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yarn (at least 1 color)
glass or safety eyes
stuffing
hook (size F)
scrap fabric

Kitty Noir

Gauge is not crucial with this pattern, however it will impact the size of the eyes you choose. I find that worsted weight yarn (approx 75-100 yds each, plus at least one additional color for facial features approx. 3-5 yds), and a size F hook, gives consistent results for a 6 inch doll that pairs well with 12mm glass or safety eyes. HINT: This doll is assembled from the top down in a continuous spiral, however I like to start with the arms... that way they're ready to attach when the head is done.

Make Bobble= *YO, insert hook into stitch YO and pull up loop* repeat* 4 more times, YO pull loop through all stitches on hook.





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ARM (make 2) Working in a continuous spiral

Row 1: The arms start with a magic circle, into which 6 SC are made. Pull tail to close loop on magic circle. (6 stitches)

Row 2: *2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 3: *SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (18 stitches)

Row 4: SC in next 18 stitches.

Row 5: *Make bobble in next stitch (these are the toes), SC in next SC, * repeat* 2 more times, SC in next 12 stitches.

Row 6-7: SC in next 18 stitches.

Even Rows 8-22: SC, DCR1 evenly over row

Odd Rows 9-21: SC in every stitch

After the last row there should be 10 stitches. Stuff and set aside.

LEG (make 2) Working in a continuous spiral

Row 1: The legs also start with a magic circle, into which 6 SC are made. Pull tail to close loop on magic circle. (6 stitches)

Row 2: *2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 3: *SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (18 stitches)

Row 4: *SC in next 2 stitches, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (24 stitches)

Row 5: *Make bobble in next stitch (this is the thumb), SC in next SC, * repeat* 3 more times, SC in next 16 stitches.

Row 6-7: SC in next 24 stitches.

Even Rows 8-22: SC, DCR1 evenly over row

Odd Rows 9-23: SC in every stitch

After the last row there should be 16 stitches. Stuff and set aside.

EARS: (make 2) Working in a continuous spiral

Row 1: Like the arms, the ears also start with a magic circle into which 4 SC are made.

Pull tail to close loop on magic circle. (4 stitches)

Row 2: *2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 3 more times. (8 stitches)

Row 3: *1 SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 3 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 4-5: SC in each SC (12 stitches)

Set aside.

TAIL: Working in a continuous spiral

Row 1: The tail starts with a magic circle, into which 6 SC are made. Pull tail to close loop on magic circle. (6 stitches)

Row 2: *2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 3 to end: SC in each SC until tail measures 2 in. Set aside.

HEAD: Working in a continuous spiral

Row 1: The head starts with a magic circle, into which 6 SC are made. Pull tail to close loop on magic circle. (6 stitches)

Row 2: *2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 3: *SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (18 stitches)

Row 4: *SC in next 2 stitches, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (24 stitches)

Row 5-11: SC, INCR 4 stitches evenly over each of the next rows, trying not to place increases in the same place row over row.

Use a stitch marker to indicate the beginning/end of each row if you need to, I tend just to count my stitches as I go. (52 stitches)



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Row 12-14: SC in next (52 stitches)

Row 15-18: SC, DCR 6 stitches evenly over each of the next 4 rows, trying not to place decreases in the same place row over row. (28 stitches)

Row 19 to end: *SC in next stitch, DCR 1*, repeat* 12 more times until there are 15 stitches

It's time to stuff the head and place the eyes. Eye size and placement is personal and can dramatically effect the look of your doll. For the felt eye detail, trace eye detail (figure C) onto your felt and cut out carefully. I prefer very small spring loaded snips for this job. If using safety eyes with posts, make a small slit in your eye details just large enough to fit the post through. Now you can begin position- ing your eyes. Once you have choosen the best position, attach firmly.

BODY: Working in a continous spiral, continue from center back (Row 19) of the head.

