



dumpling kitty

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supplies

- Size D (3.25 mm) crochet hook
- Worsted weight yarn in Color A (42 yd)
- Worsted weight yarn in Color B (4 yd)
- Pink embroidery floss
- 9 mm safety eyes (2)
- Polyester filling
- Embroidery needle
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors



Yarn used: Lion Brand Vanna's Choice

Body: Lamb

Body: Duckie

Body: Linen

Body: White

Stripes: Duckie

Stripes: Terracotta

Stripes: Silver Grey

Stripes: Honey

info

Finished Size: 4" tall

Difficulty level: Easy ●○○○

Time: 3 hours (approximate)

notes

- All pieces are worked in a continuous spiral (no joining rounds)
- Demonstration photos are right-handed
- Your finished size may vary depending on your yarn weight, hook size and tension
- Always use stitch markers
- The time listed is a general guideline, not a suggestion - always work at the pace that is most comfortable for you, even if it takes longer

stitch glossary (us)

- Sc Single crochet (insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through)
Inc Increase (2 sc in same st)

changing colors

This pattern will instruct you to change colors in order to make your kitty's stripes. Changing colors is easy! Just do the following:



When you get to the stitch where you are instructed to change colors, insert your hook, yarn over and pull through a loop with your normal color.



Then, take the color you want to change to, grab it with your hook and pull it through both loops on your hook. Continue to sc normally with the new color. That's it!

need help?

Feel free to send me an email if you get stuck, notice an error in the pattern, have general feedback or just want to send photos of your finished dumpling cat!

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ears (make 2)

Rnd 1: Start 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: Sc 6 [6]

Rnd 3: Sc 1, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 1 [8]

When you finish the first ear, fasten off. When you finish the second, do not cut your yarn.

Chain 4 and join ears as shown.



2 ears completed



Chain 4 with yarn still attached to second ear



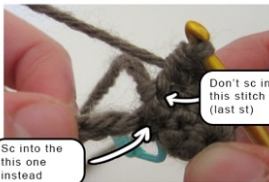
Insert hook into first st of first ear



Yarn over and pull through a slip stitch



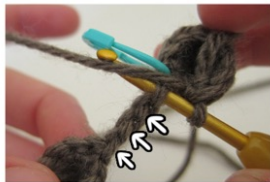
Sc into the next st and place marker in it. **This placement is crucial** because it will affect where the stripes begin later!



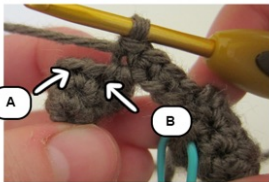
When you reach the back of the first ear (where you originally fastened off):



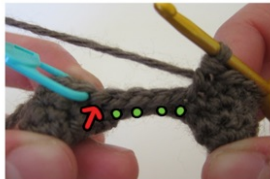
Additional photo for previous step



Work into the back of the ch (4 st)



When you reach the end of the 4 ch st, skip (B) and work into (A) instead



When you reach the other side of the chain, work into the 4 ch st. Your original slip stitch from the beginning will look like a 5th stitch (marked red) -- ignore it and skip it.



You should now have 24 st. Don't fasten off. Weave your tail in from when you fastened off the first ear.



After cutting the tail from the first ear, continue working on the body (next page).

body (continued from ears)

Joining the 2 ears and single crocheting 24 around counts as your 4th rnd. Continue rnd 5:

Rnd 5: Sc 3, inc, sc 11, inc, sc 8 [26]

Rnd 6: Sc 4, inc, sc 12, inc, sc 8 [28]

Rnd 7: Sc 5, inc, sc 13, inc, sc 8 [30]

Rnd 8: Sc 6, inc, sc 14, inc, sc 2, change to Color B in next st, sc 5 [32]



Every time you change colors, remember to tie a tight knot in your leftover tails and cut them to keep them out of the way!

