

CROCHET CAT PAW PILLOW – STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

US TERMS / ALL MEASUREMENTS IN CM



MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (4) yarn
Main (cream) – 200 g
Pad color (gray or blue) – 60 g
Black yarn for embroidery
- 4.0 mm (G/6) crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors

FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 35 cm wide x 32 cm high
(Thickness: ~10 cm)

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch – chain
sl st – slip stitch
sc – single crochet
hdc – half double crochet
dc – double crochet
inc – increase (2 sc in same st)
dec – decrease (invisible)
(...) x – repeat instructions
FO – fasten off

MAIN STITCHES & LEGEND

○ = ch (chain)
● = sl st (slip stitch)
x = sc (single crochet)
† = hdc (half double crochet)
‡ = dc (double crochet)
∇ = inc (2 sc in same stitch)
△ = dec (invisible decrease)

1 PAD CIRCLES (MAKE 4 SMALL + 1 BIG)

Make magic ring.



R1: 6 sc in ring (6)
R2: inc around (12)
R3: (sc, inc) x 6 (18)
R4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24)
R5: (3 sc, inc) x 6 (30)
R6: (4 sc, inc) x 6 (36)
FO, leave long tail.

Make 4 small circles (R1–R4).
Make 1 big circle (R1–R6).

2 PAD SHAPING

All pads are worked in continuous rounds.
Keep stitches tight and even.



3 FACE PAD (MUZZLE)

Make 1 (gray).

R1: 10 sc in ring (10)
R2: (sc, inc) x 5 (15)
R3: (2 sc, inc) x 5 (20)
R4: (3 sc, inc) x 5 (25)
R5: (4 sc, inc) x 5 (30)
R6–8: sc around (30)
FO, leave long tail.



4 PAW BACK (CREAM)

Make magic ring.

R1: 6 sc in ring (6)
R2: inc around (12)
R3: (sc, inc) x 6 (18)
R4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24)
R5: (3 sc, inc) x 6 (30)
R6: (4 sc, inc) x 6 (36)
R7: (5 sc, inc) x 6 (42)
R8: (6 sc, inc) x 6 (48)
R9: (7 sc, inc) x 6 (54)
R10–18: sc around (54)
R19: (7 sc, dec) x 6 (48)
R20: (6 sc, dec) x 6 (42)



5 SHAPE THE PAW

R21: (5 sc, dec) x 6 (36)
R22: (4 sc, dec) x 6 (30)
R23: (3 sc, dec) x 6 (24)
R24: (2 sc, dec) x 6 (18)
R25: (sc, dec) x 6 (12)
R26: dec x 6 (6)
FO, weave in tail.



6 ASSEMBLE THE PADS

Pin pads on the paw back as shown.

Top: 2 small pads
Middle: 2 small pads
Bottom: 1 big pad

Sew the pads using a whip stitch.



7 ATTACH THE MUZZLE

Place the muzzle at the bottom center.

Sew it on securely with a whip stitch.



8 EMBROIDER THE FACE

Use black yarn.

- Eyes: French knots
- Nose: small triangle (satin stitch)
- Mouth: backstitch
- Whiskers: backstitch



9 MAKE THE BACK

Make another cream piece the same as the paw back (Steps 4–5).

Do not fasten off.



10 JOIN FRONT & BACK

Place front and back pieces together (wrong sides facing).
Sc around the edge to join.

Stuff firmly before closing completely.



11 FINISHING TOUCHES

Make sure it is well stuffed and the shape is even.

Weave in all ends.



DONE!

Your cute cat paw pillow is ready!



TIPS & NOTES

- Use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round.
- Keep stitches tight so the stuffing does not show.
- You can make it bigger: use thicker yarn and a larger hook.



YARN SUGGESTION

Medium weight (4) acrylic or cotton yarn works great.
Super soft yarn = extra cuddly pillow!



CARE

Spot clean only.
Do not machine wash.



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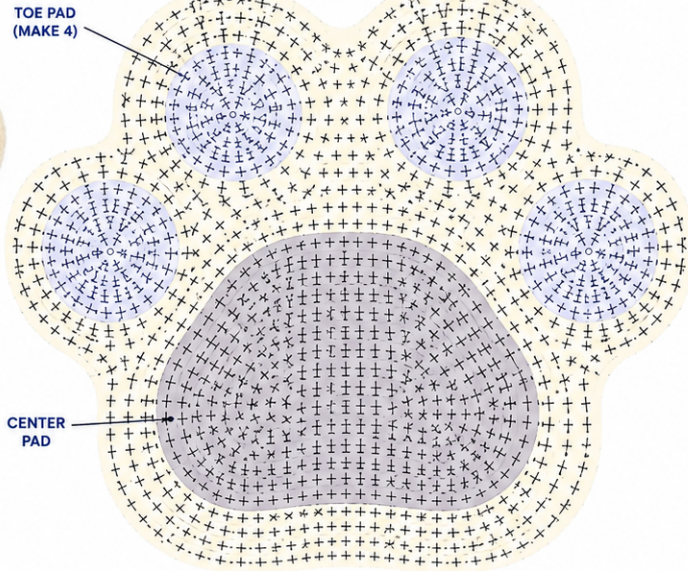
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CROCHET PAW PILLOW – PATTERN CHART

