Cat face applique

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (9 cm) wide and about 4½ in (11 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 6 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: ginger, the head and the ears	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the muzzle and the stripes on the forehead	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, the ear linings and the nose	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the eyes, the mouth and the whiskers	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

sc2tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

sc3tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next row.

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Gauge

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

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the head measures about 1¼ in (3 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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 or a row 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The middle of the head is its ring.
- The pieces worked in rows look much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- 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, 0.6 cm, 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 3 in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Head

Yarn A, ginger.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 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)**
☐ **Rnd 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)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail, for sewing the whole applique to your project.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, ginger.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(1 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Ear lining: make 2

Yarn C, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Muzzle

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 3 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Sew a lining to the middle of the front of each ear, its point toward the tip of the ear and its straight edge ½ in (1.3 cm) above the straight edge of the ear.
- Pin the ears behind the top of the head, leaning outward: the middle of each straight edge is 3/8 in (1 cm) inside the edge of the head, and the middles of the two straight edges are 1½ in (4 cm) apart, so that their inner corners nearly touch and their outer corners are hidden. Sew the ears to the back of the head along its edge.
- Sew the muzzle on with its long side across the face, its middle 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the middle of the head.
- With D, work a large French knot for each eye ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the middle of the head, 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) apart.
- With C, work a large French knot for the nose on the muzzle, just below the middle of its top edge. With D, work the mouth in backstitch: one line ¼ in (0.6 cm) long straight down from the nose, then, from its lower end, a curve 3/8 in (1 cm) wide up to each side.
- With D, work two straight stitches for whiskers from each side of the muzzle, each ½ in (1.3 cm) long and ending inside the edge of the head. With B, work three straight stitches down from the top edge of the head, 3/8 in (1 cm) apart, the middle one 5/8 in (1.6 cm) long and the others 3/8 in (1 cm) long.
- To sew the applique on, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 6 pieces; 18 ends to weave in.

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