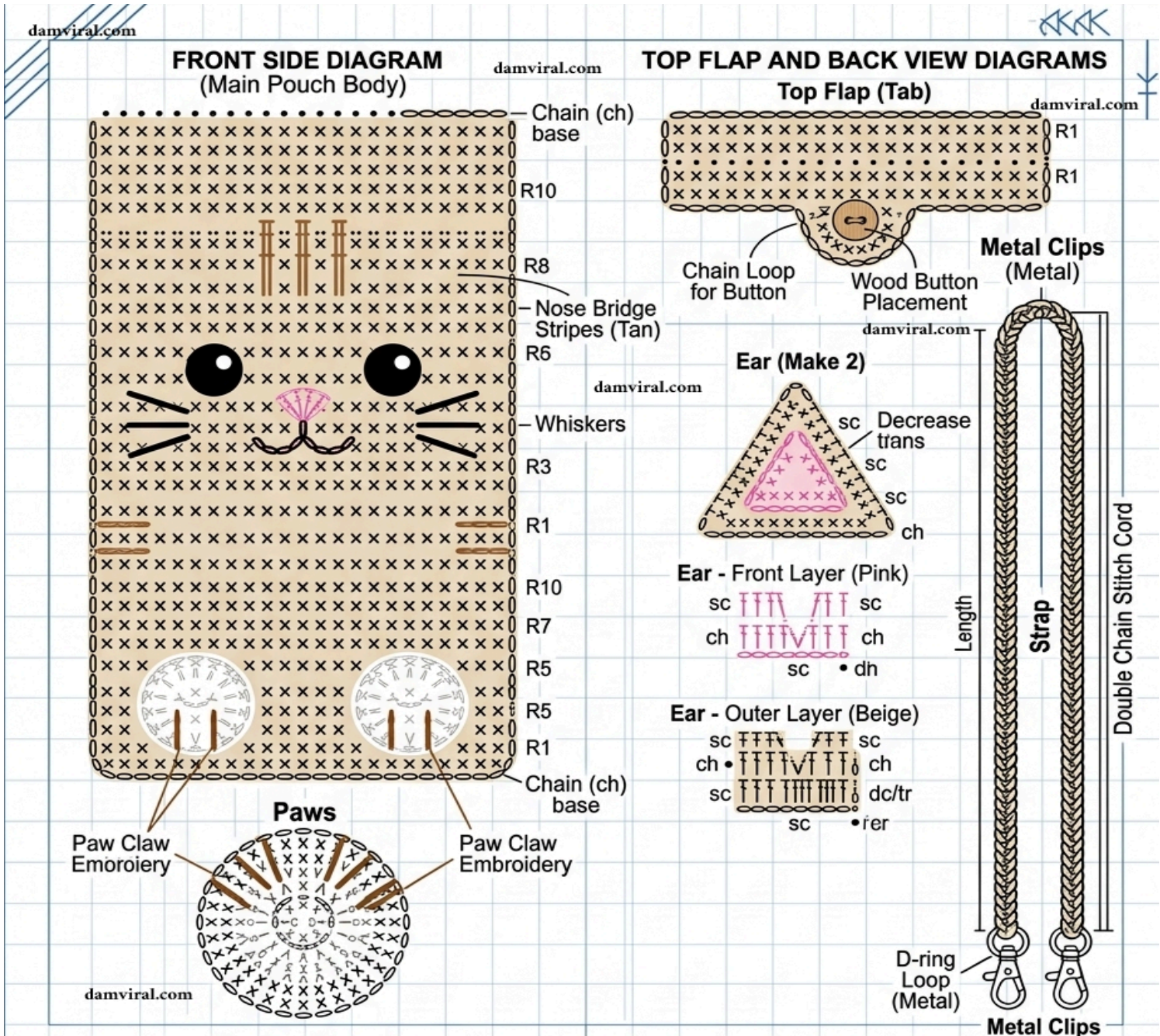


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# Crochet Cat Pouch Bag Tutorial 🐱🧶

Learn how to make this adorable crochet cat pouch bag with flap closure, cute ears, paw appliqués, embroidered details, and an adjustable strap. This tutorial is fully based on the diagram provided and written in detailed US crochet terminology so anyone in the USA can follow it from beginning to end.



