

Complete Crochet Kitty Tutorial: Step-by-Step Pattern and Assembly Guide

Step 1: Understand the Crochet Kitty Design

This tutorial follows the visual construction of the kitty shown in the reference diagram, using US crochet terminology and standard American crochet abbreviations.

The design consists of several rounded crocheted pieces assembled into a seated cat. The main components are the head, body, two ears, two front paws, two feet, and a curved tail. The face is completed with embroidered eyes, a nose, and a mouth.

The reference diagram uses different colors to distinguish stitch sections and rounds. You can reproduce the multicolored appearance or use a single main color with contrasting details.

The main components are:

- Head: A large, rounded piece forming the cat's face.
- Body: A rounded piece supporting the head.
- Ears: Two small shapes attached to the top of the head.
- Front paws: Two short, rounded shapes positioned on the front of the body.
- Feet: Two rounded shapes at the bottom of the body.
- Tail: A long, curved piece attached to the back or side.
- Facial details: Two eyes, a small nose, and an embroidered mouth.

The diagram includes numbered round markers and a crochet stitch key. However, it does not provide a complete written stitch count for every round, so the instructions below use a practical amigurumi construction method inspired by the illustration rather than claiming to reproduce every stitch exactly.



Striped Cat Amigurumi



Crochet Tutorial – Step by Step

with Chart, Photos and Instructions

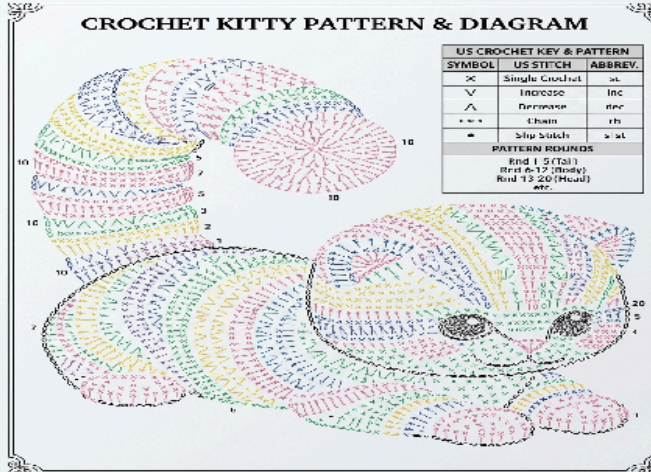
Create your own cute cat with colorful stripes! ♥



Finished size (approx.):
Length: 18 cm (body)
Height: 10 cm (with tail)

Soft
Fluffy
& Cute!

CROCHET KITTY PATTERN & DIAGRAM



US CROCHET KEY & PATTERN

SYMBOL	US STITCH	ABBREVIATION
○	Chain (ch)	ch
●	Slip Stitch (sl st)	sl st
X	Single Crochet (sc)	sc
T	Half Double Crochet (hdc)	hdc
↑	Double Crochet (dc)	dc
⊗	Magic Ring	mr

PATTERN ROUNDS (or Rows)

- Rnd 1–6 (Head)
- Rnd 7–12 (Body)
- Rnd 13–18 (Tail)
- Rnd 19–22 (Legs x4)
- Rnd 23–28 (Ears x2)
- Rnd 29–30 (Pompom)

♥ Use the color sequence shown or create your own!

