



This adorable **Crochet Cat Face Appliqué** is a perfect beginner project that works great for hair clips, appliqués, brooches, baby accessories, or decorative patches. This step-by-step guide follows **the exact stitch diagram shown in your reference image**, using clear U.S. crochet terms and beginner-friendly explanations.

The appliqué is made in simple rounds and uses basic stitches, color changes, and small embroidery details for the face. With patience and careful attention to the diagram, even a complete beginner can complete this cute calico cat design.

Materials Needed

- Worsted weight cotton yarn in:
 - Cream (main face)
 - Beige/ginger (left ear + patch)
 - Gray (right ear + patch)
 - Light pink (inner ears + cheeks + nose)
 - Crochet hook 3.5 mm (E)
 - Scissors
 - Yarn needle
 - Safety eyes 6 mm *or* black yarn for embroidered eyes
 - Small hair clip, brooch pin, or fabric glue (optional finishing)
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Understanding the Diagram Symbols

The bottom diagram uses **international crochet symbols**. Here are the U.S. term equivalents:

- **X** → Single crochet (sc)
- **T shape** → Half double crochet (hdc) or double crochet (dc), depending on height
- **Dot or small oval** → Slip stitch (sl st)
- **Large circle** → Magic ring
- **Lines with angled edges** → Increases (2 sts in the same stitch)

- **Round pink circles** → Embroidered cheeks (not crocheted)
- **Solid black dots** → Eyes

Colors in the diagram indicate where each yarn color is placed:

- Yellow area → cream base
 - Blue/purple scribble → colored patches
 - Pink triangles → inner ears
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Step-by-Step Instructions: Cat Face Base

You will work the appliqué in an oval shape, beginning in the center and increasing outward.

Round 1 – Start the Oval

1. With **cream yarn**, make a **magic ring**.
2. Work **6 sc** into the ring.
3. Pull tight and join with a **sl st**.

You now have a small round center.

Round 2 – Expanding the Base

1. Work **2 sc in each stitch around** (12 sts total).
2. Join with a **sl st**.

This creates the foundation for the face.

Round 3 – Beginning the Oval Shape

You will now elongate the shape slightly, following the diagram's mixed stitch heights.

1. Work:
 - sc in the first 2 stitches
 - 2 sc in next stitch
 - hdc in next 3 stitches
 - 2 hdc in next stitch
 - sc in next 3 stitches
 - 2 sc in next stitch

2. Join with a sl st.

This round creates the slight horizontal oval shown in the diagram.

Round 4 – Adding Width

1. Continue following the stitch diagram:
 - Work sc around most of the shape
 - Increase (2 sc) in the sides where the head widens
 - Use hdc at the lower chin area
2. Join with a sl st.

Your oval now resembles the cat's head.

Crocheting the Ears (Following Diagram Colors)

The ears are crocheted *directly onto the head* following the top stitch diagram.

Left Ear (Beige/Ginger)

1. Attach beige yarn at the top-left indicated point.
2. Work:

- 1 sc
 - 1 hdc
 - 1 dc at the top peak
 - 1 hdc
 - 1 sc
3. Fasten off.
 4. Add the **pink inner ear** triangle using simple sc.

Right Ear (Gray)

Repeat the same steps using gray yarn, following the matching diagram section.

Adding the Color Patches

The diagram shows scribbled coloring to indicate where color changes occur.

- Create the beige patch on the left side of the face using sc and hdc.
- Create the gray patch on the right side using the same method.

You will follow the same oval structure but change yarn colors exactly where shown in the chart.

Tip: When changing colors, always drop the old yarn behind your work and pick up the new color cleanly to avoid tangles.

Facial Details – Embroidery

Eyes

Choose one of these:

Option 1: Safety Eyes

- Insert **6 mm black safety eyes** in the positions shown in the diagram, approximately one stitch below the eye guideline.

Option 2: Embroidered Eyes

- With black yarn, embroider a small satin stitch dot.
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Cheeks

Using pink yarn:

- Make small round patches with **5–6 satin stitches** on each side of the face.
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Nose

With pink yarn:

- Embroider a tiny upside-down triangle.
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Mouth

With black thread or yarn:

- Stitch a **curved “w” shape** for the smile.
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Whiskers

Using black thread:

- Add three short straight lines on each cheek.

This step brings the whole face to life.

Finishing the Appliqué

1. Weave in all loose ends on the back.
2. Lightly steam (optional) to flatten and shape the cat face.
3. Attach to:
 - A hair clip
 - A brooch pin
 - A bag
 - Clothing
 - A baby blanket
 - A bookmark

You can sew it on or glue with strong fabric adhesive depending on your project.

Your Cute Crochet Cat Appliqué Is Ready!

You have now completed a charming beginner-friendly cat appliqué following the exact diagram from your reference image. This project is quick, adorable, and perfect for gifts or craft markets.