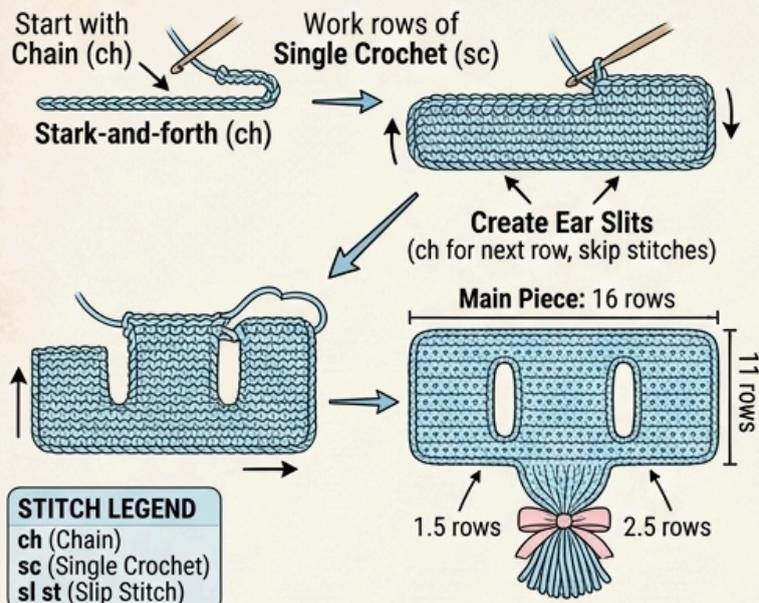


Princess Leia Cat Bonnet Crochet Tutorial (Ultra Detailed – Beginner Friendly)

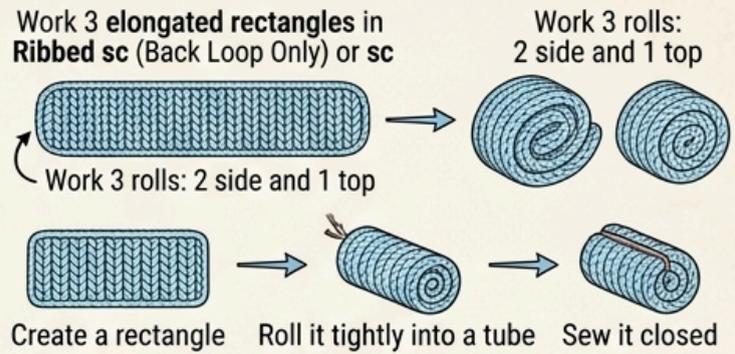
This is a **fully expanded, step-by-step guide** based on the diagram you provided. It uses **US crochet terms** and explains every part carefully so anyone in the U.S. can follow along—even beginners 😊

