

# Materials & Tools

To make your sleeping cat appliqué, gather the following:

- Thin to medium weight yarn (white or cream recommended, US size 2 or 3)
- Crochet hook size D/3 (3.25 mm)
- Embroidery thread (black, pink, and grey)
- Tapestry needle
- Optional: blush (for cheeks)

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### PART 2: CATAL METHOD & STITCH LEGEND

- ch** = Chain stitch
- sc** = Single crochet
- sl st** = Slip stitch
- inc** = Increase (2sc from 2 sc cs. from one loop); 2 sc even flnt & 2 sc worker together.
- dec** = Decrease (2 sc are worked together).

### PART 1: CAT BODY CONSTRUCTION (Round-by-Round)

**Base Triangle (Rnd 1-X):** Start in MR. Work standard increase triangle until reach desired top width.

**Crocodile Stitch Texture (Rnd X+1 to end):**

**Row 1:** ch, FPdc base setup.

**Row 2:** Work scales over the FPdc posts com over the FPdc posts with [5 dc, ch 2, 5 dc] clusters. Work scales in Purple.

**Edging & Accents:** With Black yarn, sl st around perimeter. With White yarn, embroider small dots and accents (see detailed chart).

### PART 2: FACIAL EMBROIDERY (Detailed Steps)

**Step-by-step illustrations for nose and mouth:**

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**black thread:**

- V-shape nose (MR center)
- Straight line (MR Round 1)
- V-shape mouth (MR Round 2)

**Step-by-step illustrations for eyes:**

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**Sleeping eyes**  
Make detailed eyes on facial rounds.

**Blush:**  
Using a cotton swab, apply a small amount of pink blush (from list) for cheeks.

### ASSEMBLY & FINAL REFERENCE

**Completed** - Sleeping Cat Applique

**Magic Ring start**

**US Standard Single Crochet**

**Embroidery - Sleeping Eyes**

**Back**

**Embroidery - Blush**

**Embroidery**

**Secure weaving**

**pattern for creating the body contour and outline for both outline and tail outline.** Use grey thread for visible stitching. Stitch path follows existing sc edges, defining the curled tail and body curve. Work tail stitches to height. Detailed diagram and pattern overs stitching. Stitch path follows existing sc edges, defining the curled tail and body curve. Work stitches to height. Detailed diagram for finishing with a final sl st.

### PART 3: BODY OUTLINE EMBROIDERY (Tail & Contour)

**Step-by-step instructions & diagrams for grey thread path:** Detailed diagram and

## **Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)**

Make sure you're familiar with these stitches:

- **ch** = chain
  - **sc** = single crochet
  - **sl st** = slip stitch
  - **inc** = increase (2 sc in the same stitch)
  - **dec** = decrease (2 sc worked together)
  - **MR** = magic ring
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## **Part 1: Cat Body Construction (Round-by-Round)**

### **Step 1: Start the Base Triangle**

1. Begin with a **Magic Ring (MR)**.
2. Work in continuous rounds.
3. Build a **triangle shape** by increasing evenly:
  - At the start and end of each row, increase to expand the triangle.
  - Keep the sides straight and symmetrical.

 **Tip:** Your triangle should gradually widen—this forms the curled body of the cat.

Continue increasing until you reach your desired width (this determines the size of your cat).

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### **Step 2: Create Texture (Crocodile Stitch)**


Once your triangle base is complete:

#### **Foundation Rows:**

1. Create a base using chain stitches and front post double crochet (FPdc).
2. This forms posts where scales will sit.

#### **Scale Rows:**

1. Work **crocodile stitches** across the FPdc posts:
  - 5 dc down the post
  - ch 2
  - 5 dc up the same post
2. Repeat across the row.

 Work these textured “scales” in a contrasting color if desired (as shown in purple in the diagram).

Repeat this pattern from Row X+1 to the end of the body.

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### ▶ Step 3: Edging

1. Using black yarn, make a **slip stitch (sl st)** evenly around the entire perimeter.
  2. This defines the cat's silhouette.
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## Part 2: Facial Embroidery

### ▶ Step 1: Nose and Mouth (Black Thread)

1. Stitch a small **V-shape** for the nose at the center.
  2. Add a short vertical line downward.
  3. Create a soft curved **V shape** for the mouth.
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### ▶ Step 2: Eyes

1. Form closed “sleeping” eyes using curved stitches.
2. Each eye looks like a gentle arc.

 Optional: Add tiny lashes for extra detail.

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### ▶ Step 3: Whiskers

- Stitch 2–3 straight lines on each side of the nose using black thread.
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### ▶ Step 4: Blush

- Lightly apply pink blush to the cheeks using a cotton swab.

 This adds a soft, cute expression.

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## Part 3: Body Outline Embroidery (Tail & Contour)

Using **grey embroidery thread**:

1. Follow the outer edge of the crocheted piece.
2. Stitch along existing single crochet edges for a clean outline.

### Tail Details:

- Create a curved line that defines the curled tail.
- Add inner contour lines to suggest the body shape.

💡 Keep stitches even and follow the natural curves of the crochet.

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## Assembly & Finishing

1. Weave in all loose ends securely using a tapestry needle.
2. Adjust the shape gently with your hands.
3. Double-check embroidery placement.

✨ Your sleeping cat appliqué is now complete!

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## Final Tips

- Keep tension consistent throughout for a neat finish.
- Practice crocodile stitch on a sample if it's new to you.
- You can resize the cat by adjusting the triangle base rows.

Enjoy your handmade cozy sleeping kitty! 🐱💤