



Cat Lace Ear Hat Crochet Tutorial

A delicate lace hat to keep your cat stylish and cozy! ♥

FINISHED SIZE

Fits average adult cat

Head circumference:
28–36 cm (11–14 in)

Height (top to bottom):
13–15 cm (5–6 in)



MATERIALS

- Sport (2) or DK (3) weight cotton yarn
– Approx. 30–40 g (1.1–1.4 oz)
- 2.5 mm (US C/2) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Small pom-pom or make your own
- Scissors

GAUGE

With 2.5 mm hook
20 dc x 10 rows =
10 x 5 cm (4 x 2 in)

Gauge is not critical
but affects size.



ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch – chain	st(s) – stitch(es)
sl st – slip stitch	sp – space
sc – single crochet	rep – repeat
hdc – half double crochet	sk – skip
dc – double crochet	dc2tog – double crochet 2 together (decrease)
tr – treble crochet	

1 START – TOP OF HAT



1. Ch 4, join with slt to form a ring.



2. Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring. Join with slt to top of ch-3. (16 dc)



3. Ch 3, (dc, ch 1) in each st around. Join with slt. (16 ch-1 sps)



4. Ch 3, dc in same sp, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each ch-1 sp around. Join with sl st.



5. Ch 3, dc in next dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 dc * rep around. Join.



6. Your circle should lie flat and look like this.

2 BUILD THE LACE PATTERN



1. Ch 3, dc in same st, dc in next st, * sk next dc, (dc, ch 5, dc) in next ch-3 sp, sk next dc, dc in next 2 sts * rep around.



2. Next round: Ch 1, sc in same st, * ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp * rep around. Join with sl st.



3. Next round: Ch 3, dc in same st, dc in next st, * (dc, ch 7, dc) in next ch-5 sp, dc in next 2 sts * rep around.



4. Next round: Ch 1, sc in same st, * ch 7, sc in next ch-7 sp * rep around. Join with sl st.



5. Repeat steps 3–4 one more time for a taller lace look.



6. Final round (edge): Ch 1, sc evenly around the base for a clean edge.

3 EARS (MAKE 2)



1. Ch 6.



2. Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3, 3 sc in last ch. Now work on the other side of chain: sc in next 3, 2 sc in last st. (10 sc)



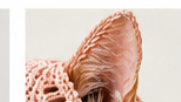
3. Row 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3, 2 sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 3, 2 sc in last st. (16 sc)



4. Row 3: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.



5. Position ears on top of the hat. Sew securely.



6. Ears will look like this when attached.

4 EAR FLAPS & POM-POM



1. From the edge of the hat, attach yarn. Ch 20 (adjust length as needed).



2. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off.



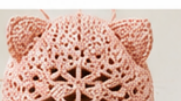
3. Make a pom-pom or use a small one. Sew to the end of each flap.



4. Repeat on the other side.

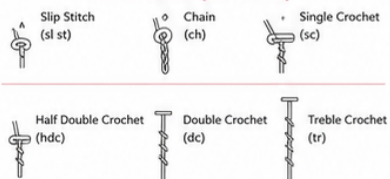


5. Try it on your cat and adjust for comfort.



6. Back view. All done!

STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)



TIPS

- Use soft, breathable cotton yarn.
- Measure your cat's head and adjust the number of rounds.
- Never leave your cat unattended while wearing accessories.
- Make it in different colors to match your cat's personality! ♥

CARE

Hand wash gently in cold water. Lay flat to dry.



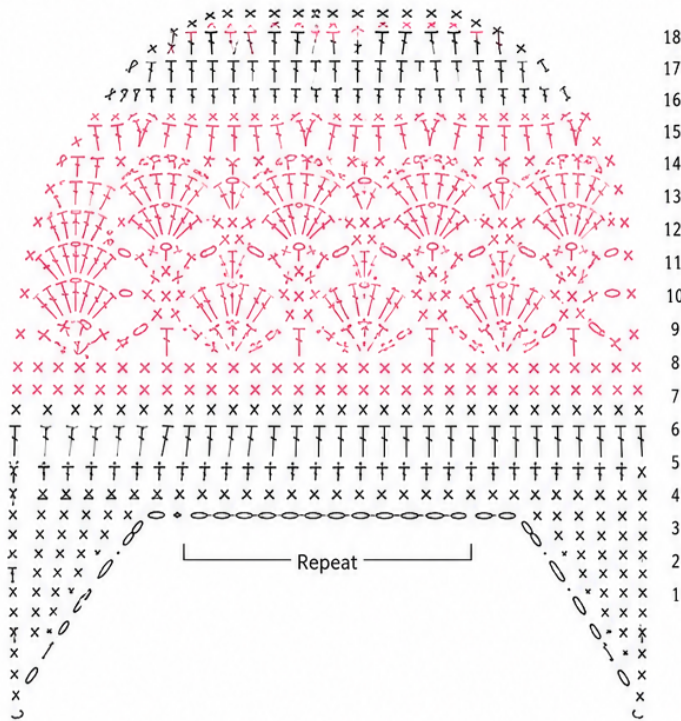
Your cat is now ready to shine!



