

Crochet Tutorial: Hello Kitty Appliqué and Star Motif

This tutorial provides instructions for crocheting the **Hello Kitty head appliqué** and the **small star motif** shown in the image, based on the provided crochet charts.

Important Note: Crochet charts use symbols to represent stitches. The following instructions are an interpretation of the charts using standard U.S. crochet terms.

Key to Crochet Symbols (US Terms)

Symbols	Stitch	Abbreviation	Notes
◦	Chain	ch	Also used for starting with a Magic Ring/Circle.
·	Slip Stitch	sl st	Used for joining rounds.
T	Single Crochet	sc	
I	Half Double Crochet	hdc	
F	Double Crochet	dc	
V	Increase	inc	Usually 2 stitches into the same stitch.

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Colors Used:

- **White** or **Cream** for the main head.
- **Red** for the bow and nose.
- **Black** for the whiskers and outline (this is often embroidered or done with a slip stitch border).

1. Hello Kitty Head Appliqué

This is worked in **rounds**, starting from the center of the head.

Materials

- Yarn in **White/Cream** (for the head).
- Yarn in **Red** (for the nose and bow).
- Small amount of **Black** yarn or embroidery floss (for the whiskers and outline).
- **Crochet hook** appropriate for your yarn weight.
- **Yarn needle** for weaving in ends and embroidery.

Instructions (White/Cream Yarn)

Round 1: Starting the Center

1. **Magic Ring** (MR) or **ch 4** and join with a **sl st** to form a ring.
2. **Ch 2** (counts as first hdc, or just as a starting chain).
3. Work **8 hdc** into the ring.
4. Join with a **sl st** to the first hdc (or the top of the ch-2). (≈ 8 sts). (*The chart shows a circle of stitches around the center hole.*)

Round 2: Building the Base

1. **Ch 1** (does not count as a stitch).
2. Work **2 sc** into each stitch around. (≈ 16 sts).
3. Join with a **sl st** to the first sc. (*The chart shows 'T' symbols (sc) with 'V' shapes (increases), suggesting a round of increases.*)

Round 3: Shaping the Head

1. **Ch 1**.
2. *Work a sequence of increasing stitches:* The chart shows a mix of **sc**, **hdc**, and **dc**. Follow this sequence for one section and repeat it around.
 - Work a combination of single crochets and increases (2 sts in one st) to get a slight oval shape.
 - *Interpretation based on the chart:* The chart suggests a pattern like: (sc, inc in next st) repeated a few times, then moving to hdc and dc to widen the bottom of the head, and then back to sc.
 - **Alternative simplified Round 3:** (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 8 times around. (24 sts).

Rounds 4 & 5: Adding Ears and Final Shaping

- The final rounds involve changing stitch heights (**sc**, **hdc**, **dc**) to create the distinctive **ear peaks** and the curved bottom of the head. The colors in the chart (green and blue symbols) often just denote a change of row/round or section, not necessarily a color change in the yarn.
1. **Work stitches according to the varying heights in the chart:**
 - Start with **sl sts** and **sc** around the top edge.
 - For the **ears**, work a section of **hdc** and **dc** stitches to make a peak.
 - Continue with **sc** and **hdc** for the side.
 - Work the bottom section with **dc** and **hdc** to create the curve.
 - The second ear is worked with a peak of **hdc** and **dc**.
 - Finish with **sc** back to the beginning.
 2. **Fasten off** and weave in ends.

Finishing Touches

1. **Red Nose:** Embroider a small **oval** or **triangle** shape for the nose using **Red** yarn or floss.

2. **Whiskers:** Use **Black** yarn/floss to embroider three **whiskers** on each side of the face.
 3. **Outline:** The black dashed line around the head suggests a final **slip stitch border** or an outline done with a **backstitch** using **Black** yarn/floss to make the appliqué pop.
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2. Red Bow

This is a small, separate motif worked in rows or rounds. The chart shows a small **four-pointed shape**.

Instructions (Red Yarn)

1. **Ch 4.**
2. **Sl st** into the first ch to form a small ring.

Forming the Petals/Points:

1. **Ch 3** (counts as first dc).
2. Work **2 dc** into the ring.
3. **Ch 3, sl st** into the ring. (**First point made**)
4. **Ch 3**, work **2 dc** into the ring.
5. **Ch 3, sl st** into the ring. (**Second point made**)
6. *Repeat steps 4 and 5* two more times to get **four points** (total).
7. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Note: This interpretation creates a small 4-petal flower, which is a common shape for Hello Kitty's bow in crochet.

Assembly

- Sew the **Red Bow** onto the **upper left ear** of the Hello Kitty head.
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3. Star Motif

This is a small, separate **5-pointed star** motif.

Instructions (Any Color Yarn)

Round 1: Starting the Center

1. **Magic Ring** (MR) or **ch 4** and join with a **sl st** to form a ring.
2. **Ch 1** (does not count as a stitch).
3. Work **10 sc** into the ring.

4. Join with a **sl st** to the first sc. (10 sts).

Round 2: Creating the Points The chart shows a sequence repeated **5 times** to create 5 points.

1. (**Sl st in the next st** (this is optional for positioning))
2. **Ch 3** (counts as one chain for height).
3. Work **1 dc** into the same stitch.
4. **Ch 3**.
5. **Sl st** into the 3rd chain from the hook (this creates a **picot** for the star point).
6. **Dc** back into the *same initial stitch* (or the next stitch, depending on interpretation).
7. **Sl st** into the next two stitches.
8. **Repeat steps 2-7 four more times** for a total of 5 points.
9. Join with a **sl st** to the start.

Alternative Simplified Star Point (5 Points):

1. ***Sl st** in the next st.
2. **Ch 4**.
3. Work **dc** in the 3rd ch from hook (or 2nd ch from hook).
4. Work **hdc** in the next ch.
5. **Sc** in the next ch.
6. **Sl st** in the next **sc** on Round 1.
7. Repeat from * four more times.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

