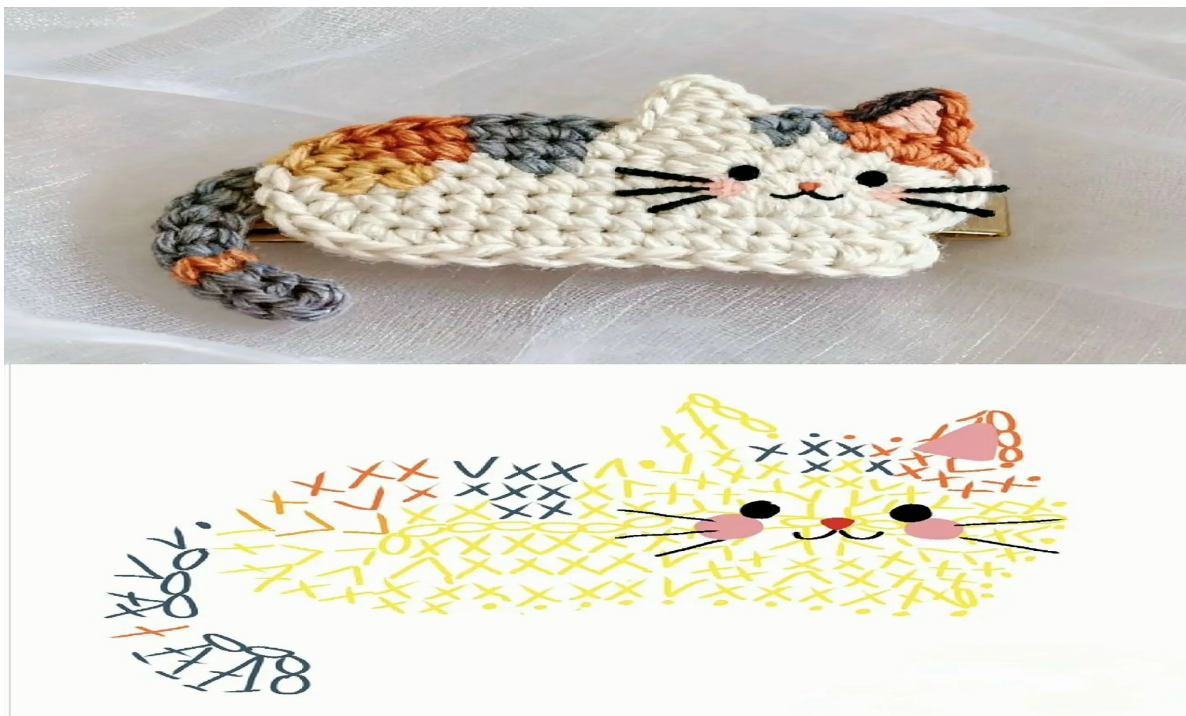


Crochet Cat Appliqué — Step-by-Step Pattern (English)



Introduction

This PDF contains a clear, beginner-friendly step-by-step pattern to make the small flat crochet cat appliqué shown above. Work it as an applique for hair clips, pins, bags, or add it to other projects. The pattern is written in US crochet terms.

Materials

- Sport / DK cotton or acrylic yarn (main color and 1–2 accent colors).
- Crochet hook: 3.0 mm – 3.5 mm (or size recommended for your yarn).
- Small amount of black yarn for facial details and a small pink yarn for the nose/cheeks (optional).
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker (optional).
- Optional: small hair clip, pin back, or felt for backing.

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble (tr) crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- inc = 2 sc in same stitch (increase)
- dec = sc2tog (decrease)

Finished size (approx.)

About 2.8–3.5 inches (7–9 cm) long, depending on yarn & hook. Adjust hook to change size.

Body (worked in rounds, flat)

Rnd 1: Make a magic ring. Ch 1 (does not count as stitch), work 6 sc into the ring. (6)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: *1 sc in next st, inc* — repeat around. (18)

Rnd 4: *2 sc, inc* — repeat around. (24)

Rnd 5: *3 sc, inc* — repeat around. (30)

Rnd 6: Work evenly 30 sc around. (30)

Rnd 7: Shape the oval — place increases at two opposite points to elongate the shape. Example: sc 7, inc, sc 12, inc, sc 8. (34)

Rnd 8: Sc around (34).

Rnd 9: Sc 8, inc, sc 16, inc, sc 8. (36)

Rnd 10: Sc around (36).

Rnd 11: Sc around for 1–2 rounds to build body height—adjust to get the flat appearance you want. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Ears (make 2)

Ch 3. Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next. (2)

Ch 1, turn. Sc2tog across the 2 sts — fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew ears to the top edge of the body.

Tail

Ch 12. Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, sc across. (11)

Row 2–6: Ch 1, turn, sc across to form a small band. For the rounded tip, work 3 sc into the last stitch, then sc back along the chain if you prefer a continuous tube. Fasten off and sew to the body.

Color patches / spots

Use small oval motifs: Magic ring, 6 sc into the ring, pull tight, sl st to finish. Flatten and sew onto the body. Or embroider small satin stitch areas with yarn.

Face (embroidery)

Eyes: French knots or small satin stitch circles with black yarn. Nose: small French knot in pink/orange. Mouth: small "3" shape under nose. Whiskers: 3 short lines each side with black yarn. Secure all ends.

Assembly & Finishing

Sew ears and tail securely. Attach color patches. Add felt backing for clip, stitch clip to felt and applique. Weave in ends. Lightly steam block if desired.

Troubleshooting & Tips

If the applique is too floppy, use a smaller hook or work an extra round of sc around the edge. To make a puffier body, add one more round of dc clusters in early rounds. Mark center line with a stitch marker for symmetrical sewing of ears and tail.

Enjoy!

You now have a complete step-by-step pattern to create a small crochet cat appliqué similar to the photo. If you'd like a one-page printable pattern, UK-term version, or a diagram added, tell me which and I will produce it.