CROCHET CAT HAT WITH EAR FLAPS

GRAPHIC PATTERN, STITCH GUIDE & HOOKS

GRAPHIC PATTERN



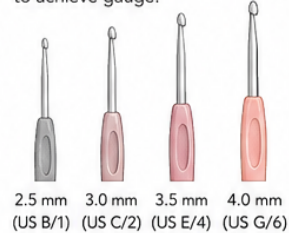
- Work in rounds from the top down.
Ear flaps are worked as part of the hat.

STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)

- Chain (ch)
- × Single crochet (sc)
- ┐ Half double crochet (hdc)
- └ Double crochet (dc)
- Shell: (dc, ch 2, dc, ch 2, dc)
all in the same stitch
- V-stitch: (dc, ch 2, dc)
in the same stitch
- Slip stitch (sl st)

HOOKS

3.0 mm – 3.5 mm
(US C/2 – E/4)
Use the size needed
to achieve gauge.



MATERIALS

- Sport or DK weight cotton yarn
(approx. 40–50 g / 1.5–1.8 oz)
- Crochet hook: 3.0 mm – 3.5 mm
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Pom-pom (optional)

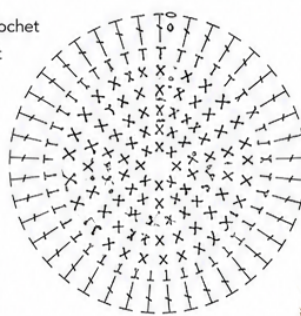
SIZE

Fits average cat head:
Circumference: 28–32 cm / 11–12.5 in
Height (top to edge): 12–14 cm / 4.7–5.5 in
Ear flap length: 6–7 cm / 2.3–2.7 in
(Adjust hook size or yarn to change size.)

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TOP



ASSEMBLY

Place the hat on the cat's head and adjust the ear flaps to frame the face. Add a pom-pom to the tip of each flap (optional).



NOTES



- Chain 2 at the beginning of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Join each round with 1 slip stitch unless otherwise noted.
- The shell and V-stitch create the lacy floral pattern.
- Adjust length before finishing if needed.

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This delicate **cat lace ear hat** is designed to fit an average adult cat. It features a circular lace crown, two openings for the cat's natural ears, two decorative crocheted ears, adjustable ear flaps, and small pom-poms.

The hat is made with lightweight cotton yarn so it remains soft and breathable. Always supervise your cat while it is wearing the hat, and remove the accessory immediately if the cat appears uncomfortable.

Finished Size

The finished hat is designed for an average adult cat.

Head circumference:

28–36 cm, or approximately 11–14 inches

Hat height from top to bottom:

13–15 cm, or approximately 5–6 inches

The lace construction is flexible, but every cat is different. Measure your cat before beginning and adjust the number of rounds when necessary.

Materials

You will need:

- Sport weight number 2 or DK weight number 3 cotton yarn
- Approximately 30–40 grams, or 1.1–1.4 ounces
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, US size C/2
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Two small pom-poms, or additional yarn to make your own
- Flexible measuring tape
- Stitch markers, optional but helpful

Soft cotton yarn is recommended because it is breathable and less likely to irritate the cat's skin. Avoid scratchy, fuzzy, metallic, or heavily textured yarns.

Gauge

Using a 2.5 mm crochet hook:

- 20 double crochet stitches equal approximately 10 cm, or 4 inches
- 10 rows equal approximately 5 cm, or 2 inches

Gauge is not critical for this project because the open lace pattern stretches. However, the finished measurements are important.

After completing several rounds, compare the piece with your cat's head measurement. Add or remove rounds as needed before finishing the edge.

Crochet Abbreviations — US Terms

- **ch:** chain
- **sl st:** slip stitch
- **sc:** single crochet
- **hdc:** half double crochet
- **dc:** double crochet
- **tr:** treble crochet
- **st:** stitch
- **sts:** stitches
- **sp:** space
- **rep:** repeat
- **sk:** skip
- **dc2tog:** double crochet 2 together, a decrease

Numbers inside parentheses indicate the approximate stitch count or number of spaces at the end of a round.

