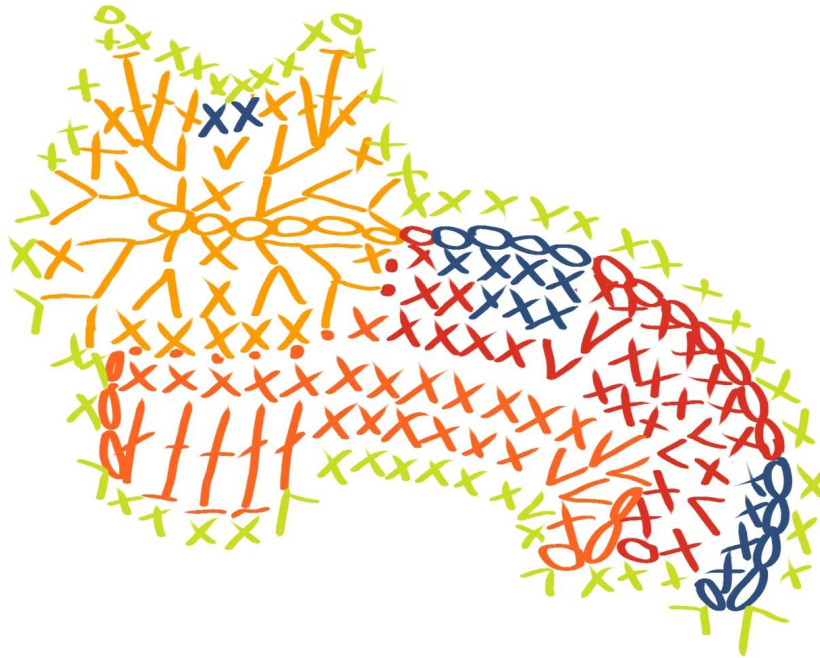


Tiny Crochet Cat Appliqué

Step-by-step pattern — Finished size approx. 4 cm



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Materials

- Fingering weight (4-ply) cotton yarn or thin DK yarn (main color: cream/white) — tiny amount (2–4 g).
- Small scrap of grey yarn for back/top shading (tiny amount).
- Black embroidery floss for outline and face (small amount).
- Pink embroidery floss for cheeks (tiny amount).
- Crochet hook: 2.0 mm (or adjust to reach finished 4 cm size).
- Tapestry/darning needle, scissors, stitch marker.
- Optional: thin fabric glue or interfacing if you want extra stiffness for an appliqué.

Abbreviations

ch = chain sl st = slip stitch sc = single crochet inc = increase (2 sc in same stitch) dec = decrease (single crochet 2 together, sc2tog) st(s) = stitch(es) MR = magic ring FO = fasten off

Notes for beginners

This pattern is written for a small flat appliqué about 4 cm long. Tension varies; if your piece is larger than 4 cm, try a smaller hook (1.75–1.9 mm) or thinner yarn. If it is smaller, go up a hook size. Work the head and body as flat pieces and sew them together; this method is the simplest for beginners. All instructions use right-side-out facing you. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of rounds if you prefer.



HEAD (flat circle) — step-by-step

We make a small flat circle for the head. Use a magic ring for a neat center, or chain 2 and work into first chain. Round 1 (R1): MR, ch 1, 6 sc into ring. Pull ring closed. (6 sts) Round 2 (R2): inc in each stitch (2 sc in each st) — 12 sts total. Round 3 (R3): (sc 1, inc) repeat around — 18 sts total. Round 4 (R4): (sc 2, inc) repeat around — 24 sts total. Round 5 (R5): sc around 24 sts (work evenly, do not increase). This rounds the head edge. (24 sts) Fasten off and weave in tail. The head should be a small flat circle approx 1.3–1.5 cm across (depending on yarn and hook). If your head is too large, omit R5 or use a smaller hook.

EARS (make 2)

Make two small triangular ears and sew them to the top of the head. Ear: 1) Ch 4. 2) Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next, sc in last (3 sc) — turn. (3) 3) Row 2: ch1, sc in next st, inc (2 sc in next st), sc in last st — (4) 4) Row 3: ch1, dec (sc2tog), sc in last — (3). Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Position each ear at the top of the head symmetrically (leave 2–3 sts between ears) and sew in place with the tails. Tidy with a few stitches so the ear points forward slightly.

