Amigurumi Kitten Pattern

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A sleeping kitten curled up with its head on its paws and its tail wrapped around to its nose. It lies flat, so it is a lovely shelf or desk toy, and the closed eyes are embroidered: no safety eyes, which also makes it a good choice for a baby.

It is about 4.75 in / 12 cm long in DK cotton. Every round has its stitch count.



The sleeping kitten in ginger with cream paws.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (sc in the round, embroidery, sewing a lying pose)
- **Finished size:** about 4.75 in / 12 cm long and 2.5 in / 6 cm high
- **Yarn:** DK cotton, about 78 yd / 71 m in total
- **Hook:** 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2)
- **Time:** about 3.5 hours

Materials

- DK cotton in ginger (A) for the head, body, ears and tail, about 73 yd / 67 m
- DK cotton in cream (B) for the muzzle, paws and tail tip, about 5 yd / 4 m
- DK cotton in pink (C) for the nose, a small amount
- DK cotton in dark brown (D) for the closed eyes, a small amount
- 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2) hook
- fiberfill, tapestry needle, stitch markers and pins

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **MR** magic ring · **sc** single crochet · **inc** 2 sc in one stitch · **dec** invisible decrease · **FO** fasten off
- **blo / flo** back loop only / front loop only · **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch · **hdc / dc** half double / double crochet

Before you start

• The pose is made in the sewing: the body lies flat behind the head, the front paws go under the chin, and the tail wraps around.
• Stuff the body only medium-firm so it settles flat on a table.
• Sleepy eyes: two small upside-down U shapes, curve facing down. Practice on a scrap first; our embroidered eyes guide shows the stitch.

The pattern

Head

Color: start with A (ginger).

Start at the top.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** (3 sc, inc) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** 2 sc, inc, (4 sc, inc) ×5, 2 sc. (36)
- [ ] **Rnds 7–13:** Sc around. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 14:** (4 sc, dec) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 15:** Sc, dec, (3 sc, dec) ×5, 2 sc. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 16:** (2 sc, dec) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 17:** (sc, dec) ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 18:** Dec ×6. (6)

Placement: Closed eyes in D: two small U-shaped curves upside down (sleepy), on R11, 7 sts apart.

Placement: Nose in C: small V of 3 straight stitches between the eyes on R12-R13.

Placement: Ears: on R4-R7 at each side, about 14 sts apart.

Finish: Stuff firmly, FO and close.

Muzzle

Color: start with B (cream).

An oval around a short chain.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** Sc around. (8)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc, 2 sc, inc ×2, 2 sc, inc. (12)

Finish: Ch 5; work 8 sc around both sides of the chain (an oval); FO and sew flat under the eyes with the nose on top.

Ear (make 2)

Color: start with A (ginger).

Make two.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 4 sc in MR. (4)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×2. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×3. (9)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** (2 sc, inc) ×3. (12)

Finish: FO, flatten into a triangle, sew on by the open edge.



All the pieces before sewing.

Body

Color: start with A (ginger).

Start at the back end.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (3 sc, inc) ×6. (30)
- ☐ **Rnds 6–17:** Sc around. (30)
- ☐ **Rnd 18:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)
- ☐ **Rnds 19–20:** Sc around. (24)
- ☐ **Rnd 21:** (2 sc, dec) ×6. (18)

Finish: Start at the back end; stuff, FO and sew the open end to the back of the head so the kitten lies flat.

Paw (make 4)

Color: start with B (cream).

Make four. Start with cream for the toes.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×3. (9)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** Switch to A (ginger). Sc around. (9)
- ☐ **Rnds 4–6:** Sc around. (9)

Finish: Stuff lightly; sew the front paws under the chin so the head rests on them, the back paws tucked under the body.

Tail

Color: start with A (ginger).

Start with cream for the tip.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Switch to B (cream). 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Switch to B (cream). (2 sc, inc) ×2. (8)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** Switch to A (ginger). Sc around. (8)
- ☐ **Rnds 4–24:** Sc around. (8)

Finish: Do not stuff; sew to the back end and wrap it around the body so the tip lies near the nose.

Assembly

1. Embroider the closed eyes on round 11, 7 stitches apart, then sew the muzzle under them and add the pink nose.
2. Sew the ears on rounds 4 to 7, about 14 stitches apart.
3. Lay the head on its side as if resting. Sew the open end of the body to the back of the head so the body lies flat behind it.
4. Sew two paws under the chin, toes forward, and tuck the back paws under the body.
5. Sew the tail at the back end and stitch it in place around the body, the cream tip near the nose.

FAQ

Can I make an awake kitten?

Use 8 mm safety eyes instead of the embroidered curves, or try our sitting amigurumi cat.

More cats: the big chenille cat plush and the cat ear hat.