Dog Crochet Guide

US terms | Version 1.0 | October 26, 2026



Making status and intended use

Prototype-ready editorial draft. No independent physical crochet, attachment, fit or wash test has been completed. Use a stuffed model or inaccessible craft display. A reference photo of a cat wearing a hat does not establish comfort or suitability. Keep hats, ties, loops, pompoms, filling and loose materials out of pet access. Never use decorative crochet as a collar or restraint.

Materials and reference information

White A: 40 yd (37 m); brown B: 20 yd (18 m), both worsted. Hook 4 mm.

Also prepare scissors, a yarn needle and removable stitch markers. The yarn amounts are supplied reference allowances, not new measured consumption. The reference skill level is intermediate. Main starting hook: 4 mm. Use the smaller component hook where specified.

Reference dimensions

The supplied opening length is about 2 in (5 cm), and the between-opening span about 2 in (5 cm). These rounded reference dimensions are not measured results for a new sample or a universal fit chart.

Stitch key and conventions

ch = chain; sc = single crochet; sl st = slip stitch; inc = 2 sc in one stitch; BLO = back loops only; MR = magic ring. Sc 3 means one sc in each of three stitches. Inc 3 means increase in each of three stitches. Brackets followed by x N repeat the complete bracket. Skip means leave that old stitch unworked; it is not sc2tog.

For flat rows, ch 1 and turn after each completed row unless finishing. The turning chain never counts. For spiral pieces, mark the first stitch and do not add a join or starting chain each round. For joined rounds, joins and starting chains never add stitches. Count actual stitch tops before moving on. Leave long sewing tails where required.

Gauge and resizing

No numerical crochet gauge is supplied. Swatch with the actual yarn and hook, then record relaxed sc stitches per cm g and rows per cm r. A planning estimate for a straight span is stitch count / g, and for a straight row section is row count / r. With the same counts, a new width scales as old g / new g and a new length as old r / new r. Shaping, holes, seams and filling change those estimates.

Record opening length, between-opening span and overall dimensions of the actual display sample. If proportions change, resample the whole base and all attached pieces together. No alternative stitch counts or live-cat fit have been graded or tested.

Make one flat base

Use the main colour: pink, light orange, orange, brown, white, blue, red, yellow or purple for designs 1-9 respectively. Ch 2. If choosing the optional display ties, leave a 25 in (64 cm) starting tail, except the unicorn which uses separate tie strands. Work the Base table. Each chain bridge replaces the skipped tops; on the following row work once into each chain link, not a cluster around the whole arch. The final one-stitch row deliberately skips the first two old tops.

After the last row, either fasten and weave tails for a tie-free display or follow the optional display-tie finish. For fox, the asymmetric middle shaping is intentional. Read all base rows before starting.

Base

Counts are per individual piece; repeat the schedule for the number of pieces named.

Row / round	US instructions	Count
1	Work 3 sc into the second chain of a ch-2 foundation.	3
2	Sc in each stitch.	3
3	Inc in first stitch, sc 1, inc in last stitch.	5
4	Sc in each stitch.	5
5	Inc in first stitch, sc 3, inc in last stitch.	7
6	Sc in each stitch.	7
7	Inc in first stitch, sc 5, inc in last stitch.	9
8	Sc in each stitch.	9
9	Inc in first stitch, sc 7, inc in last stitch.	11
10	Sc in each stitch.	11
11	Inc in first stitch, sc 9, inc in last stitch.	13

Row / round	US instructions	Count
12	Sc in each stitch.	13
13	Inc in first stitch, sc 11, inc in last stitch.	15
14	Sc in first stitch, ch 13, skip 13 stitches, sc in last stitch.	15
15	Sc in the first anchor, sc once into each chain link, sc in the last anchor.	15
16-26	Sc in each stitch.	15
27	Sc in first stitch, ch 13, skip 13 stitches, sc in last stitch.	15
28	Sc in first anchor, once into each chain link, then in last anchor.	15
29	Sc 1, skip 1, sc 11, skip 1, sc 1.	13
30	Sc in each stitch.	13
31	Sc 1, skip 1, sc 9, skip 1, sc 1.	11
32	Sc in each stitch.	11
33	Sc 1, skip 1, sc 7, skip 1, sc 1.	9
34	Sc in each stitch.	9
35	Sc 1, skip 1, sc 5, skip 1, sc 1.	7
36	Sc in each stitch.	7
37	Sc 1, skip 1, sc 3, skip 1, sc 1.	5
38	Sc in each stitch.	5
39	Sc 1, skip 1, sc 1, skip 1, sc 1.	3
40	Skip the first two stitches and sc in the last stitch. Do not add a counted turning chain.	1

Dog ear (make 2)

Counts are per individual piece; repeat the schedule for the number of pieces named.