BODY (flat oval) — step-by-step

We create a small flat oval for the cat's body and attach it to the head. The foundation chain size controls length. Foundation: Ch 10 (this makes a small, narrow body — adjust +/- 2 ch if you want it longer or shorter). Round 1 (R1): sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across (9 sc). 3 sc in last ch (to turn around). Working along the opposite side of the foundation chain, sc in next 9 ch. 3 sc in last ch (the first chain). Join with sl st to first sc. Total stitches = $9 + 3 + 9 + 3 = 24$ sts. (You now have a small closed oval.) Round 2 (R2): *sc in next 3 sts, inc* repeat 6 times — $24 + 6 = 30$ sts. Round 3 (R3): sc around 30 sts (work evenly). This begins to lengthen the oval. Round 4 (R4): sc around 30 sts. If you want a slightly narrower belly curve, do sc around but at the two points where the legs will be, work (sc 1, dec, sc 1) to create small notches for the paws. Fasten off leaving a tail for joining to the head.

TAIL (make 1)

Make a small curly tail and sew to the right side (or left) of the body. Ch 7. Row: sc in 2nd ch from hook and across (6 sc). Turn. Ch1, sc across 6 sc. Fold the piece slightly and sew to body to form a curved tail. Alternatively, make 6 sc in a magic ring and work 3 rounds of sc decreasing slightly to form a tapered tail.

PAWS (small bumps)

After you have joined the head and body, make 3 small paw bumps along the belly by stitching small 3-sc clusters into the edge: - Identify the three positions along the lower edge where the paws sit (center-left, center, center-right). - In each chosen stitch, make 3 sc into the same stitch and secure (this makes a rounded bump). Fasten off. You can add a tiny extra bump for the back paw near the tail if you like. Keep stitches tight so bumps look like small paws.

ASSEMBLY, EDGING & FACE EMBROIDERY

1) Joining head + body: With right sides facing up, position the head at the left-top of the oval body (refer to the diagram). Use a sewing/darning needle and yarn tail to whip stitch the head to the body along the overlap area. Make sure the seam is neat and flat. 2) Border (black outline seen in the photo): With black embroidery floss, work a neat slip-stitch or surface single crochet around the entire piece, about 1–2 mm from the edge. This creates the bold outline. If you prefer, use a simple embroidery backstitch with black floss to trace the edge smoothly. 3) Face: Use black embroidery floss. Make two small French knots or tiny satin-stitched dots for the eyes. Use simple backstitch to make the mouth (a little '3' rotated shape) and short whiskers (three short straight stitches each side). 4) Cheeks: Use a small amount of pink floss and make two tiny satin stitches or a small dab of blush with a water-soluble pencil (or use pink embroidery in a small arc). 5) Final finishing: Weave in all yarn tails on the wrong side. Trim excess. If you want a stiffer appliqué, press lightly with an iron over a cloth or glue a tiny piece of interfacing at the back.

Tip: Check the first page diagram for stitch placement — the colored symbols show where increases and bumps are placed.

TROUBLESHOOTING & BEGINNER TIPS

- If the piece cups (curves up), you increased too much — remove one increase round or use a smaller hook. - If the piece waves (wavy edge), you may have inconsistent tension — try using a slightly larger hook or practice even tension. - For a neater outline, practice surface single crochet on a scrap first. - To keep proportions similar to the photo, use a 2.0 mm hook and fingering cotton; the finished cat should be around 4 cm long. Stitch quick-guide (how to): * Magic Ring: wrap yarn around two fingers, insert hook under loop, pull yarn through and ch1, work sc into ring, pull tail to close. * Single Crochet (sc): insert hook, yarn over, pull loop, yarn over, pull through both loops. * Increase (inc): work 2 sc into the same stitch. * Decrease (dec / sc2tog): insert hook into next st, pull up loop, insert into following st, pull up loop, yarn over and pull through all loops (one sc made from two sts).

SUMMARY & USAGE

This PDF contains a beginner-friendly method to create the tiny crochet cat appliqué pictured. You can use it as a patch, brooch (attach an iron-on backing or sew a felt backing), or seam embellishment. If you'd like this pattern resized (bigger or smaller), or prefer a single-piece continuous method instead of separate pieces, tell me which size you want and I'll provide a modified version.