Before You Begin

The hat is worked from the top down in joined rounds.

The first section creates a flat circular crown. The second section develops the open lace pattern. The bottom is finished with a simple single crochet edge.

Two decorative ears are crocheted separately and sewn to the top of the hat. Ear flaps are then added to the lower edge, followed by ties and pom-poms.

Join every round with a slip stitch unless the instructions state otherwise. Do not turn the work while making the main hat.

Keep the beginning of each round at the back of the hat whenever possible. Using a stitch marker at the first stitch can make the rounds easier to follow.

Step 1: Start the Top of the Hat

Foundation Ring

Chain 4.

Insert the hook into the first chain and make a slip stitch to form a small ring.

Make sure the chain is not twisted before joining.

Round 1

Chain 3. This beginning chain counts as the first double crochet.

Work 15 double crochet stitches into the center of the ring.

Join with a slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain 3.

You should have **16 double crochet stitches** in total.

The center should form a small, neat circle.

Round 2

Chain 3.

Work 1 double crochet into the same stitch as the beginning chain.

Work 2 double crochet stitches into each remaining stitch around.

Join with a slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain 3.

You should have **32 double crochet stitches**.

The circle should remain flat. If it begins to cup, loosen your tension slightly.

Round 3

Chain 3.

Work 1 double crochet in the same stitch.

Chain 2.

Work 2 double crochet stitches in each stitch around, placing a chain-2 space between the double crochet groups.

Join with a slip stitch.

At the end of the round, you should have approximately **16 double crochet groups and 16 chain spaces**.

Round 4

Slip stitch across to the first chain-2 space if necessary.

Chain 3.

Work 3 double crochet stitches in the same chain-2 space.

Chain 2.

In the next chain-2 space, work 4 double crochet stitches.

Continue working:

4 double crochet in the next chain-2 space, chain 2

Repeat around.

Join with a slip stitch.

Round 5

Slip stitch into the next chain-2 space.

Chain 3.

Work 3 double crochet stitches in the same chain space.

Chain 3.

In the next chain-2 space, work 4 double crochet stitches.

Chain 3.

Repeat the pattern around.

Join with a slip stitch.

Check the Crown

Place the crochet circle on a flat surface.

It should lie flat and resemble a round lace medallion. The center should be firm, while the outer area should contain evenly spaced openings.

A small amount of waviness is acceptable because the piece will curve around the cat's head. However, heavy ruffling means there are too many stitches or the chains are too loose.

Step 2: Build the Lace Pattern

This section creates the decorative openwork that forms the body of the hat.

The lace pattern alternates solid double crochet groups with chain loops. Maintain relaxed, even tension so the hat remains flexible.

Lace Round 1

Slip stitch into the next chain space.

Chain 3.

Work 3 double crochet stitches in the same space.

Chain 5.

Skip the next double crochet group.

In the following chain-3 space, work 4 double crochet stitches.

Chain 5.

Continue repeating:

Skip the next double crochet group, work 4 double crochet in the next chain space, chain 5

Repeat around.

Join with a slip stitch.

This round creates large loops between the solid crochet sections.

Lace Round 2

Slip stitch across the double crochet stitches until you reach the next chain-5 space.

Chain 1.

Work 1 single crochet in the same chain-5 space.

Chain 5.

Work 1 single crochet in the next chain-5 space.

Chain 5.

Repeat around.

Join with a slip stitch to the first single crochet.

The chain loops should form a series of evenly spaced arches around the hat.

Lace Round 3

Slip stitch into the first chain-5 space.

Chain 3.

Work 1 double crochet in the same space.

Chain 7.

Work 2 double crochet stitches in the next chain-5 space.

Chain 7.

Continue repeating:

2 double crochet in the next chain-5 space, chain 7

Repeat around.

Join with a slip stitch.

The lace openings will become larger during this round.

Lace Round 4

Slip stitch into the next chain-7 space.

Chain 1.

Work 1 single crochet in the same chain-7 space.

Chain 7.

Work 1 single crochet in the next chain-7 space.

Chain 7.

Repeat around.

Join with a slip stitch to the first single crochet.

Repeat the Lace Pattern

Repeat Lace Rounds 3 and 4 one more time, or until the hat is close to the required height.

For a smaller cat, one complete repetition may be enough.

For a larger cat, add another lace round while maintaining the same pattern:

- Double crochet groups are worked into chain spaces

- Chain loops are worked between the double crochet groups
- Single crochet stitches anchor the chain loops during the following round

Measure the hat frequently. The bottom edge should rest above the cat's eyes and should not press against the ears or eyebrows.

