



## LONG-LEGGED CAT IN SHORTS

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### Size

25 cm (10") with sport weight cotton and acrylic blend and a 2,50 mm crochet hook.

### Difficulty

2. Beginner - suitable for novice crocheters, includes some less common crochet techniques and color changes.

### Skills required

Crocheting in spiral, chain stitch, single crochet stitch, increasing and decreasing.

### Contact Info

Pattern includes unlimited support from me over email or Skype. Photo tutorials and helpful tips are available on my website.

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**Tip!** You can use the same pattern to make larger or smaller toys by using finer or bulkier yarn. Pick a crochet hook at least a size smaller than suggested on yarn label and crochet tightly enough to achieve a tight gauge that will not allow the stuffing to show through the fabric. You may also need to adjust the size of the safety eyes.

### Materials & Tools

- Yarn. I used sport weight cotton and acrylic blend, 50g=114 m (50g=125yd) / 5 ply / 12 wpi / 2: fine. You will need about 60g of yarn for the body and 24g for the shorts
- 2,50 - 3,00 mm crochet hook (US size 1/B – 3/D) or according to the yarn.
- Polyester fiberfill, wool, wadding etc. for stuffing.
- 12 mm (1/2") safety eyes or buttons, beads, felt etc.
- Button.
- Cotton embroidery floss.
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker.



### Abbreviations

- **mr, sc  $n$**  = magic ring – crochet  $n$  (number) single crochet stitches into the adjustable loop (see page 12).
- **ch** = chain stitch.
- **sc** = single crochet stitch (double crochet stitch in UK and Australia).
- **sc (or ch, hdc etc.)  $n$**  = make  $n$  single crochet stitches (or ch, hdc etc.), one in each stitch.
- **inc** = increase – crochet two single crochet stitches in the same stitch.
- **inc3** = double increase – crochet three single crochet stitches in the same stitch.
- **dec** = decrease – crochet two stitches together using the invisible decrease method (see page 14-15).
- **(sc 4, inc) x  $n$**  = repeat the pattern between parentheses  $n$  times.
- **(36)** = number of stitches in a round after finishing that round.

### Notes

- Work in a continuous spiral, without joining rounds or turning your work, unless instructed otherwise in the pattern.
- Use a stitch marker or a piece of yarn to mark the end or the beginning of a round. Move the marker up after completing each round.
- All stitches are worked into both loops, unless instructed otherwise in the pattern.

## Head

With yarn A:

- 1: mr, sc 6 (6)
- 2: inc x 6 (12)
- 3: (sc, inc) x 6 (18)
- 4: (inc, sc 2) x 6 (24)
- 5: (sc 3, inc) x 6 (30)
- 6: sc, inc, (sc 4, inc) x 5, sc 3 (36)

- 7: sc 6, rnd 1 (36)
- 8: sc 6, rnd 2, sc 6, rnd 3, rnd 4, rnd 5 (36)
- 9: rnd 1, rnd 2 (36)
- 10: rnd 3, rnd 4, rnd 5 (36)

For round 11: work a row of single crochet in the top of the 10 rows and 11 rows of the head. Use the 11 rows of the head to work the crown of the head.

- 11: rnd 6, rnd 7 (36)
- 12: rnd 8, rnd 9, rnd 10, rnd 11 (36)
- 13: rnd 12 (36)
- 14: rnd 13, rnd 14, rnd 15, rnd 16 (36)
- 15: rnd 17, rnd 18 (36)
- 16: rnd 19, rnd 20, rnd 21, rnd 22, rnd 23, rnd 24 (36)
- 17: rnd 25, rnd 26, rnd 27, rnd 28, rnd 29, rnd 30 (36)
- 18: rnd 31, rnd 32, rnd 33, rnd 34, rnd 35, rnd 36 (36)
- 19: rnd 37, rnd 38 (36)
- 20: rnd 39, rnd 40, rnd 41, rnd 42, rnd 43, rnd 44 (36)

When you reach the top of the head, work a row of single crochet in the top of the head. Use the 11 rows of the head to work the crown of the head.

For round 45: work a row of single crochet in the top of the head. Use the 11 rows of the head to work the crown of the head.

- 21: rnd 45, rnd 46 (36)
- 22: rnd 47, rnd 48, rnd 49, rnd 50, rnd 51 (36)
- 23: rnd 52, rnd 53 (36)
- 24: rnd 54, rnd 55 (36)

For the rest of the project, work as for the body and tail of the cat.

## Legs (Make 2)

Legs start with the top of the head. Work a row of single crochet in the top of the head.

With yarn B:

- 1: rnd 1, 2 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)
- 2: rnd 3, 4 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

Work the rest of the leg as for the body.

- 3: rnd 5, 6 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

Continue working the leg:

- 4: rnd 7, 8 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

- 5: rnd 9, 10 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

When you reach the top of the leg:

- 6: rnd 11, 12 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

- 7: rnd 13, 14 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

- 8: rnd 15, 16 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

- 9: rnd 17, 18 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

- 10: rnd 19, 20 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

- 11: rnd 21, 22 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

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- 12: rnd 23, 24 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

- 13: rnd 25, 26 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

- 14: rnd 27, 28 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

## Right leg

With yarn B:

When you reach the top of the leg, work a row of single crochet in the top of the leg. Use the 11 rows of the head to work the crown of the head.

With yarn B:

- 15: rnd 29, 30 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

When you reach the top of the leg:

- 16: rnd 31, 32 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

- 17: rnd 33, 34 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

- 18: rnd 35, 36 rnds in 2" of the top of the head (36)

When you reach the top of the leg, work a row of single crochet in the top of the leg.