

Simply Cute Cat

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:
main color-grey
contrast-white
nose-pink
mouth-black
collar-hot rose
I used "I love this yarn" from
Hobby Lobby
Size G & F Crochet Hooks
Fiberfill
Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my cat has 12mm blue safety eyes), beads, buttons or glass,
plastic pellets and scrap nylon if not using as a toy,
blush for a little color and white felt for under eyes

Finished measurements: approx 11 inches not counting ears.

Since this is a toy pattern, gauge is not important. Use a smaller or bigger hook to create different size bears

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain
dc=double crochet
fo=fasten off
hdc=half double crochet
rnd= round
sc=single crochet
sl st = slip stitch
tog = sc 2 stitches together

Notes and Tips:

Helpful to read these before starting and when it's time to put your cat together

*Pieces are crocheted in the round, do not join with slip stitch unless indicated in individual piece instructions.

*When stuffing pieces, try not to overstuff. Over stuffing will spread out your stitches making bigger holes and showing too much fiberfill.

*I like to use a stitch counter to count off my rows, or scrap paper to mark off. A stitch marker will come in handy when repeating rounds or you can pull through the beginning tail as you go to help you spot the beginning of each round.

*I crochet all my pieces then put my toy together at the end, but maybe you prefer putting them together as you go.

*Use a little felt under your cat's eyes to help them stand out. Trace around a button that is just a little bit bigger than your eyes. Cut a small slit in the center of the circle, insert eye, and attach to head.

*If your cat is not going to be a toy you might want to give her a little weight. I fill the bottom of a old knee high nylon with plastic pellets, tie it off and stuff it in my cat's bottom, then I fill the rest of the body with fiberfill.

*If using safety or glass eyes, remember not to close the bottom of the head until you have positioned and secured eyes. To help me make sure my eyes are just where I want them I stuff lightly test positions and then remove stuffing and secure eyes.

*After positioning eyes and nose, before securing head, you might want to do a little shaping. Split your yarn into 2 ply and thread tapestry needle. Insert the needle in the bottom of the head, where the stitch won't be seen. Bring needle up right next to the right eye, move over and insert about 3 stitches to the right, pull needle back down through head and pull slightly to make a small indent. Don't pull to tight. Repeat for the other eye, moving over to the left this time. Now your cat has a bit of eye liner and her eyes stand out a bit.

*Blush lightly, you can always add more, but it's a bit tricky to get off. You also don't want to rub your stitches out of shape.

*To help sewing on nose and mouth, split yarn into two ply. Shape nose as you sew and work on mouth after. To start mouth, bring yarn up through bottom of head to the bottom of nose, insert needle about 3 or 4 stitches down and insert needle coming back out the bottom, reinsert needle, come back up at the bottom of the mouth, being careful not to catch that last stitch. Insert yarn at angle (for right side) about 3 or 4 stitches down (look at your cat and see if this works for you, move around before inserting needle back into head). Go back down through bottom, pull slightly to help shape muzzle (but not too much). Repeat for the left side of mouth, tie off under the head so stitches don't show.

*After your cat's face is blushed and attached, give her some whiskers. Split your white yarn into two plies. Thread your tapestry needle and insert around one single crochet on your cat's muzzle. Tie a small double knot, spread the yarn out and cut whiskers to desired length. Don't forget to do both sides.

*Before attaching legs I thread my tapestry needle, hold one leg next to my cat's bottom and then insert the threaded needle all the way through the body. This shows me where my legs need to be. Then I attach legs by sewing through a couple stitches on the inside of the leg, insert needle back into body and do the same for the other leg. I tug on my yarn slightly to indent my cat's body just a little but not too tight or she'll be out of portion. Repeat sewing through legs at least 2 times.

*I sew on arms after my legs and head to be sure they are exactly where I want them. Sew them on the same way you did the legs.



Body

Stripy Version

with grey yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)

4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)

5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)

change to white

6-7: sc in each sc around (30)

change to grey

8: *sc 4, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)

9-10: sc in each sc around (36)

11: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)

change to white

12-14: sc in each sc around (30)

now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail

15: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)

change to grey

16-20: sc in each sc around (24)

21: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)

22-23: sc in each sc around (18)

stuff with fiberfill.