PRINCESS LEIA CAT BONNET TUTORIAL - Crochet Pattern with Details

Part 1: the Main Hat Body

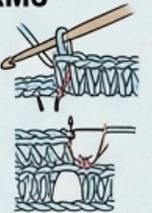


Part 2: The Ribbed Ear Muffs

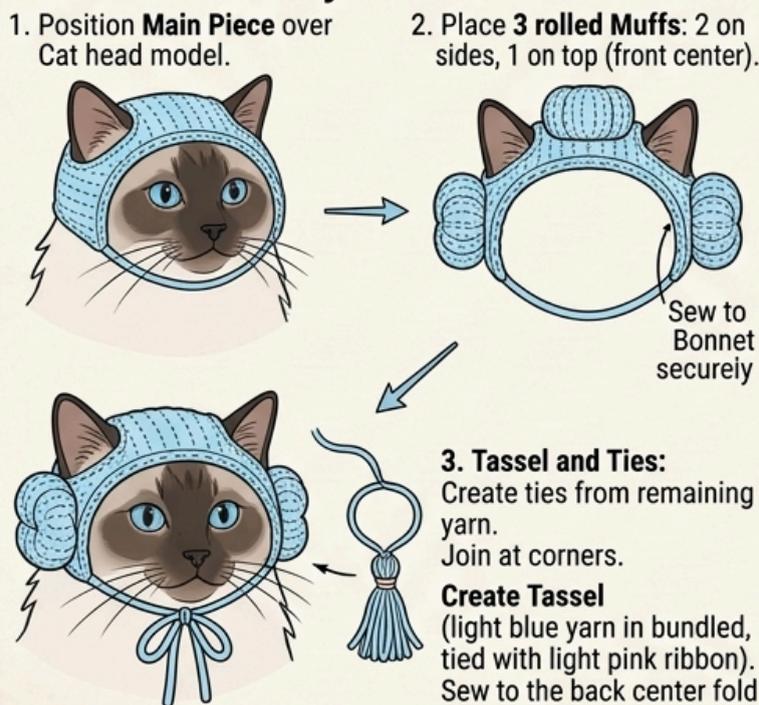


PRINCIPAL METHODS & US CROCHET TERMS

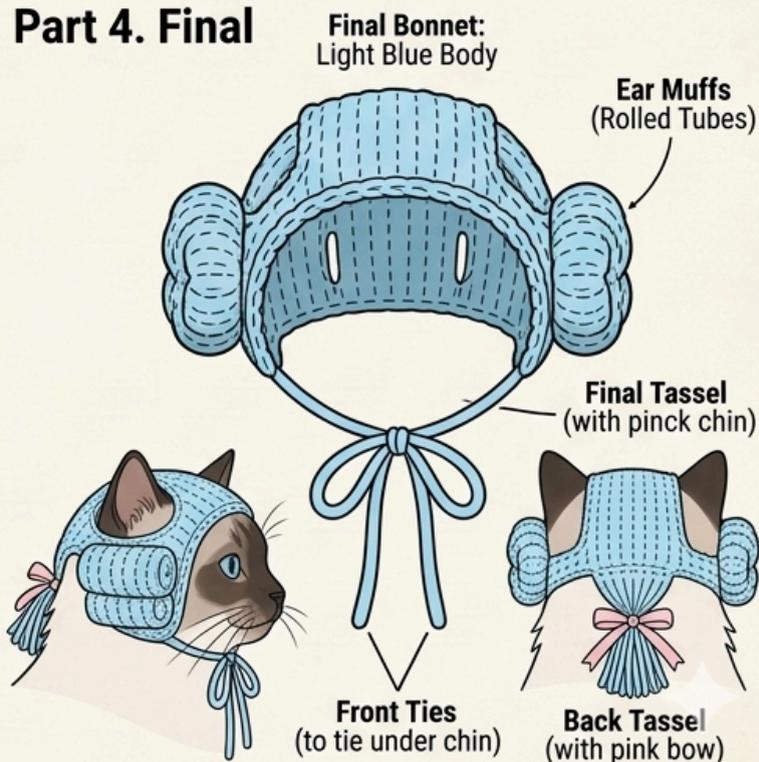
Gauge: (example: 16 sc = 4")
Hook: (example: US Size F-5 / 3.75 mm)
Single Crochet (sc): Insert hook, yarn over (yo), pull through, yo, pull through both loops.
Ribbed sc: Work sc in Back Loop Only (BLO).
 (Illustration of Backloop. (Illustration of BLO stitch))
Ear Slits: Create ch of required length, skip same number of stitches on current row.



Part 3. Assembly & Details



Part 4. Final



Materials & Tools

Make sure you have everything ready before starting:

- Yarn:
 - Light blue (main color)
 - Small amount of pink (optional for bow/tassel)
- Crochet hook: **US F-5 (3.75 mm)**
- Yarn needle (for sewing pieces)
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional but helpful)

Gauge & Stitch Basics

Gauge (important for sizing)

- 16 single crochets (sc) = approx. 4 inches

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- BLO = back loop only

Part 1: Main Hat Body

This is the base of the bonnet that wraps around your cat's head.

Step 1: Measure Your Cat

Before crocheting:

- Measure from **under the chin** → **around the face** → **back to chin**
- This determines your starting chain length

 Tip: Add a little stretch allowance (crochet stretches slightly)

Step 2: Foundation Chain

- Make a **chain (ch)** to match your measurement (usually 40–60 chains depending on cat size)

Do not make it too tight—keep tension relaxed.