MATERIALS

- Cotton or acrylic yarn (4 colors or more)
Approx. 150–220 g (varies with size)
- Crochet hook: 2.5–3.5 mm (US size B–E)
- Safety eyes: 10 mm (or embroidery)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker (optional)
- Pom pom maker (optional)

US CROCHET STITCHES – DETAILED GUIDE

Chain (ch)



1. Yarn over (yo).
2. Pull through loop.
3. Repeat for desired length.

♥ = ch

Slip Stitch (sl st)



1. Insert hook in stitch.
2. Yo and pull through both loops.

♥ = sl st

Single Crochet (sc)



1. Insert hook, yo.
2. Pull up a loop (2 loops).
3. Yo, pull through 2 loops.

X = sc

Half Double Crochet (hdc)



1. Yo, insert hook.
2. Pull up a loop (3 loops).
3. Yo, pull through 3 loops.

X = hdc

Double Crochet (dc)



1. Yo, insert hook.
2. Pull up a loop (3 loops).
3. Yo, pull through 2 loops.
4. Yo, pull through 2 loops.

♥ = dc

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1 HEAD (Rnd 1–6)



1. Make a magic ring (mr).
2. Rnd 1: 6 sc (6).
3. Rnd 2: inc x 6 (12).
4. Rnd 3: (sc, inc) x 6 (18).
5. Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24).
6. Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x 6 (30).
7. Rnd 6: sc around (30).

♥ Stuff lightly.

2 BODY (Rnd 7–12)



1. Continue with new color or stripes.
8. Rnd 7: (3 sc, dec) x 6 (24).
9. Rnd 8: (2 sc, dec) x 6 (18).
10. Rnd 9: (sc, dec) x 6 (12).
11. Rnd 10: inc x 6 (18).
12. Rnd 11–12: sc around (18).

7. Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.

♥ Stuff firmly.

3 BODY (Rnd 13–18)



13. Rnd 13–15: sc around (12).
14. Rnd 16: (2 sc, inc) x 4 (16).
15. Rnd 17: sc around (16).
16. Rnd 18: (2 sc, dec) x 4 (12).

♥ Stuff lightly.

♥ Continue with more stripes.

Fasten off, leave tail.

4 LEGS (Make 4)



13. Rnd 13: 4 sc (for mr) (12).
24. Rnd 20: inc x 4 x 3 (18).
25. Rnd 25: (sc, inc) x 4 (12).
7. Rnd 26–28: sc around (12).

♥ Make 2 pieces.

5 EARS (Make 2)



23. Rnd 23: 4 sc in mr (4).
25. Rnd 25: (sc, inc) x 4 (12).
26. Rnd 26–28: sc around (12).

7. Fold and sew to head.

♥ Make 2 pieces.

6 POMPOM (Tail Tip)



29. Wrap yarn around 2 fingers or use a pom pom maker.
30. Tie tightly and cut.
5. Sew the pom-pom to the end of the tail.

♥ You can also use a ready-made pom-pom.

7 ASSEMBLY



1. Sew head to body.
2. Attach legs to the bottom.
3. Sew ears on top of head.
4. Attach tail to back.
5. Add safety eyes and embroider nose and mouth.

♥ Use a yarn needle and matching yarn.

8 EMBROIDERY (Face)



1. Add safety eyes (or embroider).
2. Embroider nose with pink yarn.
3. Embroider mouth with black yarn.
4. Add whiskers (optional).

♥ You can adjust the face style!

9 FINAL RESULT



Your striped cat is ready!

♥ Happy Crocheting!



PATTERN TIPS

- ✓ Use a stitch marker to keep track of rounds.
- ✓ Keep your tension consistent.
- ✓ Change color at the end of a round for clean stripes.
- ✓ Stuff firmly for a nice shape.
- ✓ Use safety eyes or embroider for children.
- ✓ You can make it bigger or smaller by using a larger or smaller hook and yarn.

COLOR SEQUENCE (example)

- Pink (head)
- Yellow (body)
- Green (body)
- Lavender (body/tail)

You can use any combination of colors you like!



A little cat brings a lot of joy!



Step 2: Gather Your Materials and Tools

Before beginning, prepare all the materials needed to crochet, stuff, assemble, and embroider the kitty.

Yarn

- Worsted-weight yarn, Category 4, in your chosen main color.
- Small amounts of contrasting yarn for the ears, paws, feet, and tail.
- Black or dark brown embroidery thread for the eyes.
- Pink embroidery thread or yarn for the nose and mouth.

