

# Crochet Cat Rug Pattern

Create an adorable crochet cat rug with this beginner-friendly step-by-step tutorial! This cute project is perfect for home decoration, kids' rooms, craft fairs, or as a handmade gift. The design combines a soft oval body with playful cat ears, tiny paws, and a curly tail for an irresistible finish. [harmonythreads.dicasdorei](https://www.harmonythreads.com/dicasdorei)

## STEP-BY-STEP – CROCHET CAT



### 1. BODY – INNER PART (BEIGE)



1. Make a magic ring.
2. Work double crochet in spiral, increasing according to the chart.
3. Continue until you form an elongated oval.



4. Finish with 1 round of single crochet in pink.

### 2. OUTER BORDER (PINK)



1. Attach the pink yarn at the bottom.



2. Work single crochet all around the edge.



3. At the ears, make 3 double crochet stitches together in the same base stitch (on both sides).



4. Work the little feet and the tail with single crochet and slip stitches.

### 3. TAIL



1. Make a chain in pink.



2. Work single crochet along the chain.



3. Curve the tail and secure.

### 4. FACE



1. Attach the safety eyes between rounds 8 and 9.



2. Embroider the nose and mouth with black yarn.



3. Embroider the whiskers with pink yarn.

### 5. FINISHING



1. Weave in all ends.



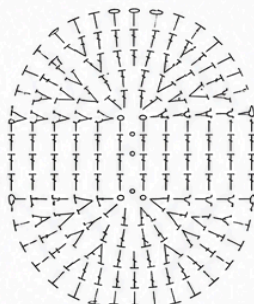
2. Your crocheted cat is ready!

### BASIC CHART (BODY)

Rnd	Stitches	Total
1	magic ring with 12 dc	12
2	12 increases	24
3	(1 dc, inc) x 12	36
4	(2 dc, inc) x 12	48
5	(3 dc, inc) x 12	60
6-14	60 dc	60
15	(3 dc, dec) x 12	48
16	(2 dc, dec) x 12	36
17	(1 dc, dec) x 12	24
18	12 decreases	12

#### LEGEND

- = chain
- = single crochet
- ⋈ = double crochet
- ∨ = increase (2 dc in the same stitch)
- ∧ = decrease (invisible decrease)



### TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

- Use cotton yarn and a suitable hook.
- Pay attention to increases and decreases.
- Use stitch markers to keep track of the rounds.
- Weave in the ends neatly for a perfect finish.

### SUGGESTED COLORS

- Body: beige or cream
- Border, ears, tail and feet: old rose (dark pink)
- Eyes and nose: black
- Whiskers: light pink

This tutorial follows the chart and structure shown in the original diagram so you can confidently crochet the project from start to finish.

## Materials You Will Need

Before starting, gather all your supplies. [harmonythreads.dicasdorei](https://www.harmonythreads.com/dicasdorei)

### Yarn Colors

- Beige or cream yarn for the body
- Dark pink or old rose yarn for the border, ears, feet, and tail
- Black yarn for facial embroidery
- Light pink yarn for whiskers

### Recommended Yarn

- Cotton yarn or cotton-blend yarn
- Medium weight (#4 worsted)

### Hook

- 3.5 mm to 4 mm crochet hook

### Other Supplies

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Safety eyes
- Measuring tape

## Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- inc = increase
- dec = decrease
- sl st = slip stitch
- st = stitch
- rnd = round

# CAT-SHAPED POTHOLDER PATTERN (US TERMS)

## STITCH KEY:

- [Sc: •]
- T [Hdc: T]
- ⌋ [Dc: ⌋]
- ≠ [Tr: ≠]
- [Ch: ○]
- [Sl St: •]
- ^ [Sc2tog: ^]
- ^ [Dc2tog: ^^]

**HEAD:** Start with 6 sc in MR.  
**Rnd 2:** [2 sc in ea st].  
**Rnd 3:** [sc in next st, 2 sc in next].  
**Rnd 3:** [sc in next st, 2 sc in next].  
**Rnd 4:** [sc in next st, 2 sc in next].  
**Rnd 5:** [2 sc in next].

**BODY:** Work similar oval rounds Work 1 rnd sc, all sc, then in sea st.  
**Rnd 1:** it tris.  
**Rnd 2:** in next st, 2 sc in next].

**RUFFLED BORDER:** (All magenta) Work 1 rnd sc, then [3 dc in same st] all around for ruffle.

**DIFFICULTY:** INTERMEDIATE

## MATERIALS LIST

Sc. Inc, 5 ch or each ch  
**Rnd 1:** Work inn, bot hom hook  
**Rnd 2:** Work in tr same ch.  
**Rnd 3:** Join to head with sc and and sl st.

## GAUGE INFORMATION

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**FACIAL FEATURES:** Embroider whiskers and nose. Attach black button eyes (as specified).

