



Basket of Kitties

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★ Pattern Notes

Terminology

This pattern is written in American crochet terminology, which differs from British terminology in some instances. The following table of terms used in this pattern will help should you wish to translate one to the other.

American (US)		British (UK)	
ch	chain	ch	chain
Slst	slip stitch	ss	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet
skip		miss	

Abbreviations & Symbols

cm	centimeters
invdec	invisible decrease
mm	millimeters
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
()	Round brackets indicate: A group of stitches to be worked into the same stitch or space, or The amount of stitches you should have on completion of the round or row it follows, or Explanatory notes within the pattern.
[]	Square brackets contain a group of stitches to be worked the amount of times indicated after the brackets
"	inches

Special Stitch Explanation:

Invdec

This is a good way of decreasing in amigurumi when you need a tight, smooth fabric as this technique will eliminate bumps and holes in the fabric and will, as its name suggests, be almost completely invisible.

Insert hook into front loop only of first stitch, do not wrap yarn, insert hook into front loop only of next stitch. You will now have a total of three loops on your hook. Wrap your yarn around hook and pull through both of the 2 front loops on the hook, wrap yarn around hook again and pull through last 2 loops on hook. You have now 'invisibly' decreased by one stitch.

Color Changing:

Make all color changes in the last 2 loops of the final stitch of the old color.

Tips for Neater Color Changes (optional):

1. Make the first stitch in the new color a slip stitch instead of a single crochet. (Don't pull the slip stitch too tight or it will be difficult to crochet into in the next round)
2. On narrow stripes (1-2 rounds), add 1 extra stitch of the old color to the end of every color change round (move marker up a stitch to reflect new start of round). This extra stitch will help to counteract the shortness of the slip stitch that replaced the single crochet.

Color Change Ends:

Tie off and trim your color change ends as you go. Tie securely on the inside of your work. With amigurumi crochet it can be difficult to reach the ends once you have crocheted too many rows above.

For repeating stripes carry the unused color up the inside of the work to save keep cutting and re-tying.

Embroidered Stitches:

To hide the starting and fastening off ends of the embroidered stitches on the face, first thread your yarn needle with the appropriate yarn. Tie a knot in the end of your yarn and push needle into and out of toy between crochet stitches, coming out where you want the first embroidery stitch to be. As you pull on the yarn the polyester toy filling will catch the knot securely inside the toy. When you have worked the required embroidery stitches you can finish off by passing the needle in and out between different crochet stitches a few times until the yarn is securely caught up in the polyester filling. When secure, pull on end of yarn and snip off close to toy.

Stitch Marker Use:

Place marker in first stitch of each round. Move marker up with each completed round.

Stitch Placement: Work in both loops of the stitch unless specified otherwise.

Gauge (Tension):

Exact gauge is not crucial for this pattern. Just make sure your crochet hook is small enough to create a tight fabric that the stuffing can't poke through.

With the yarn and hook specified below cat measures approx 4" (11cm) tall. Kittens measure approx 3" (8 cm) tall. Basket measures approx 9" (22cm) diameter.

Materials for each

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| 1 | Light Worsted Weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following color suggestions:
White, Light Orange, Dark Orange, Black, Light Blue, Dark Blue, Silver Gray, Red.
Super Bulky (Super Chunky) yarn in the following color suggestions:
Beige, Blue. |
| 2 | 2 x 9mm black plastic safety eyes. (Or beads or yarn instead) |
| 3 | Polyester toy stuffing . |
| 4 | Sequins (to decorate fish) |

Equipment

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| 1 | Size D (3.25mm) crochet hook.
Size L (8mm) crochet Hook. |
| 2 | Scissors. |
| 3 | Large yarn needle. |
| 4 | Stitch marker. |
| 5 | Tweezers (for stuffing small parts) |

★The Pattern



Stripy Marmalade Cat

Head and Body

	Make 1 piece, starting at center of face. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With size D (3.25mm) crochet hook and White yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
	Continue in stripe pattern of 1 round Light Orange (LO) followed by 1 round Dark Orange (DO) as indicated at the beginning of each round.
Rnd 4	(LO) [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	(DO) [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	(LO) [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 7	(DO) [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 8	(LO) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 9	(DO) Sc in each st around.
Rnds 10-17	[Repeat Rnds 8-9] 4 more times. (8 rounds)
	Attach safety eyes between Rnds 6 and 7 , spacing them 10 stitches apart.
Rnd 18	(LO) [Sc in each of next 5 st, invdec] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 19	(DO) [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 20	(LO) [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 21	(DO) [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 22	(LO) [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
	Stuff head and body.
Rnd 23	(DO) [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.
	With a strand of Black yarn embroider on nose, mouth and three whiskers using running stitches.

Legs

	Make 4 pieces, starting at bottom of foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With size D (3.25mm) crochet hook and White yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
	Continue in stripe pattern of 1 round Light Orange (LO) followed by 1 round Dark Orange (DO) as indicated at the beginning of each round.
Rnd 4	(LO) Working in back loops only: Sc in each st around.
Rnd 5	(DO) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 6	(LO) Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 7	(DO) Sc in each st around.
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Stuff legs. Sew to base of body so that the front and back legs touch, leaving a gap of 2 stitches between the right and left legs.

Ears

Make 2 pieces, starting at tip of ear. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **size D (3.25mm)** crochet hook and **Dark Orange** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 3 sc in second ch from hook. (3 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 3 st. (6 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 5 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 7 Sc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Oversew bottom edge of ear together. Sew ears to top of head in between **Rnds 10** and **11** spacing them **5 stitches** apart.

Tail

Make 1 piece, starting at tip. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **size D (3.25mm)** crochet hook and **Dark Orange** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 3 sc in second ch from hook. (3 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 3 st. (6 sts)

Continue in stripe pattern of 1 round **Light Orange (LO)** followed by 1 round **Dark Orange (DO)** as indicated at the beginning of each round.

