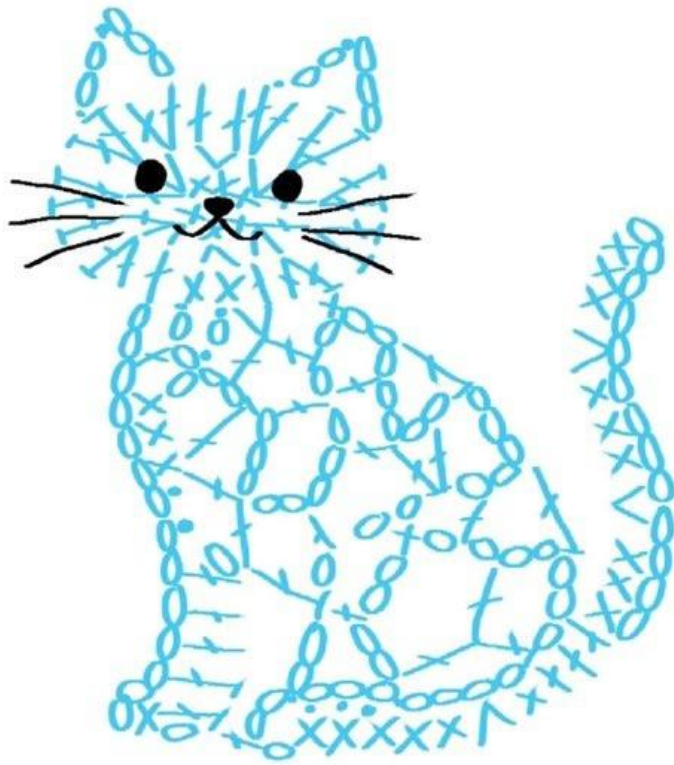




Cat Lace Crochet Appliqué Tutorial

Beginner-Friendly – Step by Step

Materials Needed

- Worsted weight yarn (light or medium thickness) – suggested colors: **white, beige, light gray or cream**
 - Crochet hook **3.0 mm or 3.5 mm (D/3 or E/4)**
 - Yarn needle
 - Scissors
 - Stitch marker (optional)
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Basic Stitches Used

Abbreviation	Stitch Name
ch	Chain
sl st	Slip stitch
sc	Single crochet
hdc	Half double crochet
dc	Double crochet
tr	Treble crochet
inc	Increase (2 stitches in one stitch)
dec	Decrease (crochet two stitches together)

Section 1 – Cat Head (Start in the Round)

1. Magic Ring

- Make a magic ring.
- Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch).

2. Round 1

- 6 sc into magic ring.
- Tighten the ring. (6 sts)

3. Round 2

- inc in each stitch → 12 sc (12 sts)

4. Round 3

- 1 sc, *inc* repeat ×6 → 18 sc

5. Round 4

- 2 sc, *inc* repeat ×6 → 24 sc

6. Round 5

- 3 sc, *inc* repeat ×6 → 30 sc

👉 Stop increasing if your appliqué matches approximately **6–7 cm** width. If needed, add more increasing rounds (4 sc, *inc*, etc.).

7. Optional Round for Lace Style

- *ch 3, skip 1 st, sl st in next* repeat around to create a delicate lace edge.

Section 2 – Cat Ears (Make 2)

1. Ch 4

2. Row 1: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc in next, 1 sc in last. (3 sts)
3. Row 2: Ch 1, turn. 1 sc across. (3 sts)
4. Row 3: Ch 1, turn. sc2tog, 1 sc. (2 sts)
5. Row 4: Ch 1, turn. sc2tog. (1 st)

Fasten off leaving a tail to sew onto head.

Section 3 – Cat Body (Oval Shape)

1. **Ch 12**
2. Round 1:
 - 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook
 - 1 sc in next 9 sts
 - 3 sc in last ch
 - Continue along opposite side of ch
 - 1 sc in next 9 sts
 - 2 sc in last (same as starting point) → 24 sts
3. **Round 2**
 - 1 sc in each st, **add 2 inc at both ends** of the oval → 28 sts
4. **Round 3**
 - *1 sc in 3 sts, inc ×2* (both rounded sides)
 - Straight side: 1 sc in each stitch → 32 sts

👉 Adjust shaping to match the picture – slightly elongated and elegant.

Section 4 – Tail (Lace and Curved Style)

1. **Ch 16**
2. Row 1: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc across (15 sts)
3. Row 2: Ch 1, turn. sc across.
4. Row 3: Ch 2, turn. *Skip 1 st, sl st* repeat to end.

👉 This creates a delicate, lace-like texture for the tail **similar to the reference image**. Curl the tail and stitch in position.

Section 5 – Assembly

1. Position the **head above the body**.
 2. Sew on **ears**, slightly tilted inwards.
 3. Attach the **tail curling around the body**.
 4. Optionally, embroider **small eyes or whiskers** using fine yarn/thread.
 5. Weave in all ends.
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Optional Lace Detailing Around the Head

For an elegant edge (similar to your sample image):

After finishing the head:

- *ch 4, skip next stitch, sl st in next stitch*, repeat around.
This creates a soft, scalloped lace border.
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Finishing Tips

- Block lightly with steam for a refined look.
- Attach to blankets, garments, pillows, tote bags, or use as standalone decoration.

- You can add a small bow or flower to the neck for a charming touch.
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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I make this bigger or smaller?

Yes. Use thicker yarn and a larger hook to enlarge, or thinner yarn to reduce size.

Which yarn is best?

Cotton or cotton blend works great for appliqués due to definition and durability.

Is this project good for beginners?

Absolutely. All stitches used are basic. Just follow each step slowly.

Can I use it for sale crafts?

Yes! This appliqué is great for baby blankets, handmade items, and gift sets.

Conclusion

This **Cat Lace Crochet Appliqué** is a tasteful, elegant design that combines simplicity and sophistication. With basic stitches and a careful assembly, even beginners can create a delicate cat appliqué that looks beautiful in any crochet project. Take your time, shape carefully, and enjoy the creative process!