## EARS: (Magenta)

**Rnd 1:** 5 ch, 2 tr in same ch.  
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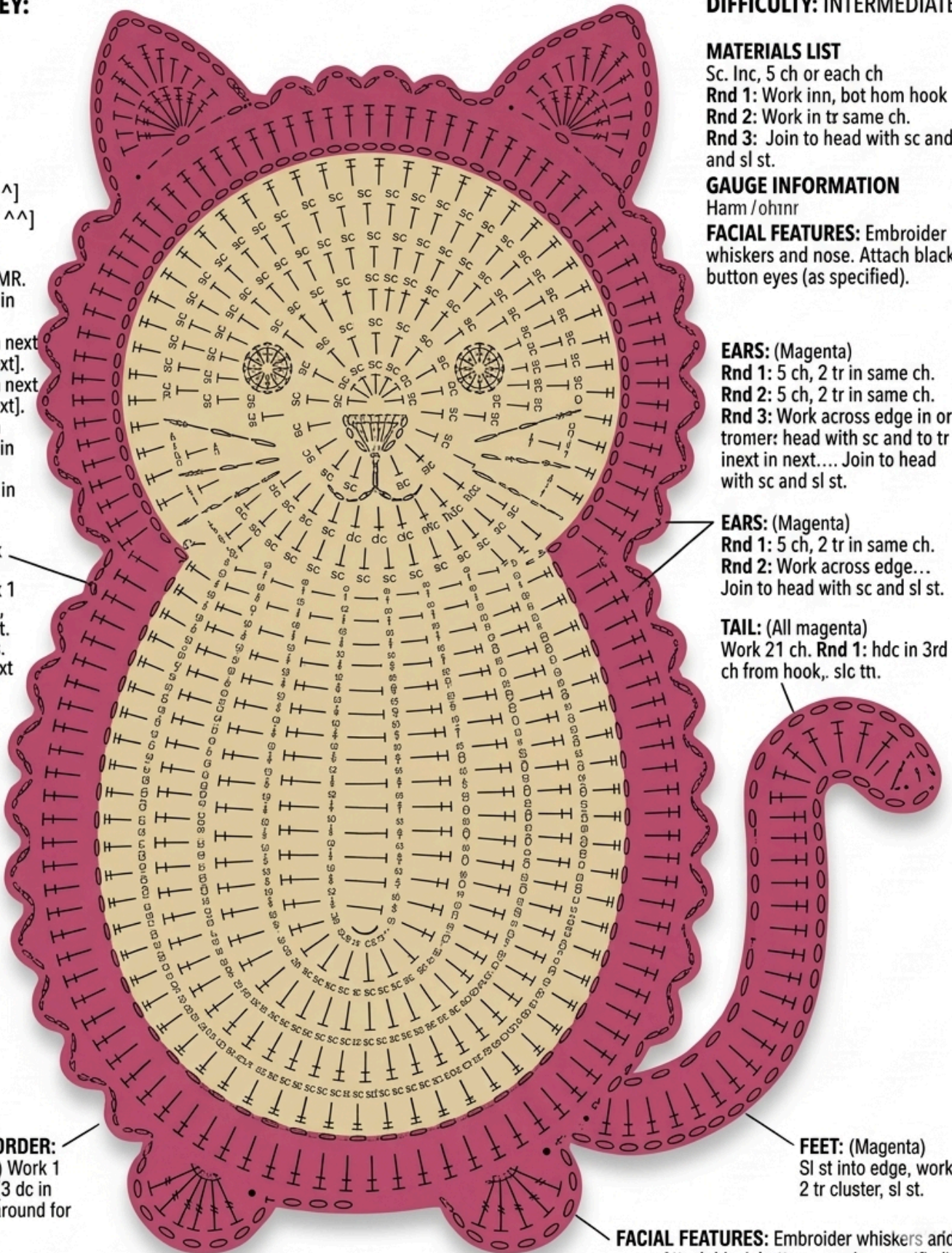
## TAIL: (All magenta)

Work 21 ch. **Rnd 1:** hdc in 3rd ch from hook, slc tn.

## FEET: (Magenta)

Sl st into edge, work 2 tr cluster, sl st.

**FACIAL FEATURES:** Embroider whiskers and nose. Attach black button eyes (as specified).



## Finished Size

The final size depends on the yarn and hook used, but the rug is approximately:

- 18–24 inches tall
- 10–14 inches wide

Perfect as:

- A small decorative rug
- Wall decor
- Nursery decoration
- Chair mat
- Table centerpiece

## Understanding the Body Shape

The main body is worked in an oval spiral. You begin from the center and continue increasing outward to create the elongated cat body.

The pink border is added afterward to form the decorative outline, ears, paws, and tail attachment. [harmonythreads.dicasdorei](http://harmonythreads.dicasdorei)

## Basic Body Chart

Follow these rounds carefully to build the center body.

Round	Instructions	Total Stitches
1	Magic ring with 12 dc	12
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## Step 1: Crochet the Inner Body (Beige)

### Begin with a Magic Ring

Start using beige yarn.