Skill Level: Intermediate



CROCHET CHART (US TERMS)



STITCH KEY (US TERMS)

- Chain (ch)
- Slip Stitch (sl st)
- ✚ Single Crochet (sc)
- ⋈ Half Double Crochet (hdc)
- ⋈ Double Crochet (dc)
- ⋈ Treble Crochet (tr)
- ∨ 2 Single Crochet Increase (2 sc in same st)
- ∨ 2 Double Crochet Increase (2 dc in same st)
- Magic Ring (MR)

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight yarn:
 - Cream (main color)
 - Gray (pads)
- 4.0 mm (G) crochet hook
- Black safety eyes (10 mm)
- Black yarn for embroidery
- Polyester fiberfill
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers

ASSEMBLY

1. Crochet all pads and the outline.
 2. Embroider the face details.
 3. Insert fiberfill and shape the pillow.
 4. Close any opening if needed.
- Your cute paw pillow is ready!

PAD CHARTS

CENTER PAD (Gray)

- R1: MR, 6 sc in ring (6)
R2: 2 sc in each st around (12)
R3: (sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6 (18)
R4: (2 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6 (24)
R5: (3 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6 (30)
R6: (4 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6 (36)
R7: (5 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6 (42)
R8: (6 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6 (48)
R9–R13: sc in each st around (48)
Fasten off. Leave long tail for sewing.

TOE PAD (Make 4) (Gray)

- R1: MR, 6 sc in ring (6)
R2: 2 sc in each st around (12)
R3: (sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6 (18)
R4: (2 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6 (24)
R5: sc in each st around (24)
Fasten off. Leave long tail for sewing.

EMBROIDERY (Use black yarn)

- Eyes: Attach safety eyes between R9–R10
- Nose: Small triangle shape
- Mouth: Simple smile under the nose
- Whiskers: 3 lines on each side

PAW OUTLINE (Cream)

- R1: With cream yarn, ch 2.
Work sc evenly around the Center Pad and Toe Pads, connecting them as you go. (Use stitch markers to help place the pads correctly.)
R2: 2 sc in each st around
R3: (sc, 2 sc in next st) around
R4: (2 sc, 2 sc in next st) around
R5: (3 sc, 2 sc in next st) around
R6–R7: sc in each st around
Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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ch – chain
sl st – slip stitch
sc – single crochet
hdc – half double crochet
dc – double crochet
tr – treble crochet
st(s) – stitch(es)
MR – magic ring

NOTES

- Use stitch markers to keep pads aligned while joining.
- Keep tension even for a smooth shape.
- Adjust yarn weight and hook size to change the pillow size.



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Crochet Cat Paw Pillow – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial 🐾

This Crochet Cat Paw Pillow is a soft, playful home décor project shaped like an oversized cat paw. The finished pillow

features four small toe pads, one large gray center pad, and an embroidered cat face. The instructions below follow the construction, stitch counts, colors, and assembly order shown in the tutorial chart, using US crochet terminology and measurements in centimeters.

The pillow is crocheted mainly in continuous rounds, so there is no need to join each round unless specifically instructed. Using a stitch marker is very important because it will help you identify the first stitch of every round and keep the shaping accurate.

The finished pillow measures approximately 35 cm wide × 32 cm high, with a finished thickness of about 10 cm after stuffing.

Materials

You will need:

- Medium/Worsted Weight (4) yarn
- Cream or main-color yarn: approximately 200 g
- Gray or blue yarn for the paw pads: approximately 60 g
- Small amount of black yarn for the embroidered face
- 4.0 mm (G/6) crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn or tapestry needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors

A medium-weight acrylic or cotton yarn works well for this project. If you would like an especially soft and cuddly pillow, choose a smooth, soft yarn that still gives enough stitch definition to show the paw shape.

