Cat facial pads with a finger loop

Standard · US terms



Finished size
Each about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across, without the ears

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in rounds, small shaped ears, and a sewn face

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches and 19 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: soft gray, main color	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ginger, stripe	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripe	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, stripe	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, stripe	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and 1 stitch marker.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	3 in (7.5 cm) across	about 97 yd (89 m)
Standard (this file)	**3¾ in (9.5 cm) across**	**about 128 yd (117 m)**

Gauge

17 stitches and 19 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the first back: rounds 1 to 4 measure about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) across. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

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Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or of a round does not count as a stitch.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The right side of the rounds is the side that faces you as you work them. The right side of an ear and of a finger band is the side that faces you in row 1.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- BLO: put the hook under the back loop only, the loop of the top farther from you. The finger band is worked so from row 2 on, which makes its ribs.
- Whip stitch: lay the edge of the small piece on the back. With the yarn on the needle, go under one strand of the back right beside the edge, then up through the edge, and pull the yarn through; do the same at the next stitch of the edge. Through the edge means under both loops of a stitch in the last row of a finger band, and under the strands that row 1 left free along a foundation chain.
- Backstitch: come up one stitch length ahead on the line, go down again where the last sewing stitch ended, and go on so.
- Straight stitch: come up at one end of the line and go down at the other.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Standard. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sc3tog** 3 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Back: make 3

Yarn A, soft gray.

Everything is printed in A. Work one cat in A (gray), one in B (ginger) and one in C (cream), one after the other. Each cat takes a back, a finger band, two ears and a front. Weave in the ends of the backs, the fronts and the ears as you go, and keep the long tail of each finger band.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finger band: make 3

Yarn A, soft gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.	

Ear: make 6

Yarn A, soft gray.

The foundation chain is the foot of the ear and the last stitch is its tip.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	(1 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Front: make 3

Yarn A, soft gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc)

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Stop here for a moment and leave the loop on a marker. Work steps 1 to 6 of Assembly: the finger band is sewn to the back and the face to the front. Then lay the two wrong sides together, the front toward you, the joins of the two one behind the other at the bottom and the finger band running from side to side. Round 9 closes the cat: put the hook through both layers for every stitch, under both loops of the next st of the front and then of the st of the back that lies behind it

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Do steps 1 to 6 for each of the three cats, with the yarn of that cat where A is named, before its round 9. Finger band: lay a back down right side up with the joins of its rounds at the bottom. The band lies right side up across the middle of it, its two short ends to the left and to the right: the foundation chain lies over round 6 on one side, and the last row over round 6 on the other side, straight across. The band is a little longer than the way between and stands up in a low arch. Whip stitch the last row to the back with its tail, 5 stitches, go over them once more, and fasten off on the wrong side. Cut a length of A about 14 in (36 cm) long, whip stitch the 5 chains that hold row 1 down in the same way, and weave the ends in on the wrong side of the back.

2. Places on the face: lay a front right side up with the joins of its rounds at the bottom. The upright middle line runs from the joins through the middle of the rounds to the top. "Up", "down", "above" and "below" go along this line, "to the side" goes straight out from it, and all distances are measured from the middle of the rounds.

3. Eyes: Cut a length of D about 26 in (66 cm) long and split it into two thinner strands; sew with one of them. Each closed eye is a curve like a smile, worked in 5 backstitches. It begins 3/8 in (1 cm) to the side and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the middle, goes down to its lowest place ¾ in (1.9 cm) to the side and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the middle, and ends 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to the side and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the middle. Work one eye to the left and one to the right.

4. Nose: Cut a length of E about 14 in (36 cm) long. Work 4 straight stitches that spread like a small fan. All four begin at one point, the lowest place of the nose, on the middle line and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the middle. They end side by side, 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle: the first 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left of the line, the last 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the right of it, the other two between them.

5. Mouth and whiskers: Cut a length of D about 28 in (71 cm) long and split it as before. Mouth: from the lowest place of the nose work one straight stitch down the middle line to 7/8 in (2.2 cm) below the middle. From there work one straight stitch to the left and one to the right, each ending 3/8 in (1 cm) to the side and ¾ in (1.9 cm) below the middle. Whiskers: work two straight stitches on the left and two on the right. The upper one goes from 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to the side and ½ in (1.3 cm) below the middle to 1½ in (3.8 cm) to the side and 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle. The lower one goes from ¾ in (1.9 cm) to the side and ¾ in (1.9 cm) below the middle to 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to the side and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) below the middle.

6. Forehead: Cut a length of C about 16 in (41 cm) long for the gray cat, another one for the ginger cat, and one of B for the cream cat. Work three upright straight stitches: the middle one on the middle line from 1 in (2.5 cm) to ½ in (1.3 cm) above the middle, the other two ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left and to the right of the line, from 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to 5/8 in (1.6 cm) above the middle. Fasten off all the threads on the wrong side.

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7. Ears, on each cat: sew them on behind when round 9 of the front is done and the cat is closed. Lay the cat face down with the joins at the bottom. The ears lie on the back with their wrong side up, their tips outward, beyond the edge. Look for round 8, the last round of the back, and count its 48 stitches from the stitch of the join in the direction in which they were worked. The foundation chain of one ear runs straight from the top of stitch 17 to the top of stitch 23, the foundation chain of the other straight from the top of stitch 26 to the top of stitch 32. Cut a length of A about 18 in (46 cm) long for each ear. Whip stitch the 7 chains that hold row 1 to the back, one stitch to a chain, taking up only the back layer. Then sew a second line with the same thread, 7 stitches across the ear where it lies on the edge of the pad: each goes through the ear and under one strand of a stitch of round 9, so that nothing shows on the front. Fasten off and hide the ends between the layers.

Finishing

- Hide the last end between the layers with the yarn needle.
- Wash them in a mesh bag so that they keep their shape, pull them flat and let them dry.

In all: 15 pieces; 1,824 stitches (216 in each back, 60 in each finger band, 31 in each ear, 270 in each front).

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