Row / round	US instructions	Count
1	Work 10 sc in MR; join first sc.	10
2	Ch 1, sc 10, join first sc.	10
3	Ch 1, [sc 1, inc] x 5; join.	15
4	Ch 1, sc 15; join.	15
5	Ch 1, sc 8 in BLO, leave other 7 tops unworked; ch 1, turn.	8
6-11	Sc 8 in rows; ch 1, turn between rows.	8

Oval spot (make 1 white and 1 brown)

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Row / round	US instructions	Count
1	Draft foundation: ch 5; sc in second chain and next 2 chains, 3 sc in last chain, sc 3 along opposite side; join first sc.	9
2	Ch 1, [sc 1, inc] x 3, sc 2, inc; join first sc.	13

Dog ears, spots and attachment

Use brown for the ears. R1-R4 are joined rounds: ch 1 at each new round, join to the first actual sc and keep chains/joins uncounted. R5 uses only eight back loops, leaving seven tops unworked; from there continue in short flat rows. Do not work a second full 15-stitch round. Leave 10 in (25 cm) tails after R11. Keep the ears unstuffed.

Make one white and one brown oval spot. The supplied foundation says ch 6 but only accounts for four worked chains and a nine-stitch oval. This guide proposes ch 5, explicitly working all four usable chain positions on the first side, to establish 9 then 13 stitches. This is an untested editorial route, not a maker-confirmed correction.

Sew the white spot to one brown ear and the brown spot to the white base under the other ear. Compare the photograph for the deliberately uneven placement. Sew each flat ear end above the corresponding opening, covering the attachment area with the full eight-stitch end. Match both sides before weaving the tails.

Optional chain ties for a display model

At each narrow end make a chain of 25 stitches: at the finishing end continue the working yarn as ch 25, then fasten; at the starting end use the reserved 25 in (64 cm) tail to draw up a loop and chain 25. If that tail is too short at your tension, attach a fresh matching strand and record the allowance. Secure and weave ends. These chains are optional display trim only; do not use them to secure a hat on a live cat.

Finish, care and sample record

Remove every placement pin and marker. Check the underside, seam contact areas and every yarn end. Uneven pair: compare counts and gauge before sewing. A gathered base edge: undo the trim and redistribute anchors rather than forcing it flat. Leaning cone, horn or fin: reposition and broaden the full contact seam; no tested upright stability is claimed.

Follow the actual labels for yarn, trim and filling. Test cleaning on a swatch, then inspect attachments and remeasure after drying. No machine-wash or whole-project performance claim is supported.

Record yarn labels and grams by colour ___; main/component hooks ___; stitches/cm ___; rows/cm ___; base and opening dimensions ___; component and seam changes ___; trim/tie allowance ___; before/after-cleaning observations ___; attachment inspection ___; physical sample date ___. Retain draft status until the relevant sample checks are complete.

Finished reference views

These supplied photographs show completed hats or annotated standalone views. They are not process photographs or measurement templates. Keep native resolution in mind when enlarging.



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images/dog-ear-cat-hat-02.jpg | Finished standalone hat with printed annotations