Row 1: SC in each SC. (15 stitches)

Row 2: SC, INCR 3 evenly over row. (18 stitches)

Row 3: Starting at the center back of the head, *SC in next 2 SC, attatch arm (with toes pointing in toward body) by aligning 5 stitches of arm with next 5 stitches of body, SC through both layers of those 5 stitches, SC in next 2 SC* repeat* to at- tach second arm. (See figure A.)(18 stitches)

Row 4: *SC in next 2 SC, SC in the next 5 stitches of arm skipped in the previous row, SC in next 2 SC* repeat* to complete arm at- tachment (See figure B.)(18 stitches)

Row 5: SC, INCR 3 evenly over row. (24 stitches)

Row 6: SC in each SC. (24 stitches)

Row 7: SC, INCR 3 evenly over row. (27 stitches)

Row 8: SC in each SC. (27 stitches)

Row 9: SC, INCR 3 evenly over row. (30 stitches)

Row 10: Attatch tail by aligning 6 stitches of tail with center back 6 stitches of body, SC through both layers of those 6 stitches, SC in each SC to end (30 stitches)

Row 11: Following the same technique as arm attachment, SC in 6 SC of tail skipped in previous row,

figure A.

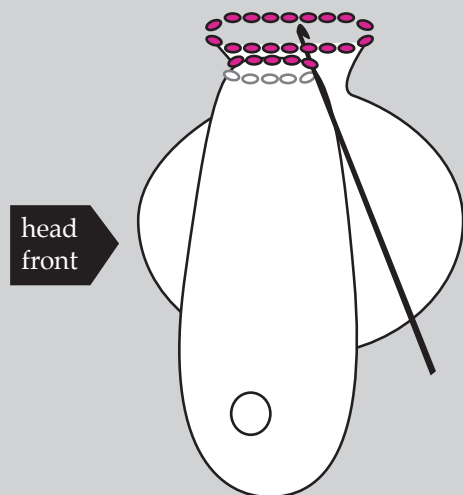


figure B.

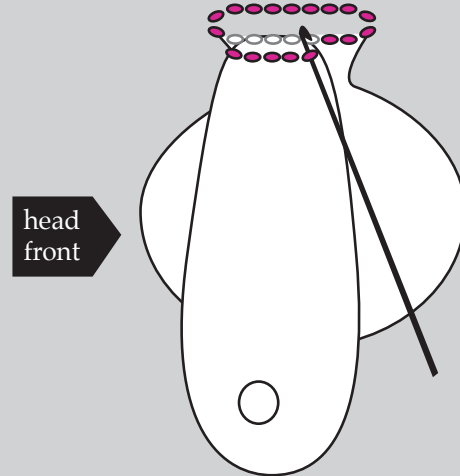


figure C.





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BODY: continued

Row 12: SC in each SC. (33 stitches)

Row 13: SC, INCR 3 evenly over row. (36 stitches)

Row 14: *SC in next 5 SC, attach leg (with toes pointing in toward body) by aligning 8 stitches of leg with next 8 stitches of body, SC through both layers of those 8 stitches, SC in next 5 SC*, repeat* to attach second leg (36 stitches)

Row 15: Following the same technique as arm attachment, SC in 8 SC of legs skipped in previous row, SC in each SC. (36 stitches)

Row 16-17: SC, DCR 6 stitches evenly over each of the next 2 rows, trying not to place decreases in the same place row over row. (24 stitches)

Row 18: *SC in next 2 SC, DCR* repeat 5 more times. (18 stitches)

Row 19: *SC in next SC, DCR* repeat 5 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 20: *DCR* repeat 6 times. (6 stitches)

Bind off with a long tail, stuff body, thread tail through the remaining stitches and pull to close.

FINISHING:

Attach ears using whip stitch or ladder stitch and a single strand of yarn. Add nose and mouth detail with a single strand of contrasting yarn, embroidering an "X" as seen in photos. Optional freckles can be made placing three french knots just to the outside of each eye using a single strand of contrasting yarn.

The bandana is made by cutting 2 triangles (8 in. wide by 3 in. deep) of cotton or other lightweight fabric. Place together with right-sides facing and stitch together using a .25 in seam, leaving at least 1 in open for turning. Clip corners and turn right side out. Press and top stitch opening. Wrap around Kitty's neck and secure with a stitch or a decorative button.

Bandana diagram