## Pattern Key (US Terms):

- = Chain (ch);
- × = Single Crochet (sc);
- ^ = Single Crochet Increase (sc-inc);
- v = Single Crochet Decrease (sc-dec);
- ‡ = Half Double Crochet (hdc);
- ‡‡‡ = Treble Crochet (tr);
- = Slip Stitch (sl st)

## Pattern Notes:

- Main Body worked flat in single crochet. Row stitch counts are provided.
- Ears and Paws are separate appliqués, detailed below.
- Strap length is adjustable.
- Use Tan color for stripes, Beige for body.
- Face embroidery detailed with non-crochet lines for whiskers, stripes, and paw lines, using matching color threads.

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## Skill Level

Beginner to Intermediate

## Finished Project

This project creates a flat crochet cat pouch bag featuring:

- A rectangular pouch body
- Fold-over top flap
- Button closure
- Crochet ears
- Paw appliqués
- Embroidered cat face
- Adjustable crochet strap with clips

## Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

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- sc-dec = single crochet decrease
- hdc = half double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- sl st = slip stitch

## Materials Needed

### Yarn Colors

- Beige yarn for the body and ears
- Pink yarn for the nose and ear centers
- Tan yarn for stripes and paw claws
- Black embroidery thread or yarn for whiskers and mouth

### Tools

- Crochet hook appropriate for your yarn
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Measuring tape
- Wood button
- 2 metal swivel clips
- 2 D-rings

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- Sewing needle and thread

## Important Notes Before Starting

- The main pouch body is worked flat in rows.
- The flap is crocheted separately.
- Ears and paws are separate appliqués sewn on later.
- Facial details are embroidered after assembly.
- Strap length is adjustable.

## Main Pouch Body

The body is worked as two flat rectangular panels.

## Foundation Chain

1. Using beige yarn, chain the desired width of your pouch.
2. Add 1 extra turning chain.
3. Insert hook into the second chain from the hook.
4. Work 1 sc into each chain across.
5. Turn your work.

## Row 1

- Ch 1.
- Work 1 sc in every stitch across.
- Turn.

## Continue the Body

Repeat Row 1 until your panel reaches the full height shown in the diagram.

The body sections include:

- Bottom paw section
- Face section
- Stripe section
- Upper flap area

Keep stitch tension even throughout the project.

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## Keeping the Edges Straight

At the end of every row:

- Ch 1
- Turn
- Start the first sc in the very first stitch

Count stitches often to avoid accidental increases or decreases.

## Rounded Bottom Corners

To soften the lower corners:

- Use slip stitches at the corners if desired
- Slightly round edges by reducing tension near corners
- Keep both sides symmetrical

## Make the Second Panel

Repeat the exact same instructions to create the back panel.

You should now have:

- 1 front panel
- 1 back panel

## Joining the Panels

Place both panels together with the right sides facing outward.

## Seam the Sides and Bottom

1. Attach yarn at one top corner.
2. Insert hook through both layers.
3. Work sc evenly down the side.
4. Continue across the bottom.
5. Work up the opposite side.
6. Leave the top open.
7. Fasten off and weave in ends.

## Decorative Top Edge

The diagram shows a chain-style edge around the opening.

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## Add the Top Border

1. Attach yarn at the top opening.
2. Ch 1.
3. Work loose slip stitches or chains around the opening edge.
4. Keep tension relaxed for a clean decorative finish.

## Cat Face Embroidery

The face is embroidered onto the front panel.

### Eyes

Place the eyes evenly on the upper center area.

You may use:

- Safety eyes
- Black buttons
- Embroidered circles
- Small crochet circles

Keep both eyes aligned carefully.

### Nose

Using pink yarn:

1. Create a small upside-down triangle shape.
2. Satin stitch over the triangle.
3. Keep it centered between the eyes.

### Mouth

Using black embroidery thread:

1. Stitch a short vertical line downward from the nose.
2. Add curved mouth lines on both sides.

### Whiskers

Using black thread:

1. Stitch 3 whiskers on each side.
2. Angle them slightly upward and downward as shown in the diagram.

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## Nose Bridge Stripes

The chart includes 3 tan vertical stripes above the nose.

Using tan yarn:

1. Stitch 3 straight vertical lines.
2. Keep spacing even.
3. Make all stripes the same height.

## Side Face Stripes

Add small tan horizontal stripes on each side of the pouch.

Keep them symmetrical.

## Paw Appliqués

Make 2 paws.