Crochet tools

- Crochet hook, approximately 3.0–4.0 mm, depending on your yarn and tension.
- Stitch markers.
- Scissors.
- Yarn needle with a blunt tip.
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing.

Optional materials

- Safety eyes, if the toy is not intended for a child under three years old.
- A ruler or measuring tape to help keep the pieces proportional.

For a typical worsted-weight amigurumi project, a 3.5 mm or 4.0 mm hook may be a useful starting point. Choose a hook that produces tight stitches so the stuffing does not show through the fabric.

For toys intended for children under three, embroidered eyes are generally safer than plastic safety eyes because detached plastic pieces can become choking hazards.

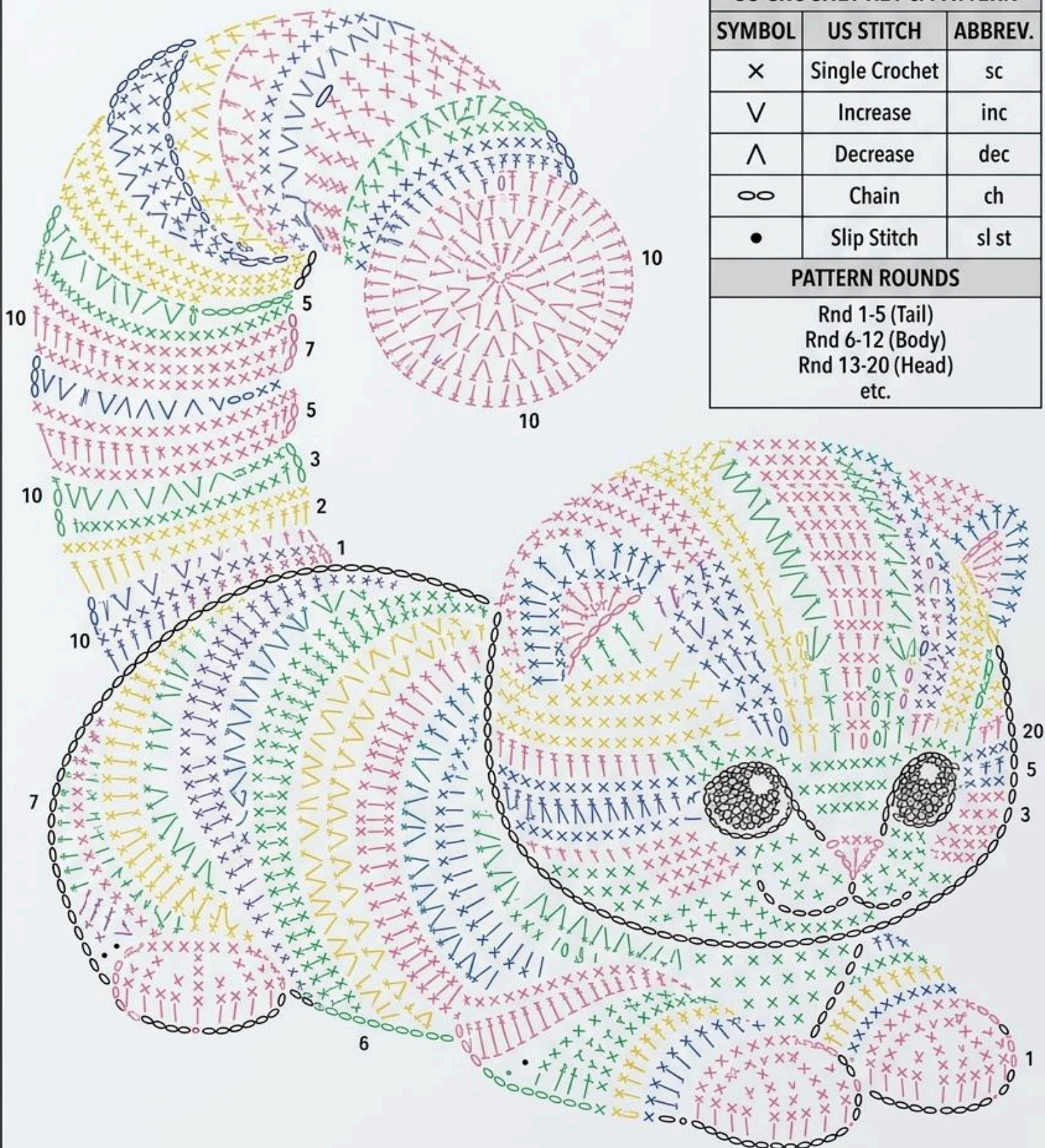
Step 3: Learn the US Crochet Abbreviations

