Crochet Cat Pattern

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Beginner-friendly | ~2-3 hours | About 20 cm tall

Materials

- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in orange, approx. 90 g / 165 m
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in cream, approx. 25 g / 45 m
- Small amounts of pink yarn and dark orange yarn
- Black embroidery floss for whiskers and mouth
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- 10 mm black safety eyes (2)
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in same stitch)
- dec = decrease (sc 2 together)
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- MR = magic ring
- Rnd(s) = round(s)

Step 1: Crochet the Cat Head



- Rnd 1: With orange yarn, MR 6 sc. [6]
- Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]
- Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) 6 times. [18]
- Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) 6 times. [24]
- Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) 6 times. [30]
- Rnds 6-10: Sc in each st around. (5 rounds) [30]
- Rnd 11: (3 sc, dec) 6 times. [24]
- Rnd 12: (2 sc, dec) 6 times. [18]
- Place the safety eyes between Rnds 8 and 9, 6 sts apart.
- Rnd 13: (Sc, dec) 6 times. [12]
- Rnd 14: Dec 6 times. [6] Fasten off, stuff firmly.

Step 2: Crochet the Cat Body



- Rnd 1: With orange yarn, MR 6 sc. [6]
- Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]
- Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) 6 times. [18]
- Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) 6 times. [24]
- Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) 6 times. [30]
- Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) 6 times. [36]
- Rnds 7-11: Sc in each st around. (5 rounds) [36]
- Rnd 12: (4 sc, dec) 6 times. [30]
- Rnd 13: (3 sc, dec) 6 times. [24]
- Rnd 14: (2 sc, dec) 6 times. [18]
- Rnd 15: (Sc, dec) 6 times. [12]
- Rnd 16: Dec 6 times. [6] Fasten off.
- Belly patch (cream): MR 6, inc to 12, (sc, inc) to 18, (2 sc, inc) to 24. Fasten off and sew to the front of the body.
- Muzzle (cream): MR 6, inc to 12, (sc, inc) to 18, one even round. Fasten off and sew to the head.

Step 3: Make the Triangle Ears



- With orange yarn, ch 5.
- Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and across. [4]
- Row 2: Dec, sc in next 2 sts. [3]
- Row 3: Dec, sc in next st. [2]
- Row 4: Dec. [1] Fasten off.
- Inner ear (pink): ch 4; Row 1: 3 sc; Row 2: dec, sc. [2]; Row 3: dec. [1] Fasten off.
- Sew one pink inner ear to the front of each orange ear.
- Sew the ears to the top of the head, 8 sts apart, tilted slightly outward.

Step 4: Crochet the Tail and Paws



- Tail: MR 6 sc. [6]
- Rnd 2: (2 sc, inc) 2 times. [8]
- Work even rounds of 8 sc, changing between orange and dark orange every 2 rounds, until the tail is about 18 cm. Stuff lightly and fasten off.
- Arms (make 2): MR 6; (sc, inc) 3 times [9]; Rnds 3-5: sc around [9]; (sc, dec) 3 times [6]. Stuff lightly, fasten off.
- Legs (make 2): MR 6; (sc, inc) 3 times [9]; (2 sc, inc) 3 times [12]; Rnds 4-5: sc around [12]; (2 sc, dec) 3 times [9]; (sc, dec) 3 times [6]. Stuff lightly, fasten off.

Step 5: Assemble the Cat



- Sew the head to the top of the body with small neat stitches all the way around.
- Sew the tail to the lower back of the body and curl it around to one side.
- Sew the two arms to the front sides of the body and the two legs underneath.
- Check from the front that the cat sits level, then knot off and weave in all ends.

Step 6: Embroider the Face



- With pink yarn, embroider a small triangle nose on the cream muzzle.
- Work a short vertical line down from the nose, then a little 'w' shaped mouth.
- With black embroidery floss, add three long straight whiskers to each cheek.
- Step back and check both sides match - your tabby cat is done!

Tips

- Stuff as you go. Add small handfuls of fiberfill at every decrease round rather than all at once - it keeps the head and body smooth, with no lumps.

- Keep the stripes even. Change to the darker orange every two rounds on the tail and arms, and count your rounds so the stripes line up on both sides.

- Embroider before you assemble. It is much easier to stitch the nose, mouth and whiskers while the head is still separate, so finish the face before sewing the head to the body.