CROCHET PATTERN

Cat

Easy / Sewn pieces / US crochet terms

Make a seated cat with a continuous body and head, separate triangular ears and a narrow curved tail sewn at the flank.

The cat takes its outline from two flat triangles and an upturned tail. Shape the waist and head in one continuous spiral so the neck needs no seam.

Materials

Smooth #4 worsted yarn in the listed colors, a 3.5 mm starting hook, stitch marker, washable stuffing, blunt tapestry needle and scissors. Adjust hook size if stuffing shows through a gently stretched swatch. Use slate gray for all crocheted parts, charcoal for facial stitches and dusty pink for the nose.

Colors

slate gray, charcoal, dusty pink

How To Read This Pattern

Use US terms. Sc = single crochet, inc = 2 sc in one stitch, dec = single crochet 2 together across the next two stitches. A number before an operation tells how many times to work it. Brackets or parentheses followed by × repeat the whole sequence. Work in continuous rounds through both loops unless directed otherwise. Place a marker in the first stitch and move it up each round. Start at the seat and work toward the crown. The triangular ears begin at their tips; attach their open bases flat. At 4 sc per inch, 30 body stitches give a circumference of about 7½ inches. Use your measured stitch gauge to plan the size.

Seat To Crown / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 6 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use slate gray.	**0**	**6**
☐	**R2**	(inc) × 6.	**6**	**12**
☐	**R3**	(sc, inc) × 6.	**12**	**18**

Seat To Crown (continued)

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R4**	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	**18**	**24**
☐	**R5**	(3 sc, inc) × 6.	**24**	**30**
☐	**R6-8**	30 sc.	**30**	**30**
☐	**R9**	(3 sc, dec) × 6.	**30**	**24**
☐	**R10**	24 sc.	**24**	**24**
☐	**R11**	(2 sc, dec) × 6. Stuff the lower body.	**24**	**18**
☐	**R12**	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	**18**	**24**
☐	**R13-16**	24 sc.	**24**	**24**
☐	**R17**	(2 sc, dec) × 6.	**24**	**18**
☐	**R18**	(sc, dec) × 6. Stuff the head.	**18**	**12**
☐	**R19**	(dec) × 6.	**12**	**6**

Finish Cut the yarn, leaving a tail. Thread it under the front loop of each remaining stitch in order, draw the opening closed, secure and bury the end.

Pointed Ear / Make 2

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 4 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use slate gray.	**0**	**4**
☐	**R2**	(sc, inc) × 2.	**4**	**6**
☐	**R3**	(2 sc, inc) × 2.	**6**	**8**
☐	**R4**	(3 sc, inc) × 2.	**8**	**10**

Finish Fasten off with a sewing tail. Flatten the open edge into five pairs; leave unstuffed.

Tail / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 6 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use slate gray.	**0**	**6**
☐	**R2-10**	6 sc.	**6**	**6**

Finish Fasten off with a long sewing tail. Leave this narrow tube unstuffed.

Assembly

1. Choose the front of the seated body. Mark the crown center. Pin one ear on each side, with each five-pair base running from front to back over R15-R18. Check both tips from the front, then pass through both layers of each base to sew it down.
2. Sew the open tail base to the rear left flank at body R5-R6. Curve the tail forward along the lower side and tack only its upper tip to R8 with two small stitches.
3. Work two charcoal eyes across R14-R15, separated by four plain stitches. Put a tiny pink horizontal nose between them one round lower. Add a short vertical line below the nose and two short charcoal whiskers on each cheek.

Checkpoint

Both ear bases have ten stitches folded into five pairs. Pin before sewing and view the profile. The tail should rise along the flank without lifting the base off the table.