Big Crochet Cat Plush

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A big, squishy cat plush in chenille yarn, about 10 in / 25 cm tall sitting: the kind you can actually hug. It uses the same simple shapes as a small amigurumi cat (a round head, a pear-shaped body, tube arms and a long tail), just scaled up with thick velvet yarn and a 5 mm hook so it works up quickly.

The head alone is about 5 in / 13 cm across. Every round has its stitch count, and the full pattern is in a printable PDF.



The big cat plush: about 10 in / 25 cm tall in chenille.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy to intermediate (chenille is slippery and hard to count)
- **Finished size:** about 10 in / 25 cm tall sitting
- **Yarn:** DK cotton, about 201 yd / 184 m in total
- **Hook:** 5 mm (US H/8)
- **Time:** about 4 hours

Materials

- Bulky chenille (velvet) yarn in light grey (A), about 198 yd / 181 m
- A little white chenille (B) for the muzzle and pink yarn (C) for the nose
- 18 mm safety eyes (one pair)
- 5 mm (US H/8) hook, several stitch markers, a large tapestry needle, about 7 oz / 200 g fiberfill

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

Working with chenille

• **Count with markers.** Chenille hides stitches. Put a marker in the first stitch of every round and another every 6 or 12 stitches if you need to.
• **Feel for the top loops** rather than looking for them; the fuzzy pile covers them.
• **No frogging if you can help it.** Chenille sheds and gets bald when pulled out more than once. Count before you move on.
• **Close the holes with a regular yarn.** Sewing with chenille is hard; a matching DK or worsted yarn is much easier for the seams.



All the pieces before sewing.

The pattern

Head

Color: start with A (light grey chenille).

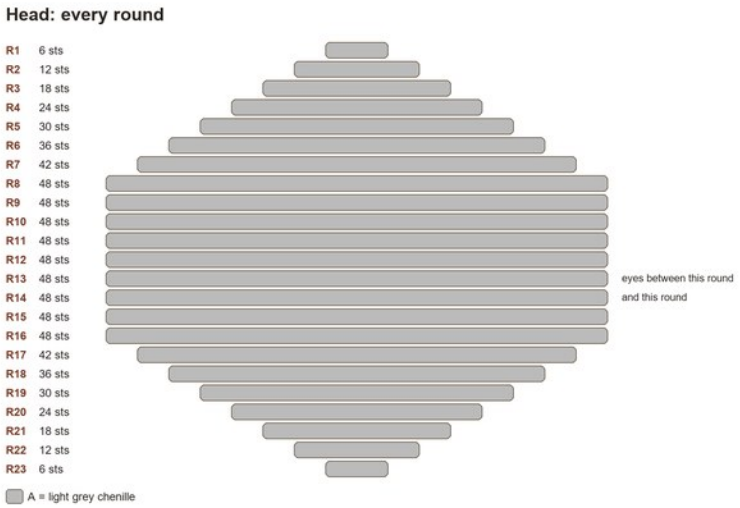
48 stitches at the widest, eight straight rounds.

- [ ] **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)
- [ ] **Rnd 7:** (5 sc, inc) ×6. (42)
- [ ] **Rnd 8:** 3 sc, inc, (6 sc, inc) ×5, 3 sc. (48)
- [ ] **Rnds 9–16:** Sc around. (48)
- [ ] **Rnd 17:** 3 sc, dec, (6 sc, dec) ×5, 3 sc. (42)
- [ ] **Rnd 18:** (5 sc, dec) ×6. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 19:** 2 sc, dec, (4 sc, dec) ×5, 2 sc. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 20:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 21:** Sc, dec, (2 sc, dec) ×5, sc. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 22:** (sc, dec) ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 23:** Dec ×6. (6)

Placement: Eyes: 18 mm safety eyes between R13 and R14, 10 sts apart (insert before R19).

Placement: Muzzle centered between the eyes, its top edge on R14.

Finish: Stuff firmly after R22, FO and close.



The head: eight rounds out, eight straight, seven back in.

Muzzle

Color: start with B (white chenille).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)

Placement: Nose in C: embroider a small triangle at the top center.

Finish: Sew on flat with a little stuffing behind it.

Ear (make 2)

Color: start with A (light grey chenille).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 4 sc in MR. (4)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×2. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (2 sc, inc) ×2. (8)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** (3 sc, inc) ×2. (10)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** (4 sc, inc) ×2. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** Sc around. (12)

Finish: Flatten, sew on top of the head between R4 and R8, about 12 sts apart.

Body

Color: start with A (light grey chenille).

The body narrows in three steps and stays open 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)
- [ ] **Rnd 7:** (5 sc, inc) ×6. (42)
- [ ] **Rnds 8–12:** Sc around. (42)
- [ ] **Rnd 13:** (5 sc, dec) ×6. (36)
- [ ] **Rnds 14–16:** Sc around. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 17:** 2 sc, dec, (4 sc, dec) ×5, 2 sc. (30)
- [ ] **Rnds 18–19:** Sc around. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 20:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)

Finish: FO with a long tail, stuff firmly, sew the open end under the head.

Arm (make 2)

Color: start with A (light grey chenille).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×3. (9)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (2 sc, inc) ×3. (12)
- [ ] **Rnds 4–12:** Sc around. (12)

Finish: Stuff the lower half, flatten the top and sew on at the sides just under the head.

Leg (make 2)

Color: start with A (light grey chenille).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 4–7:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 8:** (sc, dec) ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 9:** Sc around. (12)

Finish: Stuff and sew on at the bottom front of the body so the cat sits.

Tail

Color: start with A (light grey chenille).

A long tube; stuff it lightly so it stays soft and bendy.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×3. (9)
- [ ] **Rnds 3–20:** Sc around. (9)

Finish: Stuff lightly, sew to the back at R4, curving around one side.

Assembly

1. Sew the muzzle to the lower center of the face with a little stuffing behind it, its top edge on round 14, between the eyes.
2. Sew the ears on top of the head between rounds 4 and 8, about 12 stitches apart.
3. Sew the body under the head with a strong yarn, going around twice. Big heads are heavy, so stuff the neck firmly.
4. Sew the arms just under the head, the legs at the bottom front, and the tail at the back so it curls around one side.

Tips

- **Safety:** for a baby or toddler, embroider the eyes instead of using safety eyes.
- **Other colors:** ginger with a white muzzle, black with green eyes, or calico with a few sewn-on patches.
- **Smaller cat:** the same pattern in DK cotton with a 2.5 mm hook is about 4.5 in / 12 cm tall. Our small amigurumi cat is a simpler version for DK.

FAQ

Can I use regular worsted yarn?

Yes. Worsted acrylic with a 3.5 mm hook gives a firmer cat about 5.5 in / 14 cm tall. Chenille gives the soft plush look.

More plush animals: the baby elephant and the sausage dog.