The reference diagram includes a crochet key identifying the principal stitch symbols. The following abbreviations use standard US crochet terminology.

- sc — Single Crochet: Insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over again, and pull through both loops.
- inc — Increase: Work two single crochets into the same stitch.
- dec — Decrease: Combine two stitches into one. An invisible decrease is recommended for amigurumi.
- ch — Chain: Yarn over and pull through the loop on the hook.
- sl st — Slip Stitch: Insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over, and pull through both the stitch and the loop on the hook.
- MR — Magic Ring: An adjustable ring used to begin crocheted circles.
- st(s) — Stitch(es): The individual stitches in a round.
- rnd(s) — Round(s): A complete circular row of stitches.

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The diagram uses an X-like symbol for single crochet, a V for an increase, an inverted V for a decrease, linked oval shapes for chains, and a dot for slip stitch.

Understanding these symbols is essential when following a crochet chart. Always identify the starting point of a round and follow the direction indicated by the diagram.

Step 4: Understand the Numbered Rounds

The reference key groups the pattern into the following sections:

- Rounds 1–5: Tail.
- Rounds 6–12: Body.
- Rounds 13–20: Head.
- Additional rounds and shaping details: Other components and finishing.

These labels indicate the general construction sequence shown in the illustration. They do not provide enough information to determine every stitch count or the exact number of rounds in each individual piece.

In standard amigurumi, circular pieces are often worked in continuous spirals rather than joined rounds. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it upward as you work.

When the pattern calls for an increase, work two single crochets into one stitch. When it calls for a decrease, combine two stitches into one. These techniques allow you to make rounded shapes, widen pieces, and gradually close them.

Step 5: Make a Gauge Swatch

Before crocheting the main pieces, make a small swatch using your selected yarn and hook.

1. Make a slip knot and chain 11.
2. Work one single crochet into the second chain from the hook.
3. Single crochet across the remaining chains.
4. Chain one, turn, and single crochet across again.
5. Continue for several rows.

Examine the fabric carefully. The stitches should be close together, without large holes between them.

For amigurumi, a swatch is primarily useful for checking your tension and deciding whether the hook produces a dense fabric. If the stuffing is visible through the stitches, use a smaller hook.

The reference image does not specify an exact finished size, so the kitty's final dimensions will depend on your yarn, hook, tension, and assembly.

Step 6: Crochet the Head

The head is the largest rounded component in the diagram. It forms the cat's face and should be proportionally larger than the body.

Begin with your main yarn.

1. Make a magic ring.
2. Work six single crochets into the ring.
3. Pull the ring closed.
4. Work two single crochets into each stitch of the first round to increase the circumference.
5. In the following rounds, distribute increases evenly around the circle.
6. Continue increasing until the head reaches the desired width.
7. Work several rounds of single crochet without increases to build the rounded sides.
8. Gradually decrease near the lower portion to create a gently rounded face.
9. Begin adding small amounts of fiberfill before the opening becomes too narrow.
10. Continue decreasing until the opening is small enough to close.

