Crochet Cat Pattern Tutorial

This tutorial will guide you step by step to crochet a cute cat applique. It is beginner-friendly and uses simple stitches such as chain (ch), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st), and double crochet (dc). The finished cat can be used as an applique, hair clip decoration, or added to your crochet projects.

Materials Needed:
- Cotton yarn in white/cream, plus optional accent colors (gray, orange, brown) for spots and ears.
- Small amount of black yarn for facial details.
- Crochet hook (size 3.0mm – 4.0mm depending on yarn).
- Yarn needle.
- Scissors.
- Optional: hair clip or pin to attach the cat.

Abbreviations Used:
- ch: chain
- sc: single crochet
- sl st: slip stitch
- dc: double crochet
- st: stitch
- rnd: round

Body:
1. Start with a magic ring.
2. Rnd 1: 6 sc into the ring. (6)
3. Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12)
4. Rnd 3: *1 sc, 2 sc in next st* repeat around. (18)
5. Rnd 4: *2 sc, 2 sc in next st* repeat around. (24)
6. Rnd 5: Work evenly 24 sc around.
7. Continue shaping into an oval by working extra sc increases at both ends for 2-3 rows.
Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Ears (make 2):
1. Ch 3.
2. Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next. (2)
3. Fasten off leaving a tail.
4. Sew the ears to the top of the head.
(Optional: Use colored yarn inside ear for detail.)

Tail:
1. Ch 12.
2. Row 1: Sc in each ch across. (11)
3. Add stripes with a contrasting color by changing yarn halfway.
4. Fasten off, leaving a long end for sewing.
5. Attach the tail to the back of the body.

Face:
- With black yarn, embroider two small eyes.
- Add a small pink nose using embroidery or a French knot.
- Embroider a curved mouth below the nose.
- For whiskers, stitch 3 lines on each side of the face.

Assembly:
- Sew the ears and tail securely onto the body.
- Add colorful patches using yarn by sewing or crocheting small motifs on the body.
- Attach the applique to a hair clip, pin, or use as a decoration.
Your crochet cat is ready!