

Original Conference Creature

Materials:

- Yarn
- Crochet Hook
- Two safety eyes
- Tapestry/Darning needle
- Scissors
- Fiberfill
- Stitch Markers*
- Row counter*

* denotes optional material/tool

Pattern Key:

R#: round

() x# = repeat sequence x# of times

[#] = total stitches in round/row

Stitch Key:

st = stitch

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

inc = increase (2sc into same st)

FLO = front loop only (side of < closest to you)

hdc = half-double crochet

dc = double crochet

tr = treble/triple crochet

pc = popcorn stitch (5dc into same st, remove hook, place in first dc st, pull loop from 5th dc through 1st dc, ch, sc in next)

invdec = invisible decrease (sc with hook through FLO of next 2st)

Note:

Hannah based this pattern on *Stitch by Fay's* (2023) "[No-Sew Crochet Cat Pattern](#)," (which has now been updated to be "exclusive subscriber content" (2024).

Commented [HL1]: We don't have strict rules for yarn weight and hook size. The thicker your chosen yarn, the larger diameter your crochet hook should be.

Commented [HL2]: Crochet hooks have a few variables: gauge, hook shape, handle shape, and material.

Commented [HL3]: The size of the eyes is up to you! We typically use 5mm-8mm sized eyes.

Commented [OR4R3]: Alternatively, if you have black yarn or thread, you can sew on eyes instead. We always wing this part.

Commented [HL5]: There's a wide variety of needles you can use to weave in the ends when you complete a crochet project. The eye of the needle must be large enough for you to thread your yarn, but the material (e.g. steel, aluminum, plastic), length, diameter, and shape is a matter of personal preference.

Commented [OR6]: This is for stuffing. You can also use a different material. Sometimes we use scraps of yarn and thread in addition to fiberfill.

Commented [HL7]: When crocheting in rounds, you may find it helpful to use a stitch marker to keep track of the first stitch of the round. As with most crafting tools, there's a wide variety of stitch marker types. Some of them close (so they won't fall off your project), and others are always open. There are also varieties of materials.

Commented [OR8]: A row counter may be helpful if you choose not to use a stitch marker. Or, like Olivia, you can choose to use neither of these things and try to keep track of your rows by counting to yourself.

Commented [HL9]: I have to look up how to do a popcorn stitch every time I make a creature.

Instructions:

Form a “magic ring”

R1: 6sc in magic ring [6]

R2: (inc) x6 [12]

R3: (sc, inc) x6 [18]

R4: sc, inc, (2sc, inc) x5, sc [24]

R5: (3sc, inc) x6 [30]

R6: 30sc [30]

R7: 10sc, FLO hdc, FLO (dc, tr, dc) in next, FLO hdc, 4sc, FLO hdc, FLO (dc, tr, dc) in next, FLO hdc, 10sc [34]

In R8, sc into leftover back loops from FLO stitches in R7

R8: 30sc [30]

R9: 28sc, pc, sc [30]

R10: 3sc, pc, 26sc [30]

Add safety eyes

R11-16: 30sc [30] (6 rounds)

R17: pc, 4sc, pc, 24sc [30]

Begin Stuffing

R18: 30sc [30]

R19: (3sc, invdec) x6 [24]

R20: (2sc, invdec) x6 [18]

R21: (sc, invdec) x6 [12]

Finish Stuffing

R22: (invdec) x6 [6]

Add tail:

sc into R where you want tail to begin

Row1: ch15 (or your desired tail length)

Row2: skip first ch, 14sc, slst into creature at base of tail.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. pull end through final loop, close off below tail, and weave in ends

Commented [OR10]: If, like us, you find making a magic ring difficult to impossible, another option here is to chain two and start round 1 by working into the second chain from your hook.

Commented [HL11]: You'll create the ears in this round.

Commented [HL12]: First foot added using pc in R9

Commented [HL13]: Second foot added using pc in R10.

Commented [HL14]: We choose not to prescribe where the eyes should be placed in this pattern, since this is up to creator preference. You'll want to place them between stitches in a row between R2 and R6.

Commented [OR15]: This part of the pattern feels like it drags on, but once you finish round 16, you're almost done!

Commented [HL16]: Both back feet will be created with pc in R17.

Commented [OR17R16]: In case your stitch counts are off by this point, like ours often are, you can look to the front two feet for guidance on where to stitch the back two.

Commented [OR18]: You can also choose to start stuffing a bit later on, if you prefer. How much stuffing you put in depends on how firm/soft you want your creature to be.