Rnd 3 **(LO)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4 **(DO)** Sc in each st around.

Rnds 5-10 [Repeat **Rnds 3-4**] 3 more times. (6 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Stuff tail. Sew to back of cat slightly above center.



Stripy Marmalade Kitten

Head and Body

	Make 1 piece, starting at center of face. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With size D (3.25mm) crochet hook and White yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
	Continue in stripe pattern of 1 round Light Orange (LO) followed by 1 round Dark Orange (DO) as indicated at the beginning of each round.
Rnd 3	(LO) [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	(DO) [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	(LO) [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	(DO) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 7	(LO) Sc in each st around.
Rnds 8-11	[Repeat rounds 6-7] 2 more times. (4 rounds)
	Attach safety eyes between Rnds 4 and 5 , spacing them 7 stitches apart.
Rnd 12	(DO) [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 13	(LO) [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 14	(DO) [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
	Stuff head and body.
Rnd 15	(LO) [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.
	With a strand of Black yarn embroider on nose, mouth and two whiskers using running stitches.

Legs

	Make 4 pieces, starting at bottom of foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With size D (3.25mm) crochet hook and White yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
	Continue in stripe pattern of 1 round Light Orange (LO) followed by 1 round Dark Orange (DO) as indicated at the beginning of each round.
Rnd 3	(LO) Working in back loops only: Sc in each st around.
Rnd 4	(DO) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 5	(LO) [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Stuff legs. Sew to base of body in a square formation with all legs touching each other.

Ears

	Make 2 pieces, starting at tip of ear. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
Rnds 1-5	With Dark Orange yarn, follow Rnds 1-5 of Stripy Marmalade cat ears pattern. (5 rounds)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Oversew bottom edge of ear together. Sew ears to top of head in between Rnds 7 and 8 spacing 3 stitches apart.

Tail

Make 1 piece. Working in rows.

With **size D (3.25mm)** crochet hook and 1 strand of **Light Orange** and 1 strand of **Dark Orange** yarn held together, make **7 ch**, turn.

Row 1 Slst in second ch from hook, Slst in each remaining 5 ch.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Sew to back of Kitten just above center. Weave in ends.



Cat Basket (using Super Bulky yarn)

Make 1 piece, starting at center of base. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **size L (8mm)** crochet hook and **Beige Super Bulky** yarn, make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 6 [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 7 [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 8 [Sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (48 sts)

Rnd 9 [Sc in each of next 7 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (54 sts)

Rnd 10 [Sc in each of next 8 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (60 sts)

Change to **Blue Super Bulky** yarn. Do not cut **Beige** yarn.

Rnd 11 Working in front loops only: Sc in each st around.

Rnds 12-15 Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)

Rnd 16 Working in back loops only: Sc in each st around.

Rnds 17-19 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Fold rim of basket in half, so **Rnd 19** is now level with **Rnd 11**. The right side of the crochet is on the inside of the basket. The fold will naturally fall on **Rnd 16** where you crocheted into the back loops only. Change to **Beige super bulky** yarn.

Rnd 20	Sc through both the next st and in the corresponding left over back loop from Rnd 11 , repeat around, thus joining the top of your crochet to the base. (60 sts) Fasten off, weave in ends.
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Feeding Bowl

	Make 2 pieces, starting at center of base. Working in continuous spiral rounds. With size D (3.25mm) hook and Light Blue yarn, make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	[Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
	Change to Dark Blue yarn. Do not cut Light Blue yarn.
Rnd 7	Working in front loops only: Sc in each st around.
Rnds 8-10	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)
Rnd 11	Working in back loops only: Sc in each st around.
Rnds 12-13	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds) Change to Light Blue yarn.
	Fold rim of bowl in half, so Rnd 13 is now level with Rnd 7 . The right side of the crochet is on the inside of the bowl. The fold will naturally fall on Rnd 11 where you crocheted into the back loops only. Change to Light Blue yarn.
	Sc through both the next st and in the corresponding left over back loop from Rnd 7 , repeat around, thus joining the top of your crochet to the base. (36 sts) Fasten off, weave in ends.

Fish

	Make 1 piece, starting at mouth. Working in continuous spiral rounds. With size D (3.25mm) crochet hook and Silver Gray yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	3 sc in second ch from hook. (3 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 3 st. (6 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnd 4	Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts)
Rnds 6-8	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)
Rnd 9	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
Rnd 10	Sc in each st around.
Rnds 11-12	2 sc in each st around. (12 sts) Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Oversew end of fish tail together. Fasten off, weave in end.
	Sew a few rows of sequins to side of fish and attach a bead for an eye, (or leave plain if you prefer).

Milk

	Make 2 pieces, starting at center. Working in continuous spiral rounds. With size D (3.25mm) hook and White yarn, make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
	Fasten off. Cut yarn on first piece, Do not cut yarn on second piece.
	With yarn still attached, place one piece on top of the other, wrong sides together.
Rnd 6	Work each sc through both pieces, [sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
	Fasten off, weave in ends.
	Place inside one of the feeding bowls.

Ball

	Make 1 or more pieces, starting at center of base. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With size D (3.25mm) hook and Red yarn , make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Continue in stripe pattern of 2 rounds White (W) followed by 2 rounds Red (R) as indicated at the beginning of each round.
Rnd 2	(W) 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	(W) [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	(R) [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	(R) Sc in each sc around.
Rnds 6-7	(W) Sc in each sc around. (2 rounds)
Rnds 8-9	(R) Sc in each sc around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 10	(W) [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 11	(W) [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
	Stuff Ball.
Rnd 12	(R) [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.



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