

# Cute Crochet Lion Face – Step-by-Step English Tutorial

This beginner-friendly crochet tutorial will teach you how to create an adorable lion face motif from scratch. It's perfect for decorating blankets, bags, coasters, or as a wall ornament. The project uses simple stitches, making it ideal for both beginners and intermediate crocheters.

Follow each step carefully, and by the end, you'll have your own soft and charming crochet lion face!



## Materials Needed

- Worsted weight yarn in 4 colors: golden yellow (main), white (muzzle), brown (mane & details), and pink (nose).
- Crochet hook: 3.0 mm – 3.5 mm
- 6 mm black safety eyes or small black beads
- Yarn needle for sewing
- Scissors
- Stitch marker (optional)

## Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch – chain
- sl st – slip stitch
- sc – single crochet
- inc – increase (2 sc in the same stitch)
- dec – decrease (single crochet 2 together)
- st(s) – stitch(es)
- rnd – round

## Step-by-Step Instructions

1. **Start the Head (Golden Yarn)**: Make a magic ring, and crochet 6 sc into the ring. Pull tight. (6 sts)
2. **Round 2**: Inc in each st around. (12 sts)
3. **Round 3**: \*1 sc, inc\* around. (18 sts)
4. **Round 4**: \*2 sc, inc\* around. (24 sts)
5. **Round 5**: \*3 sc, inc\* around. (30 sts) — This forms the base circle for the face.
6. **Round 6 (White Yarn)**: Join white yarn and work \*4 sc, inc\* around for the lower face. Fasten off and weave ends.
7. **Ears (Make 2)**: With golden yarn, ch 2. In 2nd ch from hook, make 5 sc. Join with sl st, leaving a tail for sewing.
8. **Paws (Make 2)**: Ch 4. Starting in 2nd ch from hook, make 1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc. Fasten off.
9. **Muzzle (White Yarn)**: Ch 4. In 2nd ch from hook, work 1 sc, 1 hdc, 3 sc in last st, turn to work along opposite side: 1 hdc, 1 sc. Join with sl st.
10. **Assembly**: Sew the muzzle at the lower center of the head. Sew on ears and paws using the image as a guide.
11. **Face Embroidery**: Attach safety eyes above the muzzle. Use pink yarn to stitch a small triangle nose, and black yarn for the mouth line.
12. **Mane Details (Brown Yarn)**: Embroider short stitches around the face for the lion's mane or crochet small loops using surface slip stitches.
13. **Finishing Touches**: Weave in all loose ends neatly and shape your lion by gently pressing it with a warm iron between cloth layers.

## Tips for Beginners

- Keep your tension even to get a flat and neat shape.
- You can make the lion larger by using thicker yarn and a bigger hook.
- For a plush effect, lightly stuff the muzzle before sewing.
- Experiment with yarn colors to create a tiger, bear, or cat face variation.

## Congratulations!

You've completed your adorable crochet lion face! Display it proudly or gift it to someone special. This simple yet charming design can brighten up any handmade project.