

Christmas Cat with Santa Hat

A tiny cat with a removable festive hat

HEIGHT	HOOK	YARN	EYES
3.5 in / 9 cm	3 mm	DK cotton	8 mm

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Before you begin

Read the stitch abbreviations before starting. The cat uses DK cotton and a 3 mm hook; the source also mentions using 2.5 mm for a tight fabric that conceals the stuffing.

The head, body, ears, arms, legs, tail, hat and hat ball are made separately. The original placement photos accompany the relevant assembly instructions.

Source count note: hat round13 has24 stitches. After changing to white and chaining2, round14 is listed as25 double crochets. The source does not state whether the chain counts as a stitch; its wording and count are retained.

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Materials

Details

Height: 3.5” / 9 cm. Hook: 3 mm. 8 mm black plastic safety eyes. Yarn needle. Polyester fiberfill (stuffing). Light pink yarn for nose.

Yarn info

100% cotton yarn with a DK yarn weight.

DK usually calls for a 4 mm hook, but I like to use a 3 mm or 2.5 mm so the stitches are tight and you don’t see the stuffing.

For example, a DK cotton yarn with a tension of 21 stitches and 28 rows for a 10×10cm tension square using a 4mm hook.

The hat instructions use red and white yarn.



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R - Round; MR - magic ring; ST/STS - stitch/stitches; F/O - fasten off (SLST and cut the yarn); SLST - slip stitch; SC - single crochet; DC - double crochet; INC - increase (add two single crochets in the same stitch); INVDEC - invisible decrease.

Head

1. MR, SC (6)

2. INC (12)

3. INC, SC 1 (18)

4. INC, SC 2 (24)

5. INC, SC 3 (30)

6. INC, SC 4 (36)

7-12. SC around (36)

13. INVDEC, SC 4 (30)

Add eyes between R 10 and R 11 with 7 visible stitches in between.

Add pink nose between R 10 and R 11,2 stitches across.

14. INVDEC, SC 3 (24)

15. INVDEC, SC 2 (18)

16. INVDEC, SC 1 (12)

F/O and leave a tail to sew to the body.

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Ears

1. MR, SC 4 (4)
2. INC, SC 1 (6)
3. INC, SC 2 (8)
4. INC, SC 3 (10)
5. INC, SC 4 (12)
6. INC, SC 5 (14)

F/O and leave a tail to sew to the head.



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Ears: assembly

From the top of the head, count down 2 rounds. Pin the ears in place half way between the front and back of the head. Once you're happy with the placement, sew each ear in place. When you're done, F/O and hide the tail.







Body

1. MR, SC (6)
2. INC (12)
3. INC, SC 1 (18)
4. INC, SC 2 (24)
5. INC, SC 3 (30)
6. INVDEC, SC 3 (24)
7. INVDEC, SC 2 (18)
8. INVDEC, SC 1 (12)
9. SC around (12)

F/O and hide tail.

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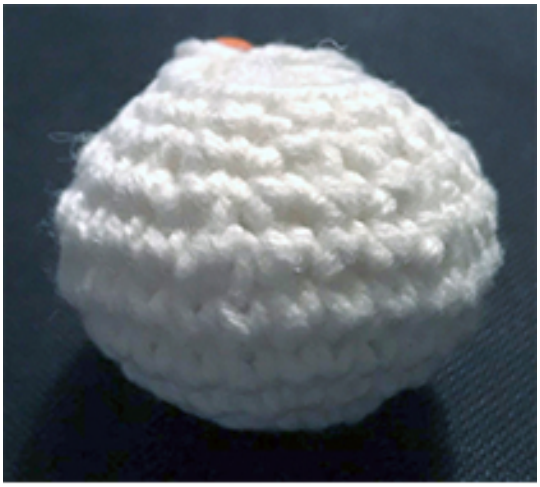

Head: assembly

Using the tail from the head, sew the head to the body. F/O and hide the tail.