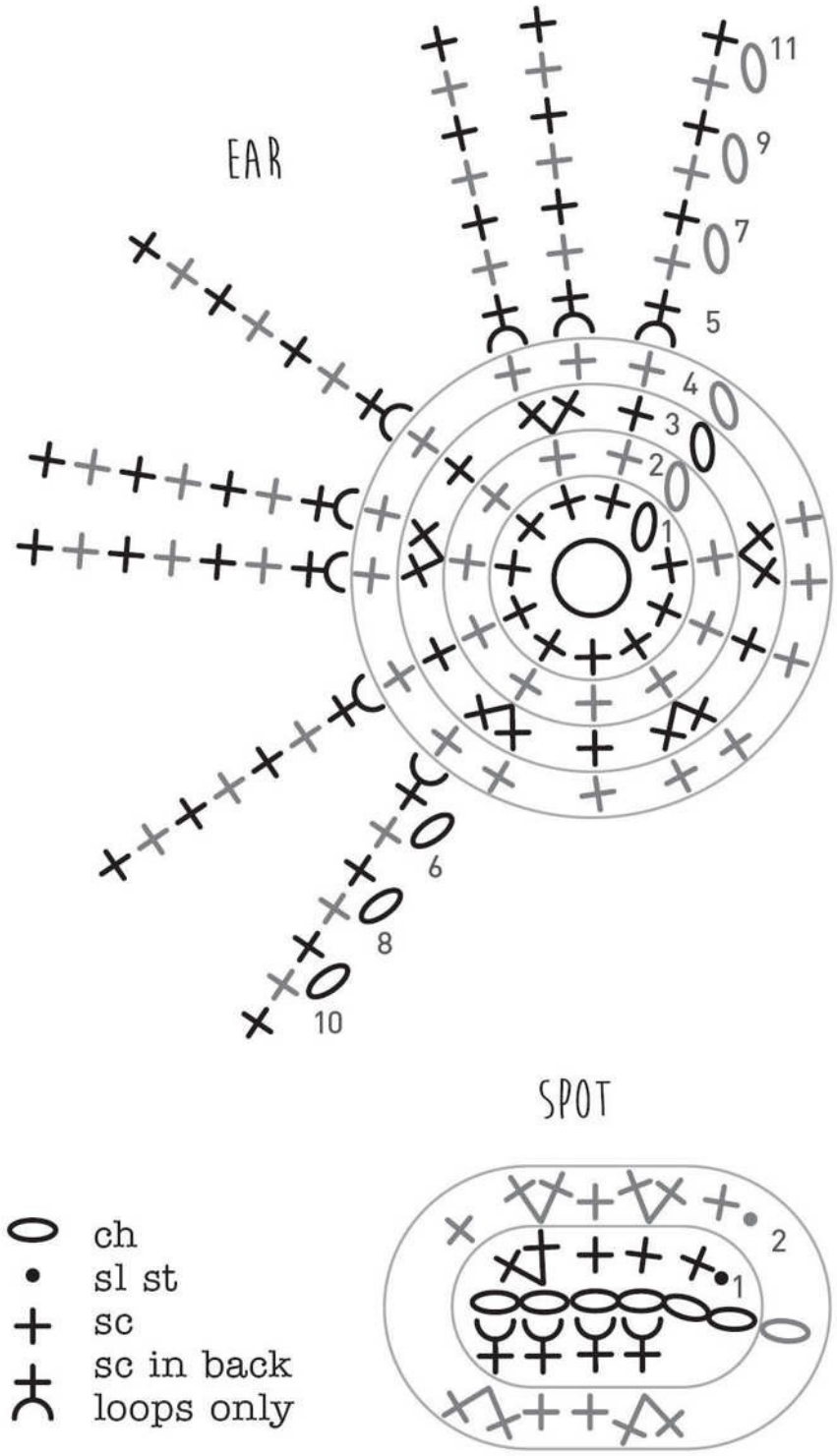
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Original stitch-chart reference

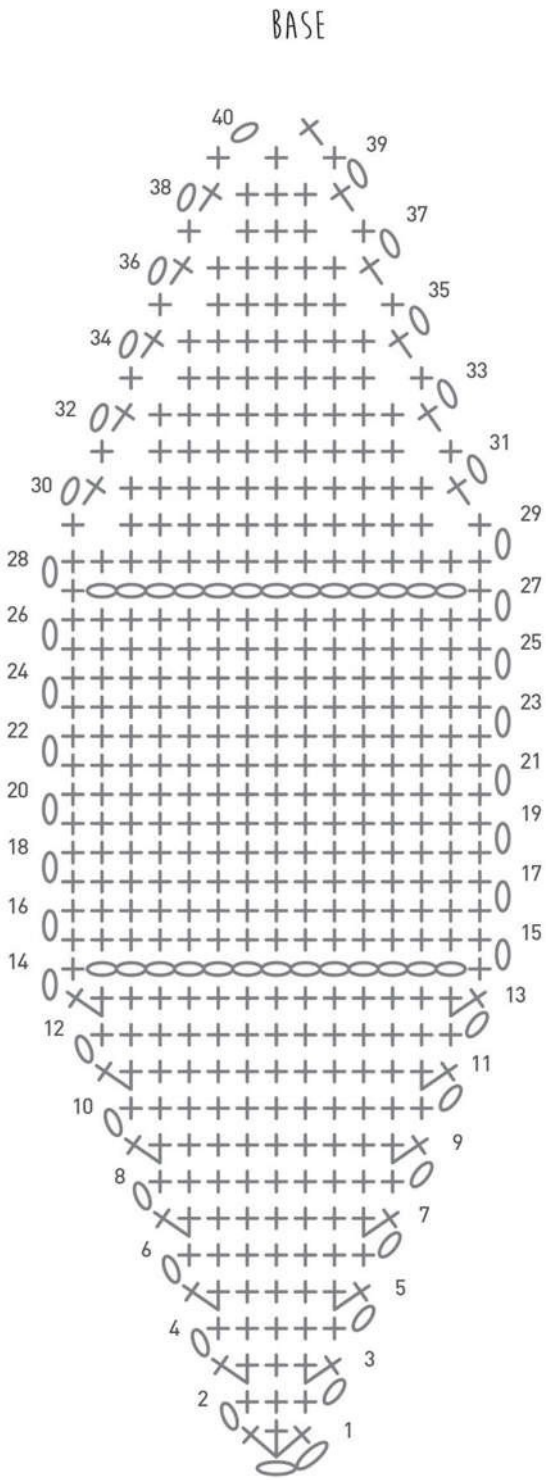
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