Striped cat sweater

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round the neck, 12½ in (32 cm) round the chest and 9½ in (24 cm) long

Skill
Intermediate
It is worked in joined rounds with increases, leg openings and a post stitch rib.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: lilac, the sweater and the ribs **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the stripes **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Fiber: wool or acrylic
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle and scissors.

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

Sizes

Size	Neck	Chest	Length	Yarn, an estimate
Kitten	8 in (20.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	about 110 yd (100 m)
Small (this file)	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**about 155 yd (142 m)**
Large	10¼ in (26 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	about 210 yd (192 m)

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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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
FPhdc	front post half double crochet (UK front post half treble)
BPhdc	back post half double crochet (UK back post half treble)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

There should be 14 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. 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.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch before you begin: ch 23; row 1, hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across (21 hdc); rows 2 to 16, ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across (21 hdc). Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle.

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 16	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(21 hdc)**

Before you start

- Join the foundation chain into a ring with a slip stitch, and take care that it is not twisted. The join runs down the middle of the back.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain of 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A post stitch is worked round the upright of the stitch below, from the front (FP) or from the back (BP), not into its top.
- Measure your cat round the widest part of the chest. Choose the size whose chest is nearest to that measure, and the smaller one if your measure is half way between two: the fabric gives. For a longer or shorter sweater add or leave out plain rounds in the part headed Length, and keep the order of the colors; added rounds take more yarn than is given here.
- To change color in a joined round, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that joins the round before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- Colors of the body, round by round. Rounds 1 to 6: A. Rounds 7 to 8: B. Rounds 9 to 10: A. Rounds 11 to 12: B. Rounds 13 to 14: A. Rounds 15 to 16: B. Rounds 17 to 18: A. Rounds 19 to 20: B. Rounds 21 to 26: A.

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Instructions

Chosen: Small. 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, hdc is half treble, FPhdc is front post half treble, BPhdc is back post half treble and sk is miss.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, lilac; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 32, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Collar

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in each ch around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next 2 sts, BPhdc around next 2 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	**(16 FPhdc, 16 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

Chest

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**

Leg openings

☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, ch 2, hdc in next 14 sts, ch 6, sk next 6 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, ch 6, sk next 6 sts, hdc in next 14 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc, 2 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, hdc in next 14 sts, 6 hdc in next ch-6 sp, hdc in next 4 sts, 6 hdc in next ch-6 sp, hdc in next 14 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**

Length

☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnds 22 to 23**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

22 23

Hem

☐ **Rnds 24 to 26**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next 2 sts, BPhdc around next 2 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	**(22 FPhdc, 22 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 24 to 26: tick them off as you go.

24 25 26

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Cuff: make 2

Yarn A, lilac.

Work each cuff round one leg opening. Round 11 skipped 6 stitches there and made a chain of 6 over them, and round 12 worked 6 hdc into that ch-6 space. Round 1 of the cuff has 12 places, with one half double crochet (UK half treble) in each: where it says each st, these 12 places are meant.

The lower edge: hold the sweater as it was worked, with the collar down and the right side toward you. Join the yarn with a slip stitch in the skipped stitch at the right. Work the first hdc in that same stitch and one in each of the other 5 skipped stitches. The upper edge: now turn the sweater round so that the collar is up and the ch-6 space is below the opening. The 6 hdc of round 12 hang down from that chain. Do not work into the chains; work 6 hdc over the chain, each in a gap beside one of those 6 stitches: put the hook through the fabric in the gap, under the chain, and up through the opening. Work one in each of the 5 gaps between two of those stitches, and the last in the gap after the last of them, at the corner. If a small hole is left at a corner, close it with the tail.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of one leg opening, RS facing; join A in the skipped stitch at the right; 12 places: the 6 skipped stitches, then 6 along the ch-6 space.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(12 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	**(6 FPhdc, 6 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 3 pieces; 1,144 stitches (1,048 in the body, 48 in each cuff); 22 ends to weave in.

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