A common starting sequence for a basic circular amigurumi head is:

- Round 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- Round 2: 6 inc. (12)
- Round 3: Repeat 1 sc, inc around. (18)
- Round 4: Repeat 2 sc, inc around. (24)
- Round 5: Repeat 3 sc, inc around. (30)
- Round 6: Repeat 4 sc, inc around. (36)

These are example rounds for constructing a round head, not stitch counts transcribed from the reference chart. Continue increasing if a larger head is needed, and work even rounds to develop the desired depth.

To shape the head, keep the front relatively smooth. Avoid placing all increases in the same area, as this can create visible corners or an uneven surface.

Step 7: Shape the Lower Face

The reference illustration shows a rounded head with a slightly flattened lower area where the face and body meet.

To achieve a similar shape, stop increasing once the head reaches the required width. Work several rounds of single crochet evenly, without increases or decreases.

Then begin gradual decreases near the bottom.

For example, if your head has 36 stitches around, a decrease round could repeat 4 sc, dec around, reducing the circumference. The exact decrease frequency will depend on the number of stitches in your current round.

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Do not close the head completely if you plan to attach it directly to the body using the remaining opening. Leave a long yarn tail for sewing if you fasten off.

Check the shape before proceeding. The head should be rounded, with enough depth to accommodate the eyes and nose.

Step 8: Crochet the Body

The body is smaller than the head and provides the seated silhouette shown in the diagram.

Using the main yarn:

1. Make a magic ring.
2. Work six single crochets into the ring.
3. Increase evenly in each subsequent round until the base reaches the desired width.
4. Work several rounds without increases to create the body's height.
5. Use additional increases or decreases where necessary to create a slightly oval shape.
6. Stuff the body gradually with fiberfill.
7. Leave the top opening available for attachment to the head.

A simple starting sequence for a rounded body is:

- Round 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- Round 2: 6 inc. (12)
- Round 3: Repeat 1 sc, inc around. (18)
- Round 4: Repeat 2 sc, inc around. (24)
- Rounds 5–8: Sc around. (24 each round)

These are example construction rounds, not an exact transcription of the chart. Adjust the number of rounds to create the proportions you want.

For a seated kitty, the lower body should be broad enough to support the head. A slightly flattened base can help the finished figure sit upright.

Stuff firmly enough to maintain the shape, but avoid overstuffing because excessive pressure can stretch the stitches.

Step 9: Crochet the Tail

The reference key identifies rounds 1–5 as the tail section. The tail appears as a curved, elongated piece attached to the body.

To make a simple tubular tail:

1. Make a magic ring.
2. Work six single crochets into the ring.
3. Continue working single crochet in a spiral.

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4. Keep the tube relatively narrow by avoiding unnecessary increases.
5. Work enough rounds to achieve the desired length.
6. Add a small amount of fiberfill if you want a firmer tail.
7. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

For a thinner tail, use fewer stitches around. For a thicker tail, increase the starting circumference.

To create the curve, gently bend the finished tube and sew it to the body in the desired position. If you want the tail to hold a pronounced curve, shape it during attachment rather than pulling it tightly at one point.

The exact tail stitch count and length are not legible from the reference diagram, so use the illustration as a guide for the overall shape.

Step 10: Crochet the Ears

The kitty has two small ears positioned at the top of the head. They can be made as rounded triangles or short pointed shapes.

Make two matching pieces.

1. Make a magic ring or chain a short foundation.
2. Work single crochet stitches into the starting point.
3. Increase along the outer edges to widen the base.
4. Work fewer stitches near the top to create a tapered shape.
5. Continue until the ear is the desired size.
6. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail.

If you prefer rounded ears, work a small oval or semicircular shape instead of a triangle.

For contrasting inner ears, crochet two smaller pieces in pink or another accent color. Sew each inner piece onto the center of an outer ear before attaching the complete ear to the head.

Place the ears symmetrically. Pin them in position before sewing so you can check their angle and spacing.