Step 3: Finish the Lower Edge

Once the hat reaches the desired height, make a simple border around the base.

Chain 1.

Work single crochet stitches evenly around the entire lower edge.

Place approximately 1 single crochet in each stitch and enough single crochet stitches in each chain space to keep the edge smooth.

Do not overcrowd the chain spaces. Too many stitches will cause the edge to flare.

Join with a slip stitch to the first single crochet.

Fasten off and weave in the yarn end securely.

The lower edge should look clean and should stretch gently without becoming loose.

Step 4: Crochet the Decorative Ears

Make two identical ears.

These are decorative ears that are sewn on top of the hat. Your cat's natural ears remain visible through the openings in the lace crown.

Ear Foundation

Chain 6.

Ear Row 1

Work 1 single crochet in the second chain from the hook.

Work 1 single crochet in each of the next 3 chains.

Work 3 single crochet stitches in the last chain.

Do not turn the work.

Continue along the opposite side of the foundation chain.

Work 1 single crochet in each of the next 3 chains.

Work 2 single crochet stitches in the final chain.

Join with a slip stitch.

You should have approximately **10 single crochet stitches** around the oval.

Ear Row 2

Chain 1.

Work 2 single crochet stitches in the next stitch.

Work 1 single crochet in each of the next 3 stitches.

Work 3 single crochet stitches in the next stitch at the tip of the ear.

Work 1 single crochet in each of the next 3 stitches.

Work 2 single crochet stitches in the final stitch.

Join with a slip stitch.

You should have approximately **16 single crochet stitches**.

The extra stitches at the center point begin forming the triangular ear shape.

Ear Row 3

Chain 1.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around.

Join with a slip stitch.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Shape the Ear

Gently pinch the bottom of the crocheted piece so it forms a slightly curved, pointed ear.

The center increase should sit at the top point.

Repeat all ear instructions to make the second ear.

Both ears should be approximately the same size and shape.

Step 5: Position and Attach the Ears

Place the hat on a rounded object, such as a small bowl, yarn ball, or rolled towel. This makes it easier to position the ears evenly.

Place one crocheted ear on each side of the upper crown.

The ears should:

- Point slightly outward
- Sit symmetrically on both sides
- Leave enough room for the cat's natural ears
- Avoid covering the main lace openings

Use pins or removable stitch markers to hold them temporarily.

Thread the long yarn tail through a yarn needle.

Sew around the lower edge of each ear using small, secure stitches. Pass through both the ear and the hat fabric without pulling too tightly.

Knot securely on the inside of the hat and weave in the yarn ends.

Check the front and back to confirm that both ears are evenly positioned.

Step 6: Make the First Ear Flap

Turn the hat so the back seam is centered.

Choose a section of the lower edge beneath one side of the hat. The flap should sit behind the cat's cheek rather than directly under the chin.

Attach the yarn with a slip stitch.

Chain 1.

Work several single crochet stitches along the lower edge to form the top of the flap. Approximately 4–6 stitches should be enough, depending on the size of the hat.

Turn.

Chain 1 and work 1 single crochet in each stitch across.

Continue working short rows until the flap measures approximately 2–4 cm, or about $\frac{3}{4}$ –1½ inches.

To create a slightly tapered shape, decrease once at each end of the final one or two rows.

Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.

Step 7: Make the Second Ear Flap

Position the second flap directly opposite the first one.

Count the stitches or lace sections between the back seam and the first flap. Use the same spacing on the other side so both flaps are symmetrical.

Attach the yarn and repeat the instructions for the first ear flap.

Before fastening off, compare both flaps carefully.

They should have:

- The same width
- The same number of rows
- Similar shaping
- Equal placement on both sides of the hat

Step 8: Crochet the Ties

Attach the yarn to the bottom point of the first ear flap.

Chain approximately 20.

The original design uses a short decorative tie. You may adjust the chain length depending on your cat and how you intend to secure the hat.

Beginning in the second chain from the hook, work 1 single crochet in each chain across.

Slip stitch into the ear flap to secure the tie.

Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.

Repeat on the other ear flap.

For safety, keep the ties short and supervise the cat at all times. Do not tighten the ties around the neck. The hat should be secured loosely enough that it can be removed immediately.

Step 9: Make the Pom-Poms

You may use two small premade pom-poms or create them with matching yarn.

To make a small yarn pom-pom:

Wrap the yarn around two fingers approximately 20–30 times.

Carefully slide the wrapped yarn off your fingers.

Tie a separate strand tightly around the center.

Cut through the loops on both ends.

Trim the yarn into a small, even ball.

Make a second pom-pom of the same size.