Crochet Abbreviations – US Terms

The pattern uses the following abbreviations:

ch – chain

sl st – slip stitch

sc – single crochet

hdc – half double crochet

dc – double crochet

inc – increase, work 2 single crochet stitches in the same stitch

dec – invisible decrease

R – round

FO – fasten off

When instructions appear inside parentheses followed by “x,” repeat everything inside the parentheses the indicated number of times.

For example:

(3 sc, inc) × 6

means:

Work 1 single crochet in each of the next 3 stitches, then work 2 single crochets in the next stitch. Repeat that entire sequence 6 times.

Before You Begin

Most of the pieces in this project are made using a magic ring and are worked in continuous spiral rounds.

Do not slip stitch at the end of each round unless necessary. Instead, place a stitch marker into the first stitch of the round. Move the marker upward every time you begin another round.

Try to keep your stitches tight and even. A slightly firm crochet fabric is ideal for pillows because it prevents the polyester

stuffing from showing through the spaces between the stitches.

The finished project can be made slightly larger by using thicker yarn and a larger hook, but the dimensions given in this tutorial are based on the recommended medium-weight yarn and 4.0 mm hook.

Step 1 – Crochet the Four Small Paw Pads 🐾

Begin with the gray or blue yarn that you have selected for the paw pads.

You will make four small circles.

Create a magic ring.

Round 1: Work 6 sc into the magic ring.
You should have 6 stitches.

Pull the center of the magic ring closed firmly.

Place a stitch marker into the first stitch.

Round 2: Work inc in every stitch around.
You will make 2 sc in each stitch.

Stitch count: 12 stitches.

Round 3: Work (1 sc, inc) × 6.

To do this, make 1 sc in the first stitch and 2 sc in the following stitch. Repeat around.

Stitch count: 18 stitches.

Round 4: Work (2 sc, inc) × 6.

Work 1 sc in each of the next 2 stitches, followed by 2 sc in the next stitch. Repeat around.

Stitch count: 24 stitches.

Fasten off and leave a long yarn tail for sewing.

Make four identical small paw pads using Rounds 1–4.

Try to make all four circles with the same tension so that the toes will look balanced when attached to the pillow.

Step 2 – Crochet the Large Paw Pad

Using the same gray or blue yarn, make the larger center paw pad.

Begin exactly as you did for the smaller circles.

Make a magic ring.

Round 1: 6 sc in the ring.

6 stitches

Round 2: inc around.

12 stitches

Round 3: (1 sc, inc) × 6.

18 stitches

Round 4: (2 sc, inc) × 6.

24 stitches

Continue increasing:

Round 5: (3 sc, inc) × 6.

30 stitches

Round 6: (4 sc, inc) × 6.

36 stitches

Fasten off and leave a long tail.

This creates the larger circular pad that will help form the main lower paw area.

Keep the circle flat as you work. If the piece begins to curl strongly, check that you have not accidentally skipped an increase.

Step 3 – Crochet the Gray Face Pad / Muzzle 🐱

The pillow shown in the tutorial has a second large gray piece at the bottom center of the paw. This is the face pad, sometimes referred to as the muzzle section.

Use gray yarn.

Make a magic ring.

Round 1: Work 10 sc into the magic ring.

Stitch count: 10

Pull the ring closed.

Round 2: Work (sc, inc) × 5.

Stitch count: 15

Round 3: Work (2 sc, inc) × 5.

Stitch count: 20

Round 4: Work (3 sc, inc) × 5.

Stitch count: 25

Round 5: Work (4 sc, inc) × 5.

Stitch count: 30

Now stop increasing.

Rounds 6–8: Work 1 sc in every stitch around.

Each round remains at:

30 stitches

These even rounds give the face pad more depth and help create the gently raised look seen on the finished pillow.

After Round 8, fasten off and leave a long sewing tail.

Do not cut the tail too short because you will use it later to attach the face pad securely to the cream paw front.

Step 4 – Crochet the Cream Paw Front

Now begin the main cream-colored section of the pillow.

Use your cream or main-color yarn.

Make a magic ring.

Round 1: 6 sc into the ring.

6 stitches

Round 2: inc around.

12 stitches

Round 3: (sc, inc) × 6.

18 stitches

Round 4: (2 sc, inc) × 6.

24 stitches

Round 5: (3 sc, inc) × 6.

30 stitches

Round 6: (4 sc, inc) × 6.

36 stitches

Round 7: (5 sc, inc) × 6.

42 stitches

**Round 8: (6 sc, inc) × 6.
48 stitches**

**Round 9: (7 sc, inc) × 6.
54 stitches**

At this point you should have a large, flat cream circle.

Continue working without increasing:

Rounds 10–18: Work 1 sc in each stitch around.

Keep 54 stitches in every round.

These rounds enlarge the body of the paw while maintaining the established circumference.