Step 11: Crochet the Front Paws

The diagram shows two short rounded paws placed against the front of the body.

Make two matching pieces using the main or contrasting yarn.

1. Make a magic ring.
2. Work six single crochets into the ring.
3. Increase evenly to create a small rounded base.
4. Work several rounds of single crochet without increases.

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5. Add a little fiberfill if the paws need extra volume.
6. Fasten off, leaving a long sewing tail.

For a compact paw, use fewer rounds. For a longer paw, add additional even rounds before fastening off.

The paws should be small enough to rest naturally against the front of the body without covering the entire torso.

Position them side by side and pin them in place. Make sure both paws sit at approximately the same height and angle before sewing them securely.

Step 12: Crochet the Feet

The feet create the seated pose and help establish the kitty's lower silhouette.

Make two similar oval shapes.

1. Chain a short foundation, such as five chains.
2. Work single crochet along one side of the chain.
3. Work additional stitches into the final chain to round the end.
4. Continue around the opposite side of the foundation chain.
5. Increase at the curved ends as necessary to maintain an oval shape.
6. Continue working around the oval until the feet reach the desired thickness.
7. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail.

Alternatively, begin with a magic ring and create a small oval through evenly distributed increases.

The feet should be wider than the narrowest part of the front paws and should sit near the bottom of the body.

Place them symmetrically, allowing the kitty to rest naturally in a seated position. If the body tips forward, adjust the feet's placement or slightly flatten the bottom of the body before completing the sewing.

Step 13: Embroider the Eyes

The reference diagram uses dark oval shapes for the eyes.

You can reproduce this detail using black or dark brown embroidery thread.

1. Thread a yarn needle with the embroidery thread.
2. Mark the intended eye positions with pins.
3. Check that both eyes are level and evenly spaced.
4. Bring the needle out through the head at the first eye position.
5. Make several small stitches in the same area to build an oval shape.
6. Secure the thread inside the head.

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7. Repeat for the second eye.

Keep the eyes symmetrical, but avoid placing them too close to the edges of the face.

If using safety eyes, install them according to the manufacturer's instructions before closing the head. Remember that safety eyes are not appropriate for every age group.

For a softer handmade appearance, embroidered eyes are a good choice because their size and shape can be adjusted easily.

Step 14: Embroider the Nose and Mouth

The reference shows a small pink nose near the center of the face, with a short mouth beneath it.

Use pink embroidery thread or fine yarn.

1. Mark the center of the face.
2. Embroider a small triangular or oval nose.
3. Bring the thread down from the nose to create a short vertical line.
4. Add a small angled stitch on each side to form the mouth.
5. Secure the thread inside the head.
6. Check the expression from a short distance and adjust if necessary.

Keep the nose small relative to the eyes. A large nose can make the face look different from the reference design.

For a more defined expression, use a second shade of pink for the mouth or add very subtle whisker lines. These are optional embellishments rather than required features of the original chart.

Step 15: Assemble the Head and Body

Once the individual components are complete, assemble them into the seated kitty shape.

1. Place the head on top of the body.
2. Use pins to hold the pieces in position.
3. Check that the face points forward and the head sits centrally.
4. Thread a yarn needle with the long yarn tail from one piece.
5. Sew around the joining edge, passing the needle through corresponding stitches on the head and body.
6. Keep the seam even and secure.
7. Add a little more stuffing before closing the final gap, if necessary.
8. Fasten off and hide the yarn end inside the body.

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The head should be secure enough to hold its position without wobbling.

If the head feels too heavy for the body, adjust the stuffing and sewing before proceeding. A wider body or a slightly lower head position may improve stability.

Step 16: Attach the Ears, Paws, Feet, and Tail

Attach the remaining pieces one at a time.

Ears

Position one ear on each side of the top of the head. Check their height and angle before sewing. Use small, closely spaced stitches to attach each ear securely.

