

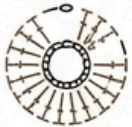
Crochet Cat Square Pattern

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DETAILED STITCH CHART FOR 3D TABBY CAT MOTIF

PROGRESSIVE DIAGRAMS

Start: Magic Ring & Core Circle



Simple Sc/Hdc

Cat Head Core & Face Shaping



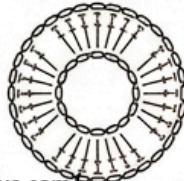
Muzzle eyes

Ear Placement & Shape



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Joining Inner Frame to Cat Head



Outer Scallop Detail (Corner & Side)



STITCH KEY

- - Chain stitch (Ch)
- - Slip stitch (Sl st)
- × - Single Crochet (Sc)
- ⊥ - Half Double Crochet (Hdc)
- ⊥ - Double Crochet (Dc)
- ⊥ - Treble Crochet (Tr)
- ⊥⊥⊥ - Groups of 3 Dc cluster symbol
- ⊥⊥⊥⊥ - Special flower-stitch cluster cluster
- ⊥⊥⊥⊥ - Special flower-stitch cluster cluster
- ↻ - Yarn Over
- ↑ - Pull Through

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WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

START: Magic Ring, 12 SC. (Tan)

ROW 1-2: Increase Sc and Hdc for Muzzle. (Tan)

ROW 3-5: Use FP- stitches for stripes, decrease for head. Secure eyes. (Tan/MBrown)

EARS: Attach Tan, chain-back technique for structure. (Tan/MBrown)

JOIN: Attach Dark Brown to top-back of head. Begin Granny block pattern. (DkBrown)

OUTER LACE: Work complex DC clusters, Ch-sp, and specific flower-Dtr clusters on scallops.

FINAL ROW: Detailed final sc/ch border with picots for points. (DkBrown)



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This stunning crochet project features a realistic tabby cat face worked in the center of an elegant lace doily with decorative scalloped borders. The design combines shaping techniques, textured stitches, color changes, embroidery details, and layered lacework to create a beautiful decorative piece that showcases the charm of a tabby cat.

Materials Needed

- Light tan yarn
- Medium brown yarn
- Dark brown yarn
- Black yarn
- Cream yarn
- Safety eyes or black embroidery thread
- Crochet hook appropriate for your yarn
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Embroidery needle
- Scissors

USA Crochet Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- FPdc = front post double crochet
- cluster = 3 dc cluster
- picot = ch 3, sl st into first ch
- MR = magic ring

Color Placement Guide

- Light Tan = Main face
- Medium Brown = Ear accents and facial stripes
- Dark Brown = Outer frame and border details
- Black = Eyes, whiskers, and facial embroidery
- Cream = Ear interiors and highlights

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Creating the Cat Head Core

Using light tan yarn.

Round 1

Create a magic ring.

Work:

- Ch 1
- 12 sc into ring

Join with sl st.

You should have 12 stitches.

Round 2

- Ch 1
- 2 sc in each stitch around

Join.

Round 3

Work:

- 1 sc
- Increase in next stitch

Repeat around.

Round 4

Work:

- 2 sc
- Increase in next stitch

Repeat around.

Round 5

Work:

- 3 sc

- Increase in next stitch

Repeat around.

The piece should begin forming a rounded circle.

Shaping the Muzzle

Continue using light tan yarn.

Round 6

Work increases only across the lower front section.

This creates the wider muzzle area.

Round 7

Work:

- hdc stitches across the lower face
- sc stitches across the upper face

The hdc stitches provide additional depth to the muzzle.

Round 8

Increase slightly at both sides of the muzzle.

The lower portion should now appear fuller than the forehead.

Forming the Cat Face

Round 9

Work evenly around.

Add stitch markers at:

- Left eye position
- Right eye position
- Nose center

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Round 10

Begin slight decreases along the upper head.

This narrows the forehead while maintaining a broad muzzle.

Round 11

Alternate:

- sc
- hdc

Around the facial area to soften shaping.

The face should now resemble a realistic cat head.

Creating the Tabby Markings

Using medium brown yarn.

Attach yarn above the eyes.

Forehead Stripes

Work rows of FPdc.

Create:

- One center stripe
- Two side stripes

Each stripe should taper toward the eyes.

Side Facial Markings

Using surface crochet:

Work narrow curved lines extending from the eyes toward the cheeks.

Cheek Markings

Add several shorter curved surface stitches.

Fasten off.

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Making the Ears

Make two identical ears.

Using medium brown yarn.

Row 1

Ch 10.

Sc across.

Row 2

Ch 1.

Decrease first stitch.

Sc across.

Decrease last stitch.

Row 3

Repeat decreases.

Row 4

Repeat decreases.

Continue until a triangular shape forms.

Fasten off.

Ear Interior

Using cream yarn.

Create a smaller triangle.

Work:

- sc rows
- gradual decreases

Sew inside each ear.

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Ear Border

Using dark brown yarn.

Work sc evenly around each ear.

Attach ears securely to the top of the head.

Adding the Eyes

Position eyes according to the chart.

If using safety eyes:

Insert before final assembly.

If embroidering:

Use black yarn and satin stitches to create large expressive eyes.

Add tiny cream highlights for realism.

Creating the Nose and Muzzle Details

Using medium brown yarn.

Nose

Work a small triangular nose.

Create:

- 6 sc in MR
- Increase slightly
- Fasten off

Sew to center muzzle.

Mouth

Using dark brown yarn:

Embroider:

- Vertical center line
- Curved mouth sections

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Whisker Dots

Add small embroidered dots around the muzzle.

Embroidering Whiskers

Using black yarn.

Create three whiskers on each side.

Keep stitches long and slightly curved.

This gives the cat a natural appearance.

Building the Inner Lace Frame

Using dark brown yarn.

Attach yarn behind the head.

Round 1

Work:

- Ch 5
- Sc into next point

Repeat around.

Round 2

Work:

- Ch 5
- Sc into next loop

Repeat around.

Continue until a square-like frame forms around the cat head.

This matches the inner framing shown on the chart.

Creating the Decorative Scallops

The chart shows repeating scalloped motifs surrounding the cat.

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Foundation Loop

In each frame section:

- Ch 7
- Sc into next attachment point

Repeat around.

Fan Round

Inside each loop:