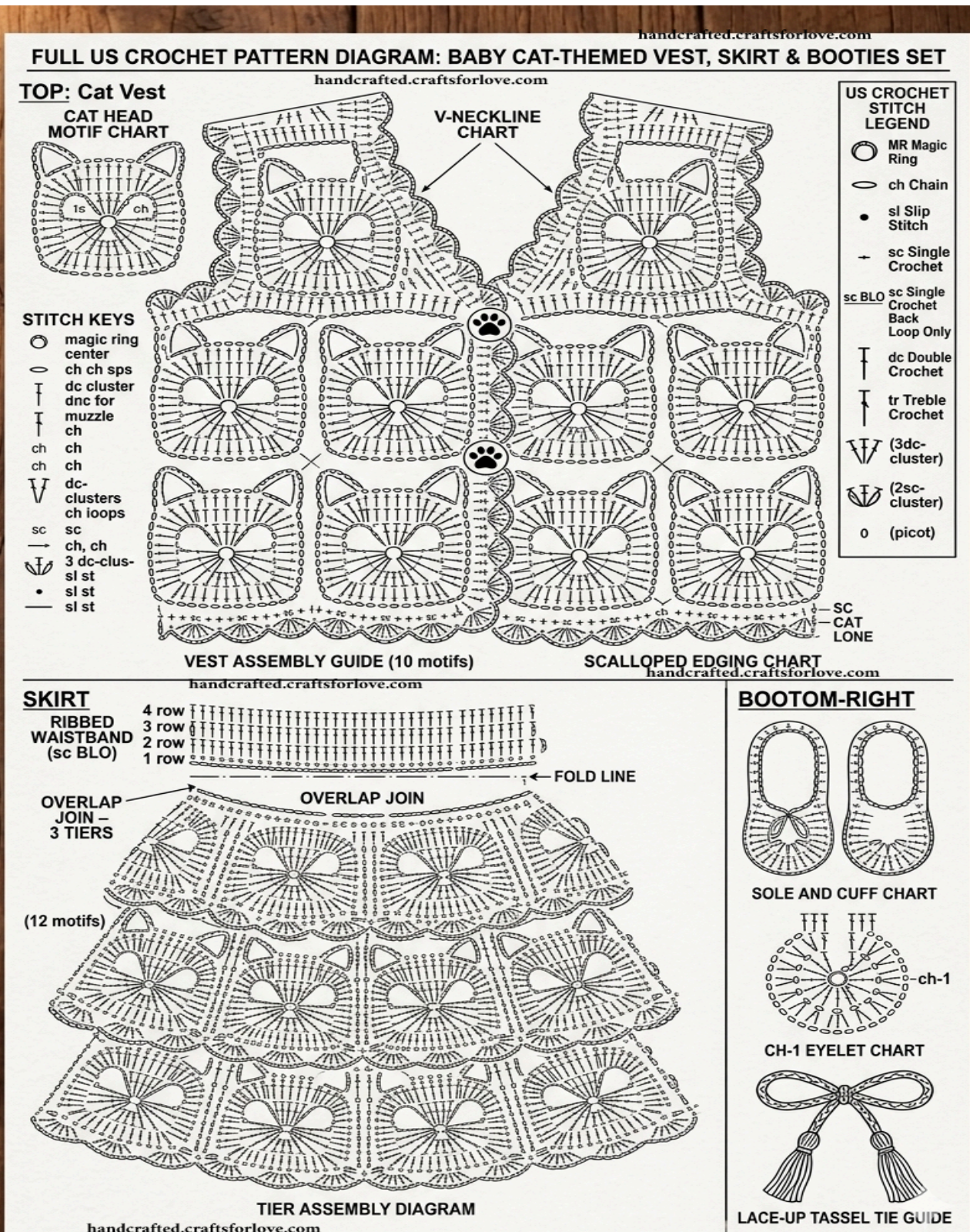


Full Crochet Tutorial: Baby Cat-Themed Vest, Skirt & Booties Set (US Terms)

This detailed step-by-step guide is based entirely on the diagram you provided. It walks you through every section—from individual motifs to full assembly—so you can confidently complete the entire set from start to finish.