24: sc 2tog around (9) FO leave a long tail to sew.

thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close

Solid Version

With main color, follow rnds 1-24 of stripy body without changing colors

Leg (left)

with grey yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)

4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)

5-6: sc in each sc around (24)

7: *sc 2, sc2tog *, repeat between *'s around (18)

8: sc in each sc around (18)

now is a good time to weave in that starting tail

9: *sc 1, sc2tog *, repeat between *'s around (12)

10: sc in each sc around (12)

change to white

11-14: sc in each sc around (12)

change to grey

15-20: sc in each sc around (12)

Stuff bottom of foot firmly (without stretching stitches) and upper portion lightly

21: sc2tog around (6), FO leave long tail for sewing.

Thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.

Leg (right)

with white yarn

Follow rounds 1-9 of left leg instructions

change to grey

Follow rounds 10-21 of left leg instructions

Arm (left)

with white yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3-5: sc in each sc around (12)

now is a good time to weave in that starting tail

6: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc around (11)

7: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc around (10)

with grey yarn

8-17: sc in each sc around (10)

Stuff bottom of arm firmly (without stretching stitches) and upper portion lightly

18: sc2tog around (5) FO leave long tail for sewing

Thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.

Arm (right)

with grey yarn

Follow rounds 1-7 of left arm instructions

with white yarn

Follow rounds 8-10 of left arm instructions

with grey yarn

Follow rounds 11-18 of left arm instructions

Head

with white yarn

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)
4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)

with grey yarn

- 5: sc 6, hdc 6, sc 6, hdc 6 (24)
6: sc in each sc around (24)
7: *sc 3, 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)
8: *sc 4, 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)
9-10: sc in each sc around (36)
11: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)

now is a good time to weave in that starting tail

- 12-13: sc in each sc around (30)
14: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)
15: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)
16: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (12)

stuff firmly (being careful not to over stretch stitches) if using safety eyes, position now

- 17: sc2tog around (6) FO leave long tail for sewing.

When your eyes are positioned where you want them, thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.



Nose

with F Hook and pink yarn

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
3: sc2tog (1 time) FO weave in ends
I pull on the sides a little to give my nose a slightly oval shape.

Ear (left)

with white yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (4)

2: sc in each sc around (4)

3: 2 sc in each sc (8)

4: sc in each sc around.

with grey yarn

5: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (12)

6: sc in each sc around (12)

7: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (16)

8: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (20) FO leave long tail for sewing

Weave in beginning end. Thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, whip stitch bottom of ear closed, bending in slightly and tugging on yarn just a little for a slight indent and shape.

Ear (right)

with grey yarn

Follow rounds 1-8 of left ear instructions

Tail

with white yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (4)

2: sc in each sc (4)

3: 2 sc in first sc, sc in each remaining (5)

4: sc 2 in each sc around (10)

5-8: sc in each sc around (10)

with grey yarn

9-10: sc in each sc around (10)

with white yarn

11-12: sc in each sc around (10)

with grey yarn

13-24 sc in each sc around (10) FO leave long tail for sewing

stuff lightly



Collar

with hot pink yarn

- 1: ch 4, sc in 2nd ch. from hook and each ch to end (3), ch 1, turn
- 2: sc in ea sc, ch 1, turn

Repeat round 2 14 times or until collar just fits around cat's neck. FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning yarn tail. Put collar on and sew ends together with ending tail yarn.

Flower

with hot pink yarn

- 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook (5)
- 2: working in front loops only for this round, *sl st in next sc, hdc, ch 1, sl st in same space*, repeat between *'s around (5 petals) FO, weave in ends

with pink yarn

- 3: working in back loops for this round, join pink yarn with sl st in any sc, *ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in same space*, repeat between *'s around. FO, weave in ends

Sew flower onto collar

Time to put your cat together.



Hope you enjoy this pattern. I appreciate your business and had a great time creating it.

Thanks,
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