 18: (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 19: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 20: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 21: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 22: 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 pear-shaped, stuffed body.

- 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 8-12:** Sc in each st around (5 rounds). **[42]**
- Rnd 13:** (Sc in next 5 sts, dec) 6 times. **[36]**
- Rnd 14:** Sc in each st around. **[36]**
- Rnd 15:** (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. **[30]**
- Rnd 16:** Sc in each st around. **[30]**
- Rnd 17:** (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 7. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[6]**
- Row 2:** Ch 1, turn. Dec, sc in next 2 sts, dec. **[4]**
- Row 3:** Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[4]**
- Row 4:** Ch 1, turn. Dec twice. **[2]**
- Row 5:** Ch 1, turn. Dec. **[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.

Paws (make 4, black)



Step 3 - triangle ears and small oval paw pieces.

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

Rnd 2: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 3 times. **[9]**

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[9]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Stuff very lightly, or leave flat - the two front paws sit flat against the belly like applique, and the two foot paws get a small pinch of stuffing.

Tail (black)



Step 4 - the long, curved tail.

Bend rounds (optional): on Rnds 10 and 20 only, work: sc, inc, 2 sc, dec - the count stays **[6]**, and the offset stitches give the tube a gentle natural curve.

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

Rnds 2-28: Sc in each st around. **[6]**

Repeat Rnd 2 until the tail measures approx. 12 cm (4 3/4 in) - about 28 rounds. Stuff very lightly, or slip a chenille stem inside for a poseable tail. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Pumpkin Hat (orange)



Step 5 - the ribbed pumpkin hat with stem and leaf.

The back-loop rounds form the vertical pumpkin ridges. The cap is sized to perch on top of the head like a little beret, leaving room for the ears to peek out on both sides.

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 8-10: Sc in the BACK LOOP ONLY of each st around (3 rounds) - this forms the pumpkin ridges. **[42]**

Rnd 11: Sc in each st around (both loops). **[42]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Try the hat on the head before sewing - a slight tilt looks extra charming.

Stem (brown)

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

Rnds 2-4: Sc in each st around (3 rounds). **[6]**

Rnd 5: (Sc in next st, dec) 2 times. **[4]**

Fasten off, close the top in the same way as the head, add a tiny pinch of stuffing if you like, and sew the stem to the top centre of the hat.

Leaf (green)

Row 1: Ch 6. Working into the back bumps of the chain: sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, 2 dc in the next ch, sc in the next ch, sl st in the last ch. **[worked across all 5 ch]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail and sew the leaf to the hat right beside the stem, with a gentle curl.

Face Details



Step 6 - the finished kitty, face added, ready to assemble.

- **Eyes:** 12 mm safety eyes, already placed between Rnds 12 and 13 of the head, about 7 stitches apart.
- **Nose:** with black or dark grey embroidery thread, stitch a tiny 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 for a sweet cat mouth.
- **Cheeks:** with pink embroidery yarn, work 3-4 loose horizontal stitches on Rnd 14 of the head, just outside and below each eye.
- **Whiskers:** thread three short strands of black thread through each cheek and trim them even.

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

Assembly

- 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, leaving a gap in the middle for the hat. Pinch each ear's base as you sew for a gentle curve.
- 3. Front paws:** sew two paws flat against the front of the body, side by side on the belly (around Rnds 11-13 of the body).
- 4. Foot paws:** sew the remaining two paws at the base of the body, pointing forwards, so the kitty sits steadily.
- 5. Tail:** sew the tail to the back-side of the body so it curls upward like a happy cat's tail; stitch along its first 2-3 cm to fix the curve.
- 6. Hat:** set the pumpkin hat on top of the head between the ears, with a slight tilt, and secure it with a few hidden stitches through the hat's edge into the head.
- 7. 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 Pumpkin Kitty

1. Count out loud with black yarn. Dark stitches are famously hard to see. Work under a bright lamp, use a light-coloured stitch marker in every round, and count each round out loud so your sphere stays perfectly even.

2. Finish the face before the hat. Eyes, cheeks and whiskers are far easier to place while the head is still open and the hat is off. Pin the hat on only after the face looks right from a distance.

3. Pin everything before sewing. Ears, paws, tail and hat all 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 pumpkin kitty is never more than an afternoon away.