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Crochet Pattern

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Skill level: Intermediate



Funny Cat

About this pattern

The toy is crocheted in continuous spirals without joining the rounds. You will need a stitch marker to keep track of where the beginning of each round starts. Move the marker up to the first stitch of the next round after finishing the previous one.
If you don't have a stitch marker you can always use a scrap of contrasting yarn instead. You can see it in my photos.

I use USA terminology for my pattern (don't worry if you use UK terms, all the differences are explained in the pattern).

Finished size

Finished size approx. 17 cm (6.7 inches) tall using the materials stated in the pattern.

Happy crocheting!

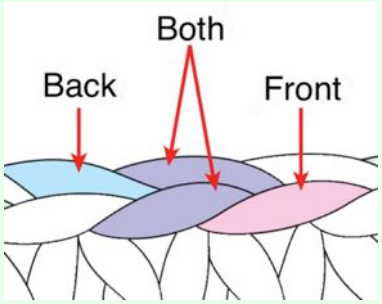
Materials and tools

- ✓ **Yarn**:
  - Any color of your choice for the main parts - any moderately fluffy yarn. I used 50 g of "Kid Royal" by Alize (Lace, 62% Mohair, 38% Nylon (Polyamide); 250 meters/25 grams) working in 2 strands.
  - Contrasting color for the limbs - any moderately fluffy yarn. I used small amount of "Kid Royal" by Alize (Lace, 62% Mohair, 38% Nylon (Polyamide); 250 meters/25 grams) working in 2 strands.
  - Small amount of white for eyes (if crocheting them)
  - Amy yarn you like for scarf.
- ✓ Crochet hook. I used 1.75 mm (approximately US steel hook 6, UK steel hook 3 ½).
- ✓ Small amount of white polymer clay for the white of the eyes (if not crocheting them).
- ✓ Two small black beads for the pupils of the eyes or safety eyes. I used 1 mm in diameter.
- ✓ Any stuffing.
- ✓ Single core copper electrical wire (or steel wire) 1 mm diameter for the arms, legs and tail. I used approximately 100 cm (approximately 40 inches). Use only copper or steel wire for the frame as they can better stand bending compared to aluminum. You can buy it at electric supplies stores or craft store as wire for making jewelry.
- ✓ Tapestry needle.
- ✓ Strong thread for tightening.
- ✓ Transparent glue.
- ✓ Velcro or brush for brushing up the toy.
- ✓ Fishing line or elastic thread for whiskers.
- ✓ Any material for tinting (optional). I used oil pastel.

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Tip (make it right)

If there are no special notes, the toy is crocheted under both parts of the loop. In some rows, there are special notes: 'into the front loop only' or 'into the back loop only'. In that case, you need to follow these instructions.



Tip (make it right)

When making toys the right side looks like this:



And the backside looks like this:



Abbreviations

ch(s) = chain(s)
st(s) = stitch(es)
sl st = slip stitch
sc(s) = single crochet(s)
inc(s) = increasing(s) (2 sc in 1 st)
dec(s) = decreasing(s) (sc2tog)
sc2tog = single crochet two stitches together
rnd = round

If there is a record in the brackets in the pattern, multiplied by some number, for example (3 sc, 1 inc) x 3, it means you need to repeat this action 3 times, that is 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc.

TIP (yarn and wire)

If you use different yarn, the toy will be bigger or smaller and you will need more or less yarn and wire than stated in the pattern (i.e. thicker yarn will produce a larger toy and you may require more yarn and wire).

If you decide to use thicker yarn you should buy thicker wire as well. The thicker your yarn the taller the toy will be.

Tip (gauge)

When making toys, you should use a much smaller hook than recommended for the yarn you choose.
Make sure you crochet tight enough; otherwise, the stuffing will show through the holes.

USA/UK terminology comparison chart.

Abbreviations USA	Abbreviations UK
ch - chain	ch - chain
sc - single crochet	dc - double crochet
hdc - half double crochet	htr - half treble
dc - double crochet	tr - treble
tr - treble (triple crochet)	dtr - double treble
dtr - double treble	tr tr - triple treble
sl st - slip stitch	sl - slip stitch

Other differences in crochet terminology used:

Terminology USA	Terminology UK
fasten off	cast off
skip	miss
gauge	tension
yarn over (yo)	yarn over hook (yoh)

Skill levels



Projects for first-time crocheters using basic stitches. Minimal shaping.



Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes, and simple shaping and finishing.



Projects using a variety of techniques, such as basic lace patterns or color patterns, mid-level shaping and finishing.



Projects with intricate stitch patterns, techniques and dimension, such as non-repeating patterns, multi-color techniques, fine threads, small hooks, detailed shaping and refined finishing.

Tip (shift stitch)

While working, you will need to keep the work symmetrical. As work tends to twist to the right you need to adjust position of the marker periodically (beginning of round). If you notice that marker moves right, you need to work one extra stitch in the end of round and move marker for one stitch (now 2nd st of the round becomes 1st). This is shift stitch – it is not included in description of rounds.

Usually you have to do shift stitches every 3-5 rounds (depending on the yarn, hook and your gauge). To check if it is time to work shift stitch fold your work in half and check if marker still goes straight.



Tail

Work with main color yarn.

1 Rnd: 6 sc in magic ring = 6 sts

2 Rnd: (1 sc, 1 inc) x 3 = 9 sts

3-29 Rnds 1 sc in each st around = 9 sts

30 Rnd: 7 sc, 1 dec = 8 sts

31 Rnd: 6 sc, 1 dec = 7 sts

32 Rnd: 5 sc, 1 dec = 6 sts

33 Rnd: 4 sc, 1 dec = 5 sts

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Close up the opening. You can stuff the tail slightly or leave it unstuffed.

Tip: *You can add a piece of wire into the tail before closing up the opening. It may help your cat to be more stable when standing.*

Sew the tail to the body. I did it at Rnd 61 on the marker line or over the little indent for the tail if option 2 for tightening of belly button were used.

Weave in loose ends.



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