Materials You'll Need

- Lightweight (DK or light worsted) yarn in main and contrast colors
- Crochet hook (typically 3.5 mm – 4.5 mm depending on yarn)
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Buttons (for vest)
- Scissors

Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

- MR = Magic Ring
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- sc BLO = single crochet back loop only
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- dc cluster = 3 double crochets worked together
- picot = ch-3, sl st into first chain

Step 1: Crochet the Cat Head Motif (Make Multiple)

This square motif is the foundation of both the vest and skirt.

1. Start with a **magic ring (MR)**
2. Round 1: ch-1, work sc stitches into ring, join with sl st
3. Round 2: Begin forming circular base using dc stitches evenly spaced
4. Round 3: Increase with dc stitches and chain spaces to shape the square
5. Round 4: Form corners using (*dc, ch-2, dc*) in corner spaces
6. Round 5: Add **cat ears**:
 - At top corners, use tr stitches and chains to form triangle ear shapes
7. Add **facial shaping (muzzle area)**:
 - Use dc clusters and chain spaces to create curved lower face

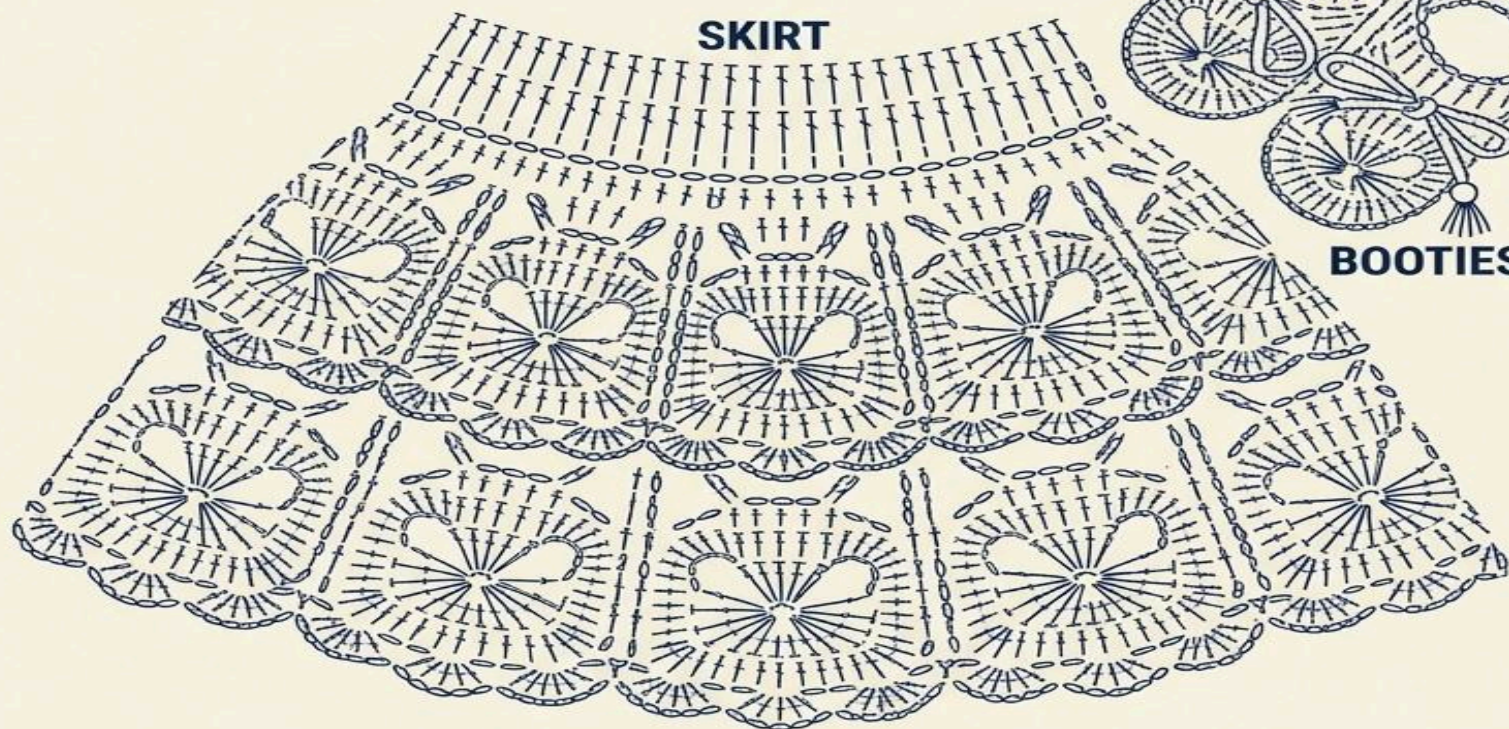
Repeat until you have:

