

# ALL IN ONE CAT - AMIGURUMI PATTERN

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I have a huge collection of scrap balls of yarn. I really wanted to use them instead of throwing them out. So I started crocheting small toys to leave around for people to find. They turned out to be so popular I just can't stop making them! These are my new favourites for RAOCK gifts.

I know that there are a few lovely cat patterns out there already, but some of them take quite a while to finish. I wanted to create a small series of patterns that take around 30 mins to complete and do not involve sewing additional parts onto the work after you are finished.

## STITCHES:

- CHAIN – Chain
- SS – Slip stitch
- SC – Single crochet
- INC – Increase
- DEC – Decrease
- BLO – work in the back loop stitch only
- PUFF - puff for the paws (a normal puff where you draw up a loop/pull through a loop 4 times before yarning over and pulling through all 9 stitches). Don't chain 1 to close the puff.



## NOTES:

- You can use any yarn and hook of your choice. I just use the smallest hook I can to keep the holes small. As a guide I usually use 3.5mm for DK/8ply and 4mm for Aran/10ply.
- Using 8ply the size is 7cm x 4cm.
- I use 8-9mm safety eyes either black or coloured, a needle, stuffing & scissors etc.
- It takes me approx. 20 minutes to complete one cat.
- I use about 13 metres (14 yards) of 8ply yarn for each.



## ALL IN ONE CAT INSTRUCTIONS:

You can change colours in the cat as you please. You can have a striped body, change the face colour, ear colour, tail colour etc. Let your imagination run wild....

- Row 1 SC 6 into a magic ring (6 stitches)
- Row 2 \*INC in each SC\* repeat around (12 stitches)
- Row 3 \*INC in next SC, SC 1\* repeat around (18 stitches)
- Row 4 We complete the **tail** and the **paws** (see note above) in this row. **SS into the first stitch, chain 22, SC back up the chain to the beginning and SS into the same stitch where the tail started (tail made), BLO SC 6, BLO 1 puff (first paw), BLO SC 2, BLO 1 puff (second paw), BLO SC 7.** (18 stitches). Push on the inside of the puff stitches so they puff out to the outside of the work.
- (Summary of Row 4 – tail, SC 6, paw, SC 2, paw, SC 7 = 18 stitches)
- Row 5 SC 5, the next stitch just secures the tail to the side of the body so it curls around. For the sixth SC stitch pick up one loop of the tail on your hook first and then complete the SC like normal (working through the body stitch and the one loop from the tail), SC 12. (18 stitches).
- Row 5 notes
- As the tail is in first stitch in Row 5, we put the first SC in the slip stitch space beside the tail.
  - To complete the second SC of the row bend the tail towards you so that it points to the outside of the work.
  - Don't straighten the tail, leave a few curls in it before securing to the body. It is your choice which stitch you pick up along the tail. I usually use one in the middle, say stitch 11 but it isn't necessary to count. 😊
- Row 4 **Alternative rows 4 & 5 (shorter tail & not hooked to the side).** We complete the **tail** and the **paws** (see note above) in this row. **SS into the first stitch, chain 14, SC back up the chain to the beginning and SS into the same stitch where you started (tail made), BLO SC 6, BLO 1 puff (first paw), BLO SC 2, BLO 1 puff (second paw), BLO SC 7** (18 stitches). Press on the inside of the puff stitches so they puff outwards.
- (Summary of Row 4 – tail, SC 6, paw, SC 2, paw, SC 7 = 18 stitches)
- Row 5 **SC 18 (18 stitches).** For the first stitch in Row 5, put the first SC in the slip stitch beside the tail. To complete the second SC of the row bend the tail towards you so that it points to the outside of the work.
- Row 6 - 8 SC 18 (18 stitches)
- Row 9 \*DEC, SC 1\* repeat around (12 stitches)
- Row 10 \*DEC, SC 4\* repeat around (10 stitches)

Row 11	*INC, SC 4* repeat around (12 stitches)
Row 12	*INC in next SC, SC 1* repeat around (18 stitches)
Row 13-15	SC 18 (18 stitches)
FACE	Put your eyes in now. Use the two front feet to help with identifying the middle. Sew a face on the cat, you can have whiskers, nose, mouth, cheeks, eyebrows etc.
STUFF	Stuff the cat with light to medium stuffing. Try not to stuff too firmly at the bottom or the cat won't sit flat.
Row 16	I like to complete the Cats' ears across the top from the front. To do this you will need to SC around 8-9 more times (half a row) to get to the other corner for the first ear.  Squish the two sides of head together so you have a straight line making sure your face is in the middle. Working through both sides of the work (4 loops) complete the following: In the first stitch – *SC, HDC, SC* now slip stitch over all of the middle stitches excluding the last. In the last space put in the following three stitches - *SC, HDC, SC*.
CLOSE	Bind off and secure the thread, leaving a long tail. Thread this tail through a few stitches to the middle of the head. Tie a knot in the top of the string to use for hanging.
OPTIONAL	Give the cat a collar by crocheting 28-30 chains and tying around the neck. You can use ribbon, a bell or even a bow around the cat's neck as well. Another option is to sew or glue a small pompom on the end of the tail.  These cats are perfect to recolour for Halloween cats too!