Arms (×2)

1. MR, SC 6 (6)

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2-4. SC around (6)

F/O and leave a tail to sew to the body.

Arms: assembly

Pin the arms in place at the top round of the body (where the head and body meet), on the left and right side of the body. Once you're happy with the placement, sew each arm in place. When you're done, F/O and hide the tail.





Legs (×2)

1. MR, SC 5 (5)

2-3. SC around (5)

F/O and hide the tail.

Tail

1. MR, SC 4 (4)

2-4. SC around (4)

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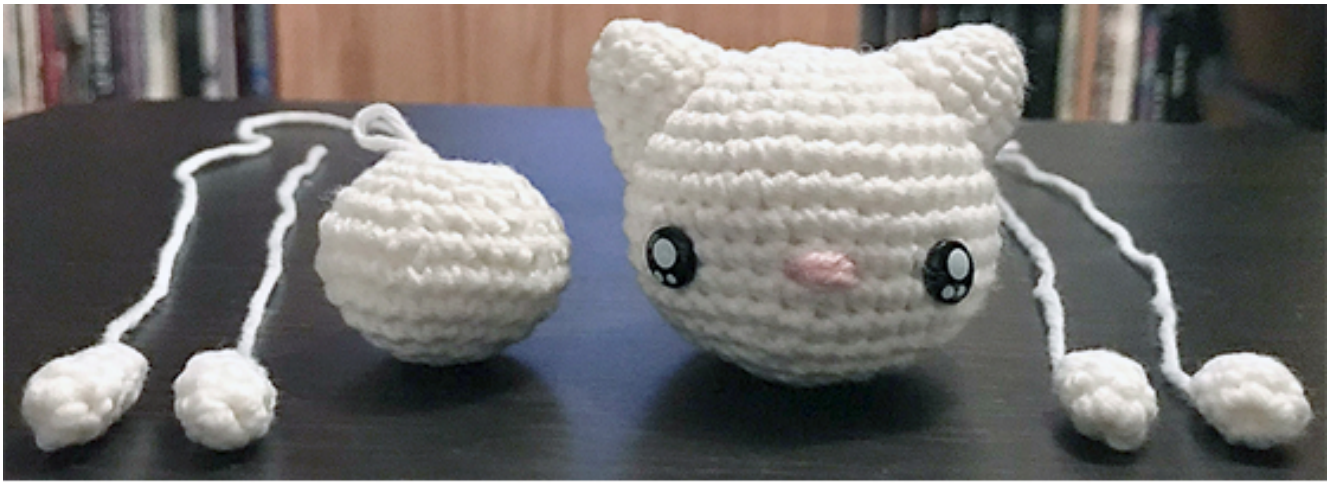
F/O and leave a yarn tail to sew to the body.





Legs: assembly

From the bottom of the body, count up 2 rounds. Pin the legs in place 1 round inside where the arms are. Once you're happy with the placement, sew each leg in place. When you're done, F/O and hide the tail.

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Tail: assembly

From the bottom of the body, count up 3 rounds. Pin the tail in place in the middle of the back. Once you're happy with the placement, sew the tail in place. When you're done, F/O and hide the extra yarn.





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Santa hat | 1

Santa hat

Using red yarn...

1. MR, SC 4 (4)

2. SC around (4)

3. INC, SC 1 (6)

4. INC, SC 2 (8)

5. SC around (8)

6. INC, SC 3 (10)

7. INC, SC 4 (12)

8. INC, SC 5 (14)

9. INC, SC 6 (16)

10. INC, SC 7 (18)

11. INC, SC 8 (20)

12. INC, SC 9 (22)

13. INC, SC 10 (24)

Switch to white yarn, now CH 2.

14. DC around (25)

Santa hat ball

1. MR, SC 5 (5)

2. INC (10)

3. SC around (10)

4. DEC around (5)

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F/O and leave a tail.

Sew the opening closed.

Sew the ball to the top of the hat.









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