Now begin decreasing.

Round 19: Work (7 sc, dec) × 6.

Stitch count: 48 stitches.

For the invisible decrease, insert your hook through the front loop of the next stitch, then through the front loop of the following stitch. Yarn over and complete the decrease as one single crochet.

Round 20: Work (6 sc, dec) × 6.

Stitch count: 42 stitches.

Do not fasten off yet. You are ready to create the upper paw shaping.

Step 5 – Shape the Paw

Continue using the cream yarn.

The decreases in these final rounds pull the top of the cream piece inward and create the base shape needed for the four toe sections.

Round 21: Work (5 sc, dec) × 6.

Stitch count: 36 stitches.

Round 22: Work (4 sc, dec) × 6.

Stitch count: 30 stitches.

Round 23: Work (3 sc, dec) × 6.

Stitch count: 24 stitches.

Round 24: Work (2 sc, dec) × 6.

Stitch count: 18 stitches.

Round 25: Work (sc, dec) × 6.

Stitch count: 12 stitches.

Round 26: Work dec × 6.

Stitch count: 6 stitches.

Fasten off and carefully weave in the yarn tail.

Shape the piece gently with your fingers so that it sits flat and evenly.

The cream base shown in the tutorial has the recognizable paw silhouette, with four rounded sections across the upper edge and a larger rounded section toward the bottom.

Step 6 – Position and Sew on the Paw Pads

Before sewing anything permanently, place all of the gray pads on top of the cream paw front.

Use the tutorial layout as your guide.

Position the four small pads across the upper part of the paw.

The arrangement is approximately:

- Two smaller pads toward the top
- Two small pads toward the middle sides
- One large pad centered toward the bottom

Adjust the pieces until the spacing appears balanced.

The small pads should follow the curved outline of the cream paw rather than forming a perfectly straight row.

Pin the pads temporarily in place if necessary.

Using the long yarn tail from each pad and a yarn needle, sew around the outside edge with a whip stitch.

Insert the needle through the edge of the gray pad and into the cream paw below it.

Continue around the entire pad.

Keep the stitches small and consistent.

Do not pull so tightly that the pad puckers.

Repeat for all four small pads and the large pad.

When finished, weave the yarn tails securely into the back of the cream piece.

Step 7 – Attach the Face Pad

Place the large gray face pad/muzzle at the bottom center of the paw.

It should sit over the lower paw-pad area and be positioned symmetrically between the sides of the cream paw.

Before sewing, check that there is enough cream space visible around the face pad to create the border seen in the finished pillow.

Pin the piece in place.

Thread the long gray yarn tail onto your yarn needle.

Using a whip stitch, sew around the entire outside edge of the face pad.

Keep checking the position as you sew so that the pad does not shift toward one side.

When you reach the starting point, secure the yarn and weave in the tail on the back.

The gray section should now be firmly attached and ready for the embroidered cat face.

Step 8 – Embroider the Cat Face 🐱

Use black yarn and a yarn needle.

The tutorial uses simple embroidery details so you do not need complicated embroidery skills.

For the eyes, make two black French knots.

Position one eye on each side of the upper part of the gray face pad.

Try to place them at equal distances from the center.

For the nose, embroider a small black triangle in the center of the face.

Fill the triangle with several short stitches until it looks solid.

For the mouth, use backstitch.

Begin immediately below the nose and create the small curved mouth shape shown in the tutorial.

You can make a short vertical stitch downward from the nose and then create a small curve on each side.

For the whiskers, also use backstitch.

Make approximately three short whisker lines extending outward from each side of the face.

Keep the whiskers fairly straight and evenly spaced.

When you are happy with the expression, secure all black yarn tails on the reverse side of the front panel.

Avoid making large knots because bulky knots could be visible through the finished pillow.

Step 9 – Crochet the Back of the Pillow

The back of the pillow is worked entirely in the cream or main-color yarn.

Make another cream paw piece exactly the same shape as the main paw front, following the construction from Steps 4 and 5.

Work all rounds from the initial magic ring through the final paw-shaping rounds.

The back piece does not need gray pads or embroidered facial details.

It should remain plain cream.

When the back piece is complete, do not fasten off if you can conveniently use the working yarn to begin joining the two panels.

Lay the completed front and back pieces next to each other and check that their edges match.

Slight differences can usually be corrected while joining because crochet fabric has some natural flexibility.

Step 10 – Join the Front and Back

Place the front and back paw pieces together with their edges aligned.

Arrange the pieces so the finished exterior surfaces will be on the outside of your completed pillow.

The two paw shapes should match around the outer edge.

Insert your hook through the corresponding edge stitches of both layers.