### Paw Round 1

1. Create a magic ring.
2. Work 6 sc into the ring.
3. Pull tight.
4. Join with sl st.

### Paw Round 2

1. Ch 1.
2. Work 2 sc in each stitch around.
3. Join with sl st.

### Paw Round 3

1. Ch 1.
2. Alternate:
  - 1 sc in next stitch
  - 2 sc in next stitch
3. Repeat around.
4. Join with sl st.

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## Paw Round 4

1. Ch 1.
2. Work 1 sc in each stitch around.
3. Join with sl st.

## Continue Expanding the Paw

Continue increasing gradually until the paw reaches the size shown in the chart.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

## Paw Claw Embroidery

Using tan yarn:

1. Stitch 3 short vertical claw marks.
2. Place them near the top center of each paw.
3. Keep all stitches evenly spaced.

## Attach the Paws

1. Position paws near the lower front section.
2. Sew securely using beige yarn.
3. Keep spacing symmetrical.

## Crochet Ears

Make 2 ears.

Each ear includes:

- Beige outer layer
- Pink inner layer

## Beige Ear Outer Layer

### Row 1

1. Ch 2.
2. Work 2 sc in second chain from hook.
3. Turn.

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## Row 2

1. Ch 1.
2. Work sc-inc in both stitches.
3. Turn.

## Row 3

1. Ch 1.
2. Sc in first stitch.
3. Sc-inc in next stitch.
4. Sc in final stitch.
5. Turn.

## Continue Forming the Triangle

Gradually increase on the sides to create a triangle shape.

Stop when the ear matches the size shown in the diagram.

## Pink Ear Inner Layer

Repeat the same process using pink yarn.

Make the pink layer slightly smaller.

## Assemble the Ears

1. Place the pink triangle onto the beige triangle.
2. Sew the pink section centered.
3. Attach ears to the top corners of the pouch.
4. Slightly angle them outward.

## Top Flap (Tab)

The flap folds over the front of the pouch and closes with a button loop.

## Flap Foundation

1. Using beige yarn, chain the same width as the pouch opening.
2. Add 1 turning chain.
3. Work 1 sc in every chain across.
4. Turn.

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## Flap Rows

Repeat:

- Ch 1
- 1 sc in every stitch across
- Turn

Continue until the flap reaches the desired length.

## Shape the Flap Corners

To soften the corners:

- Use slip stitches near edges
- Keep shaping balanced on both sides

## Create the Button Loop

At the center of the flap edge:

1. Ch enough stitches to fit around your button.
2. Slip stitch back into the flap.
3. Test fit before fastening off.

## Attach the Flap

1. Position flap along the upper back edge.
2. Sew securely across the width.
3. Fold forward to test placement.

## Add the Wood Button

1. Center the button on the front panel.
2. Sew tightly using strong thread.
3. Test the closure loop.

## Adjustable Strap

The strap uses a double chain stitch cord style.

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## Strap Foundation Chain

1. Chain until you reach your preferred strap length.
2. Keep chains loose and even.

## Strengthen the Strap

Work back across the chain using:

- Slip stitches  
OR
- Single crochet stitches

This creates a thicker, stronger cord.

## Attach Hardware

### Add D-Rings

1. Fold each strap end through a D-ring.
2. Sew securely.

### Add Metal Clips

Attach swivel clips to the D-rings.

## Attach Strap to Bag

1. Sew reinforced loops onto both pouch sides.
2. Clip the strap onto the loops.
3. Test strength carefully.

## Final Finishing ✨

### Weave in Ends

Use a yarn needle to hide all loose yarn tails inside stitches.

### Shape the Bag

Gently shape the pouch with your hands.

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## Optional Blocking

You may lightly steam or wet block the pouch for a cleaner finish.

Do not overheat acrylic yarn.

## Beginner Tips

- Count stitches every row
- Use stitch markers
- Keep tension consistent
- Sew pieces before tightening completely
- Test button placement before final sewing

## Troubleshooting

### My Pouch Looks Uneven

Possible causes:

- Uneven tension
- Missed stitches
- Incorrect row count

Solution:

- Count stitches often
- Use stitch markers
- Block the finished piece

### My Ears Curl

Lightly block the ears before sewing them onto the bag.

### My Strap Feels Weak

Try:

- Smaller crochet hook
- Tighter stitches
- Double yarn strands
- Extra reinforcement sewing

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## Care Instructions

- Hand wash gently
- Lay flat to dry
- Avoid machine drying
- Store flat when not in use

## Congratulations

You finished your crochet cat pouch bag!

This adorable project is perfect for:

- Everyday use
- Gifts
- Kawaii fashion
- Anime accessories
- Handmade markets
- Small essentials