Easy cat sweater

Medium · US terms



Finished size

About 12¾ in (32.5 cm) round the chest, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round the neck and 10¼ in (26 cm) long from the neck edge to the hem, for a cat 11½ in (29 cm) to less than 14 in (35.5 cm) round the chest

Skill

Easy

It is one rectangle of a single stitch with one seam; a leg opening is a short chain over skipped stitches, and the borders are plain rounds.

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 10 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: forest green, the sweater **about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, the collar, the leg edges and the hem **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 90 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: wool or acrylic

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a few pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Kitten	8¾ in (22 cm) round the chest, 6¼ in (16 cm) round the neck, 7½ in (19 cm) long from the neck edge to the hem	about 95 yd (87 m)
Small	10½ in (26.5 cm) round the chest, 7½ in (19 cm) round the neck, 8¾ in (22 cm) long from the neck edge to the hem	about 125 yd (114 m)
Medium (this file)	**12¾ in (32.5 cm) round the chest, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round the neck, 10¼ in (26 cm) long from the neck edge to the hem**	**about 180 yd (165 m)**

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Large	15¼ in (38.5 cm) round the chest, 10¾ in (27.5 cm) round the neck, 12 in (30.5 cm) long from the neck edge to the hem	about 245 yd (224 m)

Gauge

14 stitches and 10 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

The rows are worked through the back loop only: count two rows for each raised rib. The borders are worked in rounds with the same hook; 14 of their stitches measure 4 in (10 cm) too.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 10.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 14 stitches and 10 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 23.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(21 hdc)
Swatch rows 2 to 15	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	(21 hdc)

Notes

- The chain of 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only. The piece is turned at every row, so the front loops left free make ridges on both sides of it.
- Measure the cat round the widest part of the chest, just behind the front legs, with the tape snug but not tight, and along the back from the base of the neck to the base of the tail. Choose the size whose range holds the measure of the chest. A measure on the border of two sizes takes the larger one. The ribs give: a cat at the top of a size stretches the sweater by up to 1¼ in (3 cm).
- In the collar, the hem and the leg edges each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in, and in round 1 into the place where the yarn was joined.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Let the cat wear it only while someone is with it. Take it off before the cat is left alone, goes outdoors or climbs.
- The sweater lies on the back from the base of the neck, and the back should be at least 12 in (30.5 cm) long to the base of the tail, so that the hem stays clear of it.

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Instructions

Medium. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-8 sp: the gap under eight chains; the hook goes in the gap.
(34 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Main piece

Yarn A, forest green.

The skipped stitches of rows 4 and 30 make the slits for the front legs. The edge where these two rows begin is the neck edge, and the edge where they end is the hem edge. Put a marker in the neck edge.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 36.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(34 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	(34 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 6 sts, ch 8, sk next 8 sts, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts	(26 hdc, 1 ch-8 sp)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, 8 hdc in next ch-8 sp, hdc in BLO of next 6 sts	(34 hdc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 10**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	(34 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 6 sts, ch 8, sk next 8 sts, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts	(26 hdc, 1 ch-8 sp)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, 8 hdc in next ch-8 sp, hdc in BLO of next 6 sts	(34 hdc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	(34 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 38 in (97 cm) for the seam.	

2 3

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

6 7 8 9 **10**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 10.** The main piece should measure about 9¾ in (25 cm) wide, from one edge to the other, and 4 in (10 cm) tall.

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

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Collar

Yarn B, cream.

Sew the seam first (step 2). Hold the sweater right side out with the neck edge up. Join B with a slip stitch in the row end just to the left of the seam. In round 1 where it says each st, the ends of the 32 rows are meant: put the hook under two threads of the stitch or of the turning chain at the end of each row and work 1 single crochet (UK double crochet) there. That is fewer stitches than the edge is long, so it draws the neck in.

☐ **Foundation**	The neck edge of the sewn main piece, RS facing; join B at the seam; 32 places: one in the end of each row.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Hem

Yarn B, cream.

Hold the sweater right side out with the hem edge up. Join B with a slip stitch in the row end just to the left of the seam. In round 1 where it says each st, 48 places along the ends of the 32 rows are meant: work 2 single crochet in the end of the first row, 1 in the end of the next row, and so on by turns all the way round.

☐ **Foundation**	The hem edge of the sewn main piece, RS facing; join B at the seam; 48 places: three to every two rows.	
☐ **Rnds 1 to 2 (RS)** 1 2	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Leg edge: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

A slit has two sides of 8 places each. Hold the sweater right side out with the neck up: the side at your right is the chain, into which 8 half double crochet (UK half treble) were worked, and the side at your left is the 8 skipped stitches. Work down the right side first, over the chain, in the 8 gaps that come just before each of the 8 half double crochet as you reach it; the gap after the last of them is left. For each place put the hook through the gap from the front to the back, so that the chain lies over it, and work 1 single crochet round the chain. The first of these gaps, at the upper end, is where B is joined with a slip stitch, round the chain too. Then turn the sweater so that the hem is up and work back to the upper end along the other side, 1 single crochet in each of the 8 skipped stitches, through both loops. In UK terms the single crochet of all three borders is double crochet. If a small hole is left at an end of the slit, close it with a tail.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of one slit, RS facing; join B at the upper end of its right side; 16 places: 8 on each side.	
☐ **Rnds 1 to 2 (RS)** 1 2	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Assembly

1. The main piece is finished before the collar, the hem and the leg edges are worked. Weave in its starting tail along the neck edge. Lay it flat with the right side (the side that faced you in row 1) down.

2. The seam. Fold the foundation edge and the edge of the last row to the middle, so that the foundation chain meets the top of row 32, the two side by side and not overlapped. The right side is now out. Pin them. The long tail hangs at the hem edge: begin there and whip stitch to the neck edge with it, one stitch for each of the 34 stitches, through the chain on one edge and through both loops of the last row on the other. Fasten off on the inside and draw the end through the seam. Take the pins out.

3. The collar, the hem and the two leg edges are now worked as written, in any order. Weave in the tails of the hem and of the leg edges and the starting tail of the collar on the inside. The tail at the end of the collar is woven in on the outside, the side that faces you as the collar stands up, along the last round: the next step turns that side down and hides it. Take the marker out.

4. Roll the collar down to the outside by about half of its height, so that its last round lies over round 1.

Finishing

- Wash the sweater as the yarn band says, pat it to its size and dry it flat before the cat wears it.

In all: 1,392 stitches (1,072 in the main piece, 160 in the collar, 96 in the hem, 32 in each leg edge).

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