

WONDERFUL LUCK CAT RUG - PATTERN

Materials & Tools

- Bulk **T-shirt yarn** (super bulky recommended)
 - Color 1: White
 - Color 2: Red
 - Color 3: Ochre/Gold
- Crochet hook: **Size 8–10 mm**
- Yarn needle (for weaving ends)
- Scissors

STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL (Start-to-Finish, US Terms)

1. Preparation & Legend Mastery



Read the US Stitch & Color Legend. Master ch, sc, sc, hdc, dc, tr, and the popcorn. Practice precise color changes.

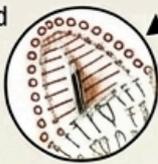
2. Starting: The Head Tip

Start at the "START - Head Tip" arrow. Begin with a Magic Ring (MR) and work the initial red stripes. This sets the complex shape.



3. Shaping the Head

Work Row by Row of the Head Section Module. Follow all "inc" (increases) and "dec" (decreases) noted on the chart for the complex ear and head contours. Stripe color changes are critical.



4. Transitioning to the Popcorn Body

After completing the head, join at the neck base to form the "Body Section Module". Transition to the dense popcorn body pattern. Refer to the Popcorn detail diagram.



5. Creating the Popcorn Body Texture

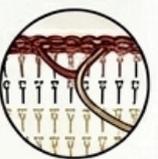
The entire body module is worked in popcorn stitches, except for the leg contours. Stripe color changes are key to marking the fur texture. This is a dense, repetitive section.

6. Shaping the Lower Leg & Tail

Follow the chart to seamlessly shape the lower "Leg Section Module" and transition into the "Tail Section Module". Use sc, dc, tr to create the contours and final red tip. Perform correct increases/decreases as marked.

7. Final Touches & Edging

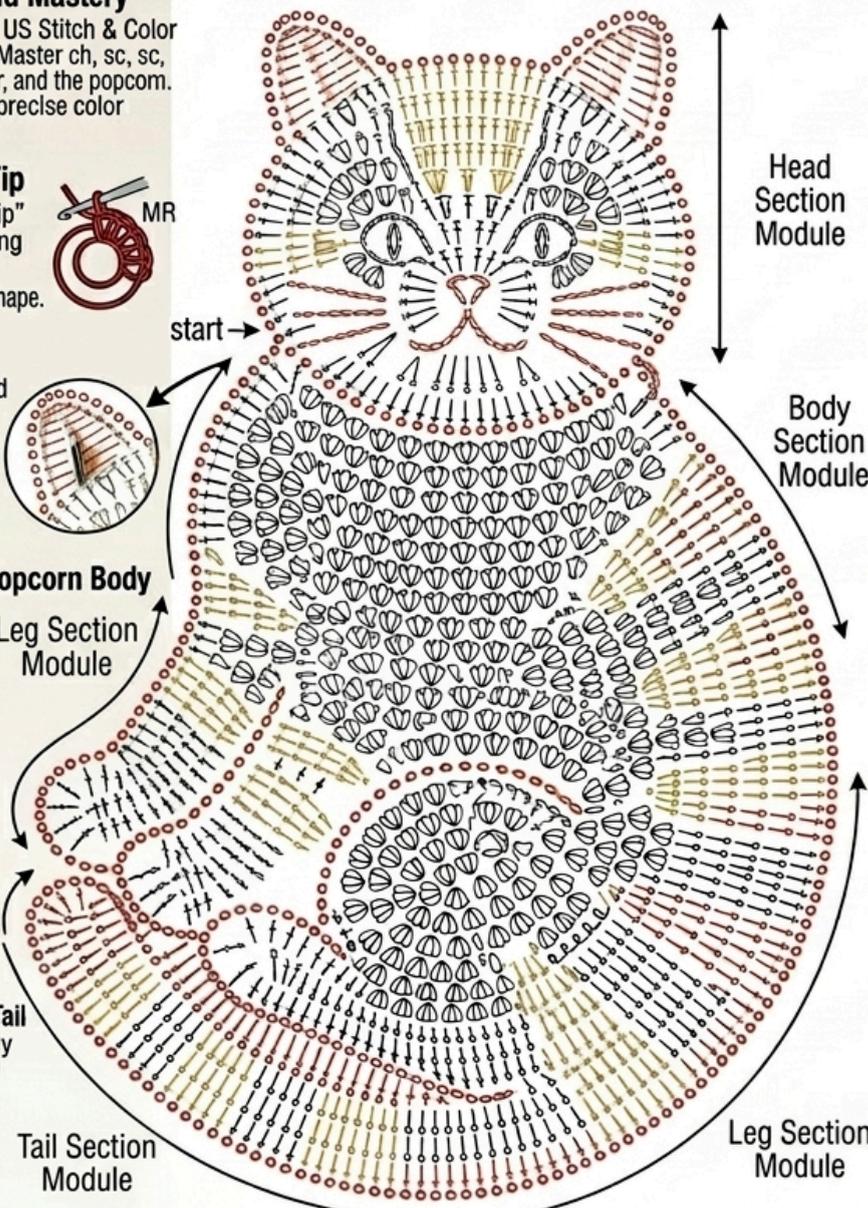
Once the entire shape is complete, work a final perimeter row of "sc" (using appropriate color) to clean the edge. Fasten off and weave in all yarn ends securely.



