Green Pet Balaclava



Version and test status

Version 1.0 | October 10, 2026. Expanded reading draft based on the supplied pattern. This edition and its proposed corrections have not been physically crocheted, fitted or washed. The complete original photo and chart pages follow these instructions. They preserve the reference details and original wording.

Size and gauge

17 cm lower edge; 9 cm high; 10 cm face opening. Stated dimensions are reference targets, not independently measured results. 12 sc and 10-11 rows per 10 cm. Work a swatch larger than 10 cm square, let it rest, and count a central 10 cm section without stretching. Change hook size and remake the swatch if needed. Measure the finished piece as described below.

Materials

Green plush yarn, approximately 120 m per 100 g, plus a little white plush yarn. The reference allows about one quarter of a 100 g skein, approximately 25 g/30 m if the skein is 100 g. Start with a 4 mm hook. Also use a marker, yarn needle, matching sewing thread, sewing needle, scissors and measuring tape. A small decorative ring is optional in the reference; omit it for animal contact.

US stitch terms

Ch = chain; sc = single crochet; dc = double crochet; sl st = slip stitch; inc = 2 sc in one base stitch; dc2tog = work two incomplete dc in consecutive stitches and finish them together; BLO = back loop only; RS/WS = right/wrong side. Numbers in parentheses are resulting stitch counts. Turning chains do not count unless the row explicitly says so. Secure and weave in each tail rather than leaving loose strands.

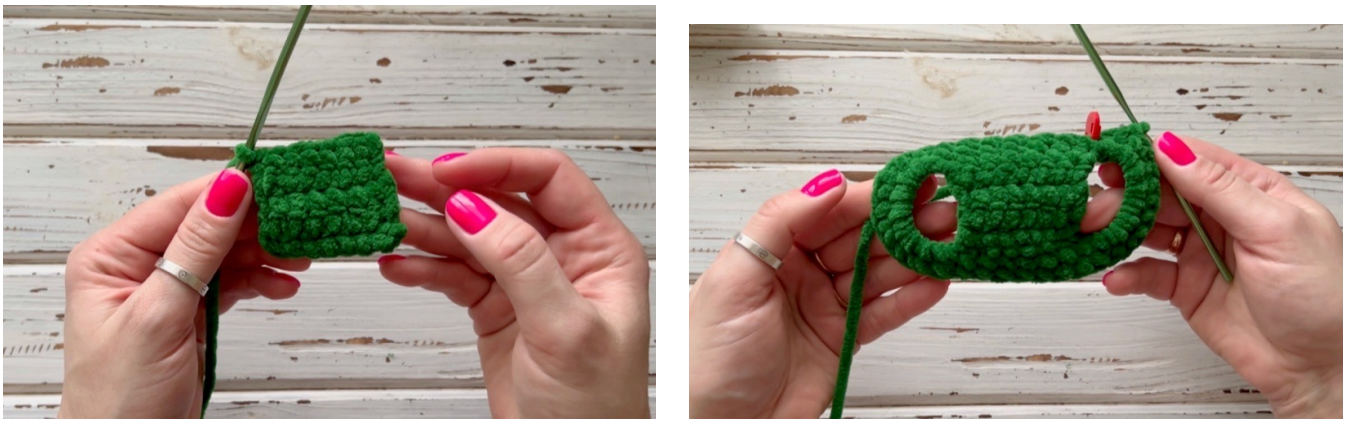
Construction and use

The small flat rectangle becomes an oval path with two chain bridges. Work onward in a spiral, add a larger face opening, then sew the round green and white decorations to the first two openings. This is an enclosed-head shape. Make the accessory for a stuffed animal or display and avoid using it as a cat costume. Do not add a tight closure to force a fit.

Flat panel and first openings

Start	With green, ch 8.
Row 1	Sc in second chain and next 6 chains; ch 1, turn. (7)
Rows 2-4	Sc in all 7 stitches; ch 1, turn after each row. (7 each)
Row 5	Sc in all 7 stitches. No extra turning chain here. (7)
Setup 6	Ch 8, turn the panel, sc across the 7 stitches on the opposite edge, ch 8, then sc across the original 7-stitch edge. This creates an oval path with 14 sc and 16 chains. (30 positions)

Use the setup photographs in reference page 6 to check orientation; do not add side-edge stitches beyond the stated two seven-stitch edges.



Actual setup and shaping photographs. The two small openings are created before the larger face opening.

Spiral hood

Round 7	Mark first sc. Work 7 sc, 8 sc under first chain bridge, 7 sc, 8 sc under second bridge. (30)
Round 8	9 sc, inc, sc, inc, sc, inc, 10 sc, inc, sc, inc, sc, inc, sc. (36)
Round 9	9 sc, inc, 2 sc, inc, 2 sc, inc, 11 sc, inc, 2 sc, inc, 2 sc, inc, 2 sc. (42)
Round 10	Sc in all 42 stitches. (42)
Round 11	18 sc, ch 13, skip 13 base stitches, sc in the final 11 stitches. (29 sc plus 13 chains = 42 positions)
Round 12	Sc in all positions, working one sc in each of the 13 chains. (42)
Rounds 13-14	Sc in every stitch for 2 rounds. (42 each)

Work one additional sc as a finishing offset, not a new counted round. Cut yarn and draw the tail through the loop. Make an invisible join to the first stitch at the edge, then secure the tail on the wrong side.

Green decorations - make 2

Start	Ch 2 in green.
Round 1	6 sc in second chain from hook. (6)
Round 2	Inc in every stitch. (12)
Round 3	(Sc, inc) 6 times. (18)

Work one extra sc to offset the finishing join. Leave approximately 40 cm of sewing tail. Join invisibly and secure the edge. The extra stitch is a finishing offset, not a full round.

White centres - make 2

Start	Ch 2 in white.
Round 1	6 sc in second chain. (6)

Fasten off, join the edge neatly and hide both tails. Stitch one white circle to the centre of each green piece with matching sewing thread. Sew both completed decorations at the two small hood openings, following reference pages 14-15. Do not stitch across the larger face opening. Secure every sewn edge and all tails. The optional ring shown in the reference is omitted for animal contact.

Measure and adapt

Measure relaxed lower-edge length, hood height and the opening width as laid flat. The stated 17 cm lower edge, 9 cm height and 10 cm opening refer to this individual reference and are not an all-pet chart. For a stuffed-animal display rescale, ratio = desired hood height / measured sample height. Change yarn and hook together and keep the full stitch schedule, then remake the hood and measure both opening width and circumference. Changing only the 13-chain opening shifts the remaining geometry and is not a supported size variant.

Finishing, care and troubleshooting

Check counts before moving to the next shaping round. If the crown twists, check the join and whether a turning chain was counted twice. If an opening is too small or an edge curls, pause and check gauge and stitch placement rather than stretching it onto a head. Secure seams, remove pins and hide loose ends. Follow the exact yarn care label and test cleaning on spare fabric first. Finished washability and colourfastness have not been verified for this edition; keep glued or elastic components out of any untested heat or wash cycle. Record actual dimensions, yarn used and changes in your sample notes.

Animal-contact limits

These are decorative crochet projects, not restraint, walking or identification equipment. Keep nose, mouth, eyes and ear movement unobstructed. Avoid enclosed head costumes and dressing cats up; display use is a practical alternative. For a dog already accustomed to clothing, any brief fitting needs close supervision and immediate removal if the dog freezes, paws at the item or tries to remove it. Ties, elastic, rings and bobbles can snag or be swallowed. Never secure the accessory by tightening it around the neck or fastening it through a breakaway collar release. The pattern has not been tested as protective warmth or sun equipment.

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Crochet pattern

Pets balaclava

Level: beginner

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Material and tools:

- Any plush yarn, green color, 120m/ 100gr, about 1/4 skein. For example, Himalaya Dolphin baby, YarnArt Dolce or Vizell Baby Smile;
- Little any plush yarn, white color;
- Hook N4 - 4 mm;
- Marker;
- Sewing thread and sewing needle;
- Plastic needle with large eyelet;
- Scissors;
- Small ring (optional).

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Gauge: 12 stitches and 10-11 rows = 4*4 inches (10*10cm).

The balaclava is suitable for an average cat or a small dog: length of the hat along the bottom edge - (7 inches) 17 cm, height - 3 1/2 inches (9 cm), width of the hole for the muzzle - (4 inches) 10 cm.

Abbreviations

CH - chain stitch,
SC - single crochet,
Inc - increase (2 SC in 1)

Link to the video of the process (26 minutes):

https://youtu.be/Zu9wP1pnEn4

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Crochet the balaclava

Take the green yarn.

Crochet 8 CH.



1 row. 7 SC from the 2nd loop on the hook, CH.



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Insert the hook trough the last SC, pull out the end. Crochet in the end of the thread in the next row.



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Next, turn the canvas after each row.

2 row. 7 SC, CH.



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3 row. 7 SC, CH.



4 row. 7 SC, CH.



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5 row. 7 SC.



6 row. Crochet 8 CH, turn over the canvas, 7 SC on the opposite side, 8 CH, 7 SC (=30).



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Next crochet a spiral.

Place the marker in the 1st SC of the row.



7 row. 7 SC, 8 SC under the arc, 7 SC, 8 SC under the arc (=30).



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8 row. 9 SC, 1 Inc, 1 SC, 1 Inc, 1 SC, 1 Inc, 10 SC, 1 Inc, 1 SC, 1 Inc, 1 SC, 1 Inc, 1 SC (=36).



9 row. 9 SC, 1 Inc, 2 SC, 1 Inc, 2 SC, 1 Inc, 11 SC, 1 Inc, 2 SC, 1 Inc, 2 SC, 1 Inc, 2 SC (=42).



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10 row. 42 SC.



11 row. 18 SC, 13 CH, skip 13 loops, 11 SC (=42).



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12 row. 42 SC (SC above CH crochet in each loop).



13 - 14 rows. 42 SC.

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1 SC. Cut the thread, pull out the end. Insert the hook under the 1st SC, pull out the end, tighten the end back to the wrong side. Strengthen and hide the end.

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Crochet the ears(*2)

Take the green yarn. Crochet 2 CH.



1 row. 6 SC in the 2nd loop.



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2 row. 6 Inc (=12).



3 row. (1 SC, 1 Inc)*6 (=18).

1 SC. Cut the thread. Leave the end of the thread 16 inches (40 cm) long. Pull out the end in the loop. Insert the hook under the 1st SC, pull out the end, tighten the end back to the wrong side. Strengthen the end.



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Take the white yarn. Crochet 2 CH.



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1 row. 6 SC in the 2nd loop.

Cut the thread, pull out the end. Insert the hook under the 1st SC, pull out the end, tighten the end back to the wrong side. Tie the knot. Hide both ends.



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Sew the green and the white parts of the ear with the sewing needle and the sewing thread of the base color.



Similarly crochet another pair of the ears.



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Assembly

Sew on the ears to the holes with the plastic needle.



Sew all ends with the sewing needle and the sewing thread of the base color.



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Optionally, decorate the balaclava with the small ring.

Congratulations! Your cute pets balaclava is ready👍





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