Work single crochet stitches around the outside edge to join the two pieces.

Work slowly around each curve, especially around the toe sections at the top of the paw.

Try to place your stitches evenly so the finished border does not become wavy.

Do not completely close the pillow yet.

Leave an opening large enough to insert the polyester fiberfill.

Step 11 – Stuff the Cat Paw Pillow

Begin adding polyester fiberfill through the opening.

Add the stuffing a little at a time.

Start by pushing small amounts of stuffing into the four upper toe sections.

This is important because those small rounded areas can be difficult to fill properly after the center of the pillow becomes full.

Next, stuff the sides and lower portion.

Continue adding fiberfill until the pillow is comfortably full.

The tutorial recommends stuffing the pillow firmly before completely closing it.

However, avoid overstuffing.

Too much fiberfill can stretch the stitches and create visible gaps between them.

The ideal pillow should feel soft but hold the cat paw shape clearly.

Check the pillow from the front, back, and sides while stuffing.

Massage the filling with your fingers to distribute it evenly and remove any obvious lumps.

The finished thickness should be approximately 10 cm.

Step 12 – Finish Closing the Pillow

Once the stuffing is evenly distributed, continue working single crochet stitches across the remaining opening.

Join the final stitches securely.

Fasten off.

Leave enough yarn to secure the finishing point.

Using your yarn needle, weave the yarn tail through several nearby stitches.

Change direction at least once while weaving the tail so that it cannot easily pull free.

Trim away the excess yarn.

Run your fingers around the complete outside edge and gently shape each paw section.

Make sure the four upper rounded areas are clearly defined and that the bottom of the paw is smooth.

Step 13 – Final Shaping and Finishing Touches ✨

Place the finished pillow on a flat surface.

Check that all four toe pads are secure.

Check the large face pad and make sure there are no loose sewing stitches around its edge.

Look closely at the embroidered eyes, nose, mouth, and whiskers.

If any embroidery thread feels loose, secure it before using the pillow.

Gently squeeze and reshape the stuffing until both sides of the pillow are even.

Pay particular attention to the spaces around the toe sections.

The pillow should have a soft rounded profile rather than a completely flat appearance.

Your finished Crochet Cat Paw Pillow should measure approximately:

35 cm wide × 32 cm high × approximately 10 cm thick

Small differences in finished size are normal because yarn thickness and personal crochet tension can vary.

Helpful Crochet Tips

Always use a stitch marker in the first stitch of every continuous round. Because there is no visible seam marking the beginning of each round, it is very easy to lose your position without one.

Count your stitches after each increase or decrease round. Correct stitch counts are especially important while making the cream paw because the gradual increases and decreases control the final shape.

Keep your stitches relatively tight. Pillow stuffing can show through loose crochet fabric.

When making the four small pads, try to use exactly the same tension for each one. This will make the finished paw look more symmetrical.

Before sewing the pads onto the cream panel, arrange all of them at the same time. Do not sew the first one immediately. Positioning all the pieces first allows you to adjust their spacing.

When embroidering the face, begin with the nose because it helps establish the visual center. You can then position the eyes and whiskers around it.

If you prefer a larger and extra-cuddly pillow, you can use thicker yarn and a larger crochet hook, but remember that this will change the finished measurements.

Yarn Suggestions

A medium-weight (4) acrylic or cotton yarn is recommended for this project.

Acrylic yarn is a practical option for a decorative pillow because it is generally soft, durable, and easy to crochet.

Cotton can create more defined stitches and a slightly firmer finished fabric.

For the classic version shown in the tutorial, use:

Cream for the main paw body

Gray or blue for the paw pads and face section

Black for the facial embroidery

You can also personalize the pillow with other combinations while keeping the same construction.

Care Instructions

The tutorial recommends spot cleaning only.

Avoid machine washing the finished pillow because vigorous washing can distort the paw shape, move the stuffing, or affect the embroidered facial features.

For small marks, gently clean the affected area with a damp cloth and mild soap.

Allow the pillow to air dry completely before using it again.

Final Result 🐾❤️

Your Crochet Cat Paw Pillow is complete!

The finished project combines a cream paw-shaped body, four raised toe pads, a large center face pad, and a cute embroidered cat expression. With its approximately 35 × 32 cm finished size and soft stuffed construction, it works beautifully

as a decorative pillow, handmade gift, nursery accent, or cozy cat-themed accessory.

The most important details for achieving the same appearance as the original tutorial are to keep the crochet tension consistent, carefully follow the round counts, position the paw pads before sewing, stuff the pillow evenly, and take your time when embroidering the face.

Enjoy your handmade creation!   

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