Step 3: Row 1 (Starting the Body)

- Insert hook into 2nd chain from hook
- Work **1 single crochet (sc)** in each chain across

At the end:

- ch 1
- turn your work

Step 4: Build the Main Rectangle

Repeat this for multiple rows:

- 1 sc in each stitch across
- ch 1, turn

Continue until you reach about:

- **16 rows total**

👉 This creates a soft rectangular panel.

Step 5: Create Ear Slits

This is the most important shaping step!

When to place ear holes:

- Around row 6–8 (adjust depending on your cat)

How to make an ear slit:

1. Crochet until you reach where the ear should be
2. Chain **3–5 stitches** (depending on ear size)
3. Skip the same number of stitches below
4. Continue crocheting across

Repeat for the second ear.

👉 You should now have **two openings** in your fabric.



Step 6: Continue Above Ear Openings

- Keep working rows of sc normally
- Crochet until the section above the ears is about:
 - **11 rows tall total (from ear slit area)**

▼ Step 7: Shape the Chin Section

To make the bonnet fit snugly:

- Work **shorter rows in the center bottom**
- Gradually reduce width (do not crochet full width)

Example:

- Row A: full width
- Row B: crochet only middle section
- Row C: slightly smaller section

Do this for about:

- **1.5 to 2.5 rows worth of shaping**

This creates a curved chin fit.



Part 2: Ribbed Ear Muffs (Princess Leia Buns!)

You will make **3 pieces total**:

- 2 side buns
- 1 top bun



Step 1: Create Ribbed Rectangle

For EACH muff:

1. Chain about **10–15 stitches**
2. Row 1: sc across
3. ch 1, turn



Step 2: Ribbing Technique (Important!)

- Work **sc** in **BACK LOOP ONLY (BLO)** for every row

This creates a stretchy ribbed texture.



Step 3: Build Length

- Continue rows until the rectangle is:
 - About **2–3x longer than it is wide**

You want a long strip that can roll nicely.



Step 4: Roll Into Tube

- Take the rectangle
- Roll it tightly into a spiral (like a cinnamon roll)



Step 5: Sew Closed

- Use yarn needle
- Stitch through the edge to secure the roll
- Make sure it holds shape firmly

Repeat for all 3 rolls.



Part 3: Assembly & Details

Now we bring everything together!



Step 1: Position the Bonnet

- Place the main piece on your cat (or a model)
- Adjust:
 - Ear holes alignment
 - Chin placement



Step 2: Attach Ear Muffs

Sew the 3 rolls:

- 2 rolls → sides (aligned with ears)
- 1 roll → top center (front)

Sewing tips:

- Use small, tight stitches
- Go through both layers for strength
- Keep symmetry (very important visually!)

Step 3: Create Chin Ties

Make two ties:

1. Attach yarn to one bottom corner
2. Chain about **25–40 stitches**
3. Fasten off

Repeat on other side.

👉 These will tie under the cat's chin.

Step 4: Make the Tassel

How to make:

1. Wrap yarn around your fingers 10–20 times
2. Tie at the top
3. Cut bottom loops
4. Trim evenly

Optional:

- Wrap with pink yarn or ribbon for decoration

Attach to:

- **Back center of bonnet**

Step 5: Add Bow (Optional)

- Create a small pink bow
- Sew near tassel or side

✨ Part 4: Final Adjustments

Check everything:

- Ear holes aligned properly 🐱
- Ear muffs secure 🎧
- Ties strong and even
- No loose ends

Try it on your cat and adjust if needed.

🐾 Finished Bonnet Features

Your final piece includes:

- Cozy fitted bonnet
- Two side buns + one top bun (Leia style!)
- Ear openings for comfort
- Chin ties for secure wear
- Decorative tassel 🎀

💡 Extra Tips (Very Helpful!)

- If beginner: practice **single crochet first**
- Keep tension consistent
- Use soft yarn (cats prefer comfort!)
- Never leave your cat unattended while wearing