Create a magic ring and work:

- 12 double crochet stitches into the ring
- Pull tight to close

Place a stitch marker at the beginning of the round.

### Increase the Oval Shape

Continue working in spiral rounds.

In Round 2:

- Work 2 dc in each stitch around

You should now have 24 stitches.

### Continue Increasing

Follow the body chart carefully.

Each new round increases gradually:

- Round 3: alternate 1 dc and increase
- Round 4: alternate 2 dc and increase
- Round 5: alternate 3 dc and increase

Your piece will begin forming a smooth oval. [harmonythreads.dicasdorei](https://www.harmonythreads.com/dicasdorei)

### Build the Main Body Length

From Rounds 6–14:

- Work 1 dc in each stitch around
- No increases
- No decreases

This creates the elongated center section of the cat.

Keep your stitches even and relaxed for a smooth appearance.

### Shape the Bottom

Now begin decreasing.

Round 15:

- (3 dc, dec) repeat around

Round 16:

- (2 dc, dec) repeat around

Round 17:

- (1 dc, dec) repeat around

Round 18:

- Work decreases all around

Fasten off and weave in ends.

## **Step 2: Add the Pink Border**

Attach the dark pink yarn at the lower edge of the body.

### **Single Crochet Around the Edge**

Work one round of single crochet evenly around the entire body.

Keep the stitches close together to create a clean outline.

### **Create the Decorative Edge**

For the scalloped look:

- Work small rounded clusters evenly around the sides

This creates the cute fluffy border effect visible in the design.

### **Form the Ears**

At the top corners:

- Crochet triangular ear shapes directly onto the border [harmonythreads.dicasdorei](https://www.harmonythreads.com/dicasdorei)

For each ear:

1. Chain 2
2. Work 3 dc together into the same base stitch
3. Repeat on the opposite side

The ears should be symmetrical.

## Add the Tiny Feet

At the bottom edge:

- Crochet small rounded paw bumps

Use:

- Single crochet
- Slip stitches

These tiny details make the cat look extra cute. [harmonythreads.dicasdorei](https://www.harmonythreads.com/dicasdorei)

## Step 3: Crochet the Tail

Using pink yarn:

### Create the Foundation

Chain approximately:

- 25–35 chains depending on desired tail length

### Work Along the Chain

Single crochet back along the entire chain.

You can add slight increases for a curlier tail.

Example:

- 2 sc in every third stitch

This naturally curves the tail.

### Shape the Curl

Gently bend the tail into a spiral shape.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

## Step 4: Attach the Tail

Sew the tail securely to the lower side of the cat body.

Position it slightly upward for a playful curved appearance.

Use matching pink yarn and reinforce the stitches well. [harmonythreads.dicasdorei](https://www.harmonythreads.com/dicasdorei)

## Step 5: Add the Face 🐱

The face gives personality to your crochet cat.

### Attach the Safety Eyes

Place the eyes:

- Between Rounds 8 and 9
- Evenly spaced

Check symmetry before locking them in place.

### Embroider the Nose

Using black yarn:

- Create a small triangle nose

Keep it centered between the eyes.

### Stitch the Mouth

Embroider:

- A short vertical line downward
- Two curved smile lines

This creates the sweet cat expression.

### Add the Whiskers

Using light pink yarn:

- Stitch three whiskers on each side

Keep them slightly angled upward.

## Step 6: Finishing Touches

Carefully inspect the entire piece.

### Weave in All Ends

Hide every loose yarn tail securely. [harmonythreads.dicasdorei](https://www.harmonythreads.com/dicasdorei)

## Block the Rug

Lightly steam or wet block the project so it lays flat.

Shape:

- The ears
- Tail
- Border curves

Allow to dry completely.

## Beginner Tips

### Use Stitch Markers

Because the body is worked in continuous rounds, stitch markers help keep track of the beginning.

### Maintain Even Tension

Loose tension can distort the shape.

Tight tension may cause curling.

Aim for smooth, consistent stitches.

### Count Often

Always count your stitches at the end of every round.

This prevents uneven shaping later. [harmonythreads.dicasdorei](https://www.harmonythreads.com/dicasdorei)

### Don't Rush the Border

The border defines the cat shape, so take your time when forming:

- Ears
- Feet
- Rounded edges

## Color Suggestions

You can customize your cat rug in many ways.

## Classic Cat

- Beige body
- Dark pink border

## Black Cat

- Gray body
- Black border

## Pastel Cat

- Cream body
- Lavender border

## Rainbow Version

Use multiple colors for a playful nursery decoration.

## Care Instructions

- Hand wash gently
- Lay flat to dry
- Avoid high heat
- Store flat to maintain shape

## Final Thoughts

This crochet cat rug is a fun and relaxing project that combines simple stitches with adorable details. Even beginners can successfully complete it by following the rounds carefully and working step by step. [harmonythreads.dicasdorei](https://www.harmonythreads.com/dicasdorei)

Once finished, you'll have a charming handmade cat decoration that looks beautiful in any room 🐾



