Black cat applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ × 6 in (11 × 15 cm)
About 4½ in (11.5 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) tall with the ears and the tail (11 by 15 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 10 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: soft black, the body, the head, the ears, the front legs and the cat tail	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, the bow	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: light green, the eyes	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, the sewn details	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: gray, the sewn details	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 20 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **st** stitch.

2 sc in same st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first sc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 3 times: 3 times in all. (20 sc): the round now has 20; a check, not a step. Not 20? **Pull it back**.

Also: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Body

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 4.	
☐ **Round 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, sl st in first sc to join	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice, sl st in first sc to join	(26 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Head

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Ear: make 2

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Round 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch	(4 hdc, 4 dc, 5 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Front leg: make 2

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Round 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 6 chs	(12 sc, 6 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cat tail

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 13.	
☐ **Round 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 10 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 10 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(26 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, light green.

☐ **Start**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 7 sc in ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join	(7 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bow

Yarn B, gold.

☐ **Start**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	[Ch 3, 3 dc in ring, ch 3, sl st in ring] twice. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 dc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, right sides up: the body with the end where its rounds are joined at the top, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide at 1¼ in (3 cm) above its middle and 3 in (7.5 cm) wide at ¾ in (2 cm) below it; the head as a rounded oval 2 3/8 in (6 cm) wide and 2 1/8 in (5.5 cm) tall, the place where its rounds are joined at the bottom; the ears as triangles with the 3 sc at the point; the front legs straight; the cat tail with the end that has the sewing tail at the left, its first 5/8 in (1.5 cm) straight toward the right, the next 1¾ in (4.5 cm) bent up in an even curve until the tail points straight up, and the rest bent gently back to the right. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the body down, right side up, the end where its rounds are joined at the top. The middle of the body is the middle of its foundation chain, and the middle line runs through it straight up and down. Distances are measured from the middle of the body unless a line names another place.
- Cat tail: lay it behind the body, right side up, the end that has the sewing tail hidden, the middle of that end 5/8 in (1.5 cm) to the right of the middle line and 1¼ in (3 cm) below the middle of the body. From there it runs to the right, comes out from behind the body, bends up and swings back to the right at its tip: its free end is 2¾ in (7 cm) to the right of the middle line and 7/8 in (2 cm) above the middle of the body. With its tail, sew the hidden part to the back of the body, and from the front sew the edge of the body to it.
- Front legs: lay them on the body, right sides up, side by side, paws down, the plain ends level, the middle of each plain end 3/8 in (1 cm) from the middle line and 5/8 in (1.5 cm) above the middle of the body. The ends of the paws are 1¾ in (4.5 cm) below the middle of the body and stand out below its edge. With its tail, which hangs at the plain end, sew each leg down along its edge wherever it lies on the body; the rest of the paw is left free.
- Toes: with E, work two straight stitches straight up and down on each paw, from 1 5/8 in (4 cm) to 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) below the middle of the body, one 1/8 in (0.5 cm) to each side of the middle of the paw.
- Ears: lay the head down, right side up, the place where its rounds are joined at the bottom; its middle line runs straight up through its magic ring. Lay an ear behind each upper side of the head, right side up, its point at the top, the middle of its plain end ½ in (1.5 cm) from the middle line and ¼ in (0.5 cm) above the magic ring of the head, and its point 7/8 in (2 cm) from the middle line and 2 in (5 cm) above the magic ring. With its tail, sew the hidden part to the back of the head, and from the front sew the edge of the head to the ear. Inner ears: with D, work three straight stitches on each ear, all from one place ½ in (1.5 cm) below its point down to the edge of the head: one straight down the middle of the ear, the other two spread like a fan, their lower ends 1/8 in (0.5 cm) to each side of the lower end of the first.
- Head: lay it on the body, right side up, the ears at the top, its magic ring on the middle line, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) above the middle of the body. With its tail, sew it down all round where it lies on the body.
- Eyes: lay them on the head, right sides up, the magic ring of each ½ in (1.5 cm) from the middle line and 1/8 in (0.5 cm) above the magic ring of the head. Sew each down all round its edge with its tail. Pupils: with A, work three straight stitches straight up and down on each eye, side by side and touching: one over its magic ring, ½ in (1.5 cm) long, and one close to each side of it, ¼ in (0.5 cm) long. The middle of every stitch is level with the magic ring of the eye.
- Nose: with D, work a large French knot on the middle line, ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the magic ring of the head. It is about ¼ in (0.5 cm) across.
- Mouth: with E, work one straight stitch on the middle line from the lower edge of the nose down to 5/8 in (1.5 cm) below the magic ring of the head. From its lower end work a curve in backstitch to each side: it dips to ¾ in (2 cm) below the magic ring, 1/8 in (0.5 cm) from the middle line, and ends 5/8 in (1.5 cm) below the magic ring and ¼ in (0.5 cm) from the middle line.

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- Whiskers: with E, work two straight stitches on each side of the head. The upper one runs from 3/8 in (1 cm) from the middle line and 3/8 in (1 cm) below the magic ring of the head to 7/8 in (2 cm) from the middle line and ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the magic ring; the lower one from 3/8 in (1 cm) from the middle line and ½ in (1.5 cm) below the magic ring to ¾ in (2 cm) from the middle line and ½ in (1.5 cm) below the magic ring.
- Bow: lay it over the lower edge of the head, right side up, its ring on the middle line, 1 1/8 in (3 cm) above the middle of the body, its wings to the left and to the right. Wrap its tail three times tightly round the middle of the bow, going through the head and the body behind it, then sew the bow down with a stitch under each wing.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 10 pieces; 268 stitches (100 in the body, 60 in the head, 13 in each ear, 18 in each front leg, 26 in the cat tail, 7 in each eye, 6 in the bow).

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarns A, B and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarns D and E: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The body and the cat tail are worked in rounds round a chain. In their Round 1 the last 2 sc are worked in the chain that holds the first sc.
- Round 1 of an ear and of a front leg goes along one side of its chain and back along the other; it is not joined. The end with the 3 sc is the point of an ear, the end with the 6 hdc the paw of a leg; the other end, where the round begins and ends, is the plain end.
- The bow is worked in a ring: each ch 3, 3 dc and ch 3 between two slip stitches, or between the start and a slip stitch, is one wing. Pull the ring closed.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.5 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm).

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