Rnd 9: Sc 2, change to Color A in next st, sc 4, inc, (sc 7, inc in next st) repeat 2 times, sc 2, change to Color B in next st, sc 3, inc, sc 1 [36]

Rnd 10: Sc 2, change to Color A in next st, sc 33 [36]

Rnd 11: Sc 7, inc, sc 18, inc, sc 9 [38]

Rnd 12: (Sc 8, inc in next st) repeat 3 times, sc 4, change to Color B in next st, sc 3, inc, sc 2 [42]

Rnd 13: Sc 4, change to Color A in next st, sc 29, change to Color B in next st, sc 7 [42]

Rnd 14: Sc 4, change to Color A in next st, sc 4, inc, sc 20, inc, sc 11 [44]

Rnd 15: Sc in all 44 st [44]

Rnd 16: Sc 36, change to Color B in next st, sc 7 [44]

Rnd 17: Sc 6, change to Color A in next st, sc 3, inc, (sc 10, inc in next st) repeat 2 times, sc 3, change to Color B in next st, sc 6, inc in last st [48]

Rnd 18: Sc 6, change to Color A in next st, sc 41 [48]

Rnd 19: Sc in all 48 st [48]

Pause here to place eyes and embroider nose and mouth as shown.



Place eyes between rounds 11-12
(count down from tip of ear), 6
stitches apart



Continue head:

Rnd 20: Sc 11, inc, sc 24, inc, sc 11 [50]

Rnd 21: Sc 50

Rnd 22: (Sc 11, inc in next st) repeat 4 times, sc 2. [54]

Rnd 23: Sc 54

Fasten off and weave the tail into the inside of the body.

base of body

Rnd 1: Start 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in all st [12]

Rnd 3: (Sc 1, inc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: Sc 1, inc, (sc 2, inc in next st) repeat 5 times, sc 1 [24]

Rnd 5: (Sc 3, inc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: Sc 2, inc, (sc 4, inc in next st) repeat 5 times, sc 2 [36]

Rnd 7: (Sc 5, inc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: Sc 3, inc, (sc 6, inc in next st) repeat 5 times, sc 3 [48]

Rnd 9: (Sc 7, inc in next st) repeat 6 times [54]

Stop here, do not fasten off. Join to body with 54 st, as shown below.



Insert hook into next st



Insert hook into first st of last rnd on bottom of body, then yarn over and complete a sc through both pieces



Continue to sc around, through both pieces

Stuffing the body: Once you've worked about 3/4 around the base of the body, you can begin to stuff the body. I add LOTS of stuffing and pack it very tightly to give the cat its round, chubby shape. The cat may not sit perfectly flat if you do this, but I think it looks best this way. When you're done joining the pieces, fasten off and weave in your tail.

Feet (make 2)

Rnd 1: Start 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: Sc 6 [6]

Rnd 3: Sc 1, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 1 [8]

Press flat and sc 3 st across the top as shown. Yarn over and pull through to fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.



tail

Because the color changes in the tail always take place at the beginning of the round, you do not have to cut your yarn tails and tie them every time you change colors.

In Color B:

Rnd 1: Start 7 sc in magic ring [7]

Rnd 2: Sc 7 [7]

Rnd 3: Sc 7 [7]

Change to Color A:

Rnd 4: Sc 7 [7]

Rnd 5: Sc 7 [7]

Rnd 6: Sc 7 [7]

Change to Color B:

Rnd 7: Sc 7 [7]

Rnd 8: Sc 7 [7]

Rnd 9: Sc 7 [7]

Change to Color A:

Rnd 10: Sc 7 [7]

Rnd 11: Sc 7 [7]

Rnd 12: Sc 7 [7]

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing.

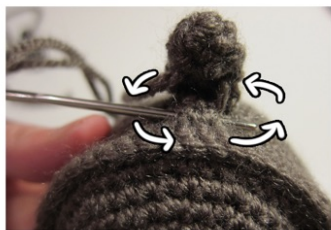
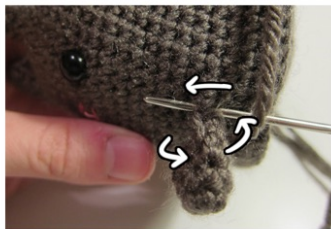


Tip: Start the tail with looser tension for the first couple of rounds and tighten your tension back to normal as you work your way up. This gives the tail a nice tapered look!

assembly

Legs:

Count 3-4 rounds up from the bottom of the body and insert your yarn needle where you want the foot to be placed. Work into the 3 stitches at the top of the leg.



Once the leg is secure, bring out your yarn needle in a stitch below the leg and insert it through the bottom of the leg (3rd picture), and back into and out of the body. Repeat 4-5 times until leg lays flat against the body. Fasten off and weave in tail. Place second leg 1 st away from the first leg and repeat.

assembly (continued)



Attaching the second leg (1 st away from first leg)



Pin tail to back of body and stitch on



done!