Fasten off and weave in all large needles.



TECHNICAL CHART: T-SHIRT YARN CAT RUG (Simplified Version)



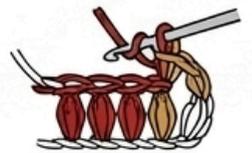
US STITCH & COLOR LEGEND

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- ⌣ hdc = half double crochet
- ⌣ dc = double crochet
- ⌣ tr = treble crochet
- ⌣ popcorn = popcorn stitch (5dc, worked as detailed below)

Colors

- Amostra Branca Fio 1: White
- Amostra Vermelha Fio 2: Red
- Amostra Ocre Fio 3: Ochre/Gold

POPCORN STITCH (5-dc Version, US Terms):



MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION

Bulk T-Shirt Yarn (gross texture), relevant colors. Hook size 8-10mm.

CONSTRUCTION TIPS:

Complex shaped rug. Follow the technical chart to shape the silhouette. The popcorn body texture is dense. Color change across stripes must be precise for correct markings.

POPCORN STITCH (5-dc Version, US Terms):
5 dc in one stitch, pull out hook, insert into 1st dc, pull loop through to pop.

Stitch & Color Legend (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain
- **sc** = single crochet
- **hdc** = half double crochet
- **dc** = double crochet
- **tr** = treble crochet
- **popcorn stitch (pc)** = 5 dc in same stitch, remove hook, insert into first dc, pull loop through to “pop”

Step 1: Preparation & Understanding the Chart

Before starting:

- Carefully study the stitch symbols and how they are used in different sections.
- Notice that the rug is worked in **modules**:
 - Head
 - Body (popcorn texture)
 - Legs
 - Tail
- Pay attention to:
 - **Increases (inc)** → adding stitches
 - **Decreases (dec)** → combining stitches
 - **Color changes** → critical for the cat’s stripes

Tip: Practice the popcorn stitch before starting—it’s used heavily in the body.

Step 2: Starting at the Head Tip

- Begin at the **top of the head (ear tip area)**.
- Create a **Magic Ring (MR)**.
- Work initial stitches into the ring following the chart:
 - Use **red yarn first** for stripe definition.
- This small starting point will expand outward to form the head.

Tip: Keep stitches slightly loose—T-shirt yarn can be stiff.

Step 3: Shaping the Head

Work in rounds following the chart exactly:

- Use combinations of:
 - **sc, hdc, dc, tr**
- Increase stitches where marked to:
 - Form the **ears**
 - Shape the **forehead and cheeks**

Important details:

- The ears are formed by **sharp increases and height changes (tr stitches)**.
- The face includes:
 - Eyes (worked with spacing and stitch placement)
 - Nose and whisker area (structured shaping)

 Be precise with:

- Stitch placement
- Color transitions (especially for facial markings)

Step 4: Transitioning to the Body

Once the head is complete:

- Continue directly into the **neck base**
- Join seamlessly into the **body section**
- Begin shifting toward the **popcorn stitch pattern**

This is where the shape widens significantly.

Step 5: Creating the Popcorn Body Texture

This is the main section of the rug:

- Work the body using mostly **popcorn stitches**
- Between popcorn stitches, use spacing stitches (sc or dc as shown)

Popcorn stitch method:

1. Work **5 dc in the same stitch**
2. Pull hook out
3. Insert hook into first dc
4. Pull loop through to close

Key points:

- Creates a **dense, textured surface**
- Follow color changes to create the **striped fur effect**
- Maintain consistent tension so texture stays even

Step 6: Shaping the Legs

As you continue the body:

- Extend outward to form the **front and back legs**
- Use:
 - **Increases** to widen
 - **Decreases** to taper
- Combine:
 - sc (tight shaping)
 - hdc/dc (smoother curves)

The legs should look rounded and slightly protruding from the body.

Step 7: Forming the Tail

- Continue from the lower body edge into the **tail section**
- The tail curves around the body:
 - Follow the chart's directional shaping carefully
- Use a mix of:
 - sc (tight curve control)
 - dc/tr (length and flow)

 **Tip:** The tail's curve depends on correct stitch placement—count carefully.

Step 8: Managing Color Changes

Throughout the project:

- Switch yarn colors exactly where indicated
- To change color cleanly:
 - Complete the last yarn-over of the stitch with the **new color**
- Keep unused yarn loosely carried or cut and rejoin neatly

Color placement defines:

- Stripes
- Face details
- Body patterns



Step 9: Final Edging & Finishing

Once the full shape is complete:

- Work a final round of **sc evenly around the entire rug**
 - This smooths and stabilizes the edges
- Fasten off securely
- Use a yarn needle to:
 - Weave in all ends
 - Secure any loose joins

✨ Final Tips for Success

- Take your time—this is a **complex shape project**
- Count stitches often to stay aligned with the chart
- Keep tension consistent, especially with T-shirt yarn
- If something looks off, check:
 - Stitch type
 - Placement
 - Color sequence