Front paws

Place the paws on the front of the body, one on each side of the center line. Sew along their inner edges or upper edges, depending on the pose you prefer.

Feet

Attach the feet near the lower front of the body. Make sure both touch the same general base level so the kitty can sit evenly.

Tail

Attach the tail to the back or side of the body. Shape it into a gentle curve and secure it at several points if needed.

After attaching every piece, inspect the toy from the front, back, and sides. Make any necessary adjustments before hiding the remaining yarn ends.

Step 17: Finish and Shape the Kitty

Finishing gives the toy a clean, polished appearance.

1. Check every seam for loose stitches.
2. Secure all remaining yarn ends with a yarn needle.
3. Hide the ends inside the crocheted fabric.
4. Gently redistribute the stuffing with your fingers.
5. Smooth the head and body into rounded shapes.
6. Adjust the ears, paws, and feet so they appear symmetrical.
7. Check that the facial embroidery is secure.
8. Trim loose fibers carefully without cutting the crocheted stitches.

Do not pull the yarn ends so tightly that the fabric puckers. The finished surface should remain smooth and evenly shaped.

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If the kitty does not sit upright, adjust the position of the feet and tail, redistribute the stuffing, or slightly flatten the bottom of the body.

Step 18: Troubleshooting Common Problems

The stuffing is visible through the stitches.

Use a smaller crochet hook or reduce the tension gaps between stitches. Choose a hook that produces a dense fabric with your yarn.

The head looks uneven.

Check your stitch count at the end of every round. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch and distribute increases evenly.

The head is too small.

Work additional increase rounds before beginning the straight section. Keep track of the new stitch count so the sides remain even.

The body cannot support the head.

Check that the body is sufficiently stuffed and that the head is securely attached. A wider base can improve stability.

The ears do not match.

Compare the number of stitches and rounds in each ear. Pin them in position before sewing to verify that their height and angle match.

The face looks crooked.

Mark the center line of the face before embroidering. Position the eyes first, then place the nose between them.

The tail does not hold its curve.

Sew the tail to the body at multiple points rather than attaching it at only one end. This helps maintain the desired shape.

Step 19: Care for Your Finished Crochet Kitty

To keep the kitty looking its best, follow the care instructions for your yarn.

- Spot-clean small marks with a damp cloth and mild detergent.
- If the yarn permits washing, use a gentle method and avoid twisting or wringing the toy.
- Remove excess moisture with a towel.
- Reshape the head, body, ears, and paws while damp.

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- Allow the toy to dry completely before storing or using it.
- Inspect seams and embroidered details periodically, especially if the toy will be handled frequently.

Avoid high heat unless the yarn label specifically permits it. Heat can distort synthetic fibers and change the shape of the stuffing.

Step 20: Final Checklist

Before considering your project complete, verify the following:

- The head is rounded and firmly attached to the body.
- Both ears are securely sewn and positioned symmetrically.
- Both front paws are attached at approximately the same height.
- Both feet support the seated shape.
- The tail is securely attached and shaped as desired.
- The eyes are evenly spaced.
- The nose and mouth are embroidered neatly.
- All yarn ends are hidden.
- The stuffing is not visible through the stitches.
- All seams are secure.

Final Notes About Following the Reference Diagram

The reference is a colorful crochet chart rather than a complete written pattern. Its stitch key identifies single crochet, increases, decreases, chains, and slip stitches, while its numbered sections indicate the general construction of the tail, body, and head.

The tutorial above translates those visual ideas into a practical US-terminology workflow, but the example stitch counts are not verified counts from the original illustration. An exact reproduction would require a clearer chart or the original written pattern, including the stitch counts, shaping instructions, and joining details for each piece.

With consistent tension, careful shaping, secure assembly, and neatly embroidered facial features, you can create a finished crochet kitty inspired by the reference while adjusting its size, colors, and expression to your preference.