For pet safety, make sure every strand is secured. Do not use pom-poms with loose fibers that the cat could pull out or swallow.

Step 10: Attach the Pom-Poms

Sew one pom-pom securely to the end of each crocheted tie.

Pass the yarn through the pom-pom several times.

Pull firmly enough to secure it, but do not distort the tie.

Make a strong knot and hide the yarn ends inside the pom-pom.

Test each pom-pom by tugging it gently. It should not come loose.

Step 11: Weave In the Ends

Use a yarn needle to weave every loose end into the back of the crochet work.

Pass the yarn through several stitches in one direction, change direction, and pass through additional stitches.

Trim the remaining yarn close to the fabric.

Check the inside of the hat for:

- Loose knots
- Long yarn ends
- Sharp or stiff areas
- Openings that could catch a claw
- Decorations that are not securely attached

The inside should feel smooth and comfortable.

Step 12: Try the Hat on Your Cat

Choose a calm moment when your cat is relaxed.

Open the hat gently and place it over the top of the head.

Guide the cat's natural ears through the larger lace openings. Do not bend, squeeze, or force the ears.

Position the front edge above the eyes.

The lower edge should not touch the eyes, restrict the whiskers, or press tightly against the forehead.

Arrange the ear flaps along the sides of the head.

The ties may hang decoratively or be secured very loosely. Never create a tight knot around the cat's neck.

Check the fit by placing one or two fingers between the hat and the cat's head.

Remove the hat immediately if the cat:

- Shakes its head repeatedly
- Tries to pull the hat off
- Flattens its ears
- Appears frightened or irritated
- Has difficulty moving normally

Pet accessories should only be worn briefly and under direct supervision.

Adjusting the Size

Because cats vary significantly in size, you may need to customize the pattern.

For a smaller hat:

- Use thinner yarn
- Use a smaller crochet hook
- Make fewer lace rounds
- Shorten the chain loops
- Finish the lower edge earlier

For a larger hat:

- Use a slightly larger hook
- Add another lace-pattern repetition
- Add more chains to the lace loops
- Work additional rounds before making the lower edge

Avoid making the top circle excessively large. Most size adjustments should be made by changing the length of the lace body.

Stitch Guide

Chain

Make a slip knot and place it on the hook.

Yarn over and pull the yarn through the loop on the hook.

Repeat for the required number of chains.

Slip Stitch

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch or space.

Yarn over and pull through the stitch and the loop already on the hook.

Slip stitches are used to join rounds and move the working yarn to a new position.

Single Crochet

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

You should have 2 loops on the hook.

Yarn over and pull through both loops.

Half Double Crochet

Yarn over.

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

You should have 3 loops on the hook.

Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Double Crochet

Yarn over.

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch or space.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

You should have 3 loops on the hook.

Yarn over and pull through the first 2 loops.

Yarn over again and pull through the remaining 2 loops.

Treble Crochet

Yarn over twice.

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

You should have 4 loops on the hook.

Yarn over and pull through 2 loops.

Yarn over and pull through the next 2 loops.

Yarn over and pull through the final 2 loops.

Double Crochet Two Together

Yarn over and insert the hook into the first stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

Yarn over and pull through 2 loops.

Yarn over and insert the hook into the next stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

Yarn over and pull through 2 loops.

Yarn over and pull through all remaining loops on the hook.

This joins two stitches into one and creates a decrease.

Helpful Tips

Use soft, breathable cotton yarn for the most comfortable result.

Measure your cat's head before beginning and check the fit again after completing the main lace rounds.

Keep the chain stitches relaxed. Tight chains can reduce the stretch of the lace pattern.

When joining rounds, avoid pulling the slip stitch too tightly.

Use stitch markers to identify the beginning of each round and the planned positions of the ear flaps.

Make both decorative ears before sewing either one to the hat. This allows you to compare their sizes and correct any differences.

Try different yarn colors to match your cat's personality. Soft pink, cream, lavender, pale blue, mint green, or natural cotton shades work beautifully with the lace design.

Never leave a cat unattended while it is wearing crocheted accessories.

Care Instructions

Hand wash the hat gently in cool or cold water.

Use a small amount of mild detergent.

Do not twist or wring the crochet fabric.

Press out excess water gently with a clean towel.

Reshape the crown, decorative ears, ear flaps, ties, and pom-poms while the hat is damp.

Lay the hat flat to dry completely.

Do not place it in a hot dryer, as heat may shrink the cotton and distort the lace pattern.

Before each use, inspect the hat for loose yarn, damaged stitches, or detached decorations.

Your **cat lace ear hat** is now complete and ready for a supervised photo session! 🐱💕

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