- Vest: 10 motifs
- Skirt: 12 motifs per tier (3 tiers total)



VEST

SKIRT



BOOTIES

CROCHET STITCH KEY (US TERMS)

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| ∞ = chain | ⋈ = double crochet | ⋈ = purple crochet |
| • = slip stitch | ⋈ = double crochet | ⋈ = treble crochet |
| • = single crochet | ⋈ = double crochet | ⋈ = treble shell |
| ⋈ = double crochet | ⋈ = cluster flounce | ⋈ = some picots |

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Step 2: Joining the Motifs

Join motifs as you go or sew later.

- Align squares edge-to-edge
- Use sl st or whip stitch to join
- Keep cat faces upright and aligned

For vest:

- Arrange 2 rows of 5 motifs
For skirt:
- Each tier = 12 motifs in a circular loop

Step 3: Construct the Vest Body

1. Lay out 10 motifs:
 - 5 across bottom row
 - 5 across top row
2. Join sides and shoulders:
 - Leave armholes open
3. Shape neckline:
 - Create a **V-neck** by skipping stitches at center top
4. Add edging:
 - Work sc evenly around all edges

Step 4: Add Scalloped Edging

Work along bottom and edges:

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- (*sc, skip stitch, 5 dc in next stitch, skip stitch, sc*)
Repeat across edge

This creates the decorative scallop border seen in the diagram.

Step 5: Button Band

1. On one front edge:
 - Work rows of sc
2. On opposite side:
 - Add buttonholes:
 - ch-2, skip 2 stitches

Sew buttons aligned with holes

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Step 6: Crochet the Skirt Waistband

1. Chain to fit waist circumference
2. Join into a round
3. Work **4 rows of sc BLO (back loop only)**
 - This creates a ribbed waistband



Step 7: Attach Skirt Tiers

You will create 3 layered tiers.

Tier 1 (Top Layer) <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

- Join 12 motifs in a circle
- Attach to waistband using slip stitch join

Tier 2

- Join another 12 motifs
- Attach below Tier 1 with slight overlap

Tier 3

- Repeat same process
- Attach below Tier 2

This creates the cascading layered look.



Step 8: Overlap Join

- Slightly overlap each tier at the top edge
- Stitch securely so layers sit neatly



Step 9: Crochet the Booties (Make 2)

Sole

1. Start with ch-1
2. Work in rounds:
 - sc evenly around oval base
3. Increase at toe and heel ends

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Upper

1. Continue upward:
 - sc in rounds without increasing
2. Shape toe using dc clusters

Step 10: Add Cuff

- Work several rounds of sc
- Optionally use BLO for ribbed effect

Step 11: Eyelets & Lace Tie

1. Create eyelet round:
 - (*ch-1, skip stitch, sc*) repeat
2. Thread yarn or cord through holes

Tassel Tie

- Cut strands of yarn
- Fold and knot
- Attach to ends of tie cord

Step 12: Final Touches

- Weave in all ends
- Block pieces lightly for shape
- Sew on buttons securely
- Adjust fit if needed

Tips for Success

- Keep tension consistent across motifs
- Count stitches carefully in each round
- Block motifs before assembly for cleaner joins
- Use stitch markers for corners and shaping