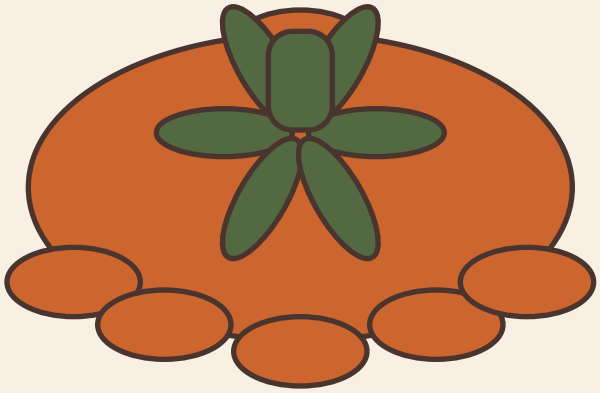
Orange Blossom Cat Hat



Rounded crown, six flared petals and a leaf cluster

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Untested display guide for a plush cat or form. Construction sketch is schematic.

Materials and sizing

Version 1.0. Untested display pattern in US crochet terms. Use a plush cat or inert display form for every measurement. The supplied images show earlier constructions. The instructions here make an independently drafted display version.

Swatch single crochet with the chosen yarn. Divide the stitch count by swatch width to obtain stitches per cm, and the row count by swatch height to obtain rows per cm. Record yarn and hook. Measure the finished sample on the form before making multiples. Yardage depends on size and yarn. Weigh the first finished example before purchasing for a set.

US terms. ch = chain, sc = single crochet, hdc = half double crochet, dc = double crochet, sl st = slip stitch, inc = 2 sc in one stitch, dec = sc two stitches together, BLO = back loop only. For dec, draw up a loop in each of the next two stitches, yarn over and pull through all three loops. Turning and lifting chains add no stitch. Work into both top loops unless specified. Keep a marker in the first stitch of a round.

Use orange worsted yarn, green worsted yarn and a 4 mm hook as a starting point. Also gather a blunt needle, marker, scissors and removable pins. Measure the plush head circumference where the cap edge will sit. Use a sample that rests loosely on the form. Estimate edge count by multiplying circumference in cm by stitches per cm and rounding to a multiple of six. Sample the crown before adding petals.

Crochet the crown

Orange crown. R1: Work 6 sc into a magic ring and mark the first stitch. Pull the centre closed and secure its tail. Work continuously.

R2: inc in each stitch (12).

R3: [sc, inc] six times (18).

R4: [2 sc, inc] six times (24).

R5: [3 sc, inc] six times (30).

R6: [4 sc, inc] six times (36).

R7–9: 36 sc per round. Sl st into next stitch and fasten off. For a larger or smaller sample stop the increase phase at the round nearest the required multiple of six. Each additional increase round places one more sc before each inc. After the increase phase work three even rounds, adjusting the even depth if the cap sits too high or low on the form. Divide the final edge count by six for petal spacing.

Make and attach six petals

Orange petals, make six. Ch 5. Row 1: sc from the second chain across (4).

Row 2: ch 1, turn, inc, 2 sc, inc (6).

Row 3: ch 1, turn, sc, hdc, dc, dc, hdc, sc (6).

Row 4: ch 1, turn, dec, 2 sc, dec (4). Fasten off. Leave a sewing tail.

Mark six equally spaced points around the cap opening. Centre a petal foundation at each mark. Stitch the four foundation stitches onto four neighbouring cap stitches and let the wider parts flare. On smaller rims, overlap neighbouring foundations slightly if fewer than four stitches are available per section. Sew a small tack through each side of the petal near the foundation if needed.

Add leaves and stem

Green leaves, make six. Ch 7. Starting in the second ch, work sc, hdc, dc, dc, hdc, sc along the six chains. Fasten off with a sewing tail. Arrange the leaves radially around the crown centre, then sew along each foundation edge and tack each tip so it lies flat.

Green stem. R1: 6 sc in a magic ring. R2–4: 6 sc per round in a spiral. Sl st in the next stitch. Fasten off and sew the open end to the crown centre through all six stitch backs. The stem is unfilled. Check the stem and leaves remain secure when the cap is lifted.

Weave in all tails and remove the fitting pins. Set the piece on the display form and check the seams, balance and trim. If the trim drags the base sideways, use lighter yarn or reduce trim depth in a new sample. Record the actual finished dimensions and any changes. Keep the finished piece and loose yarn out of pets’ reach. Follow the yarn label on a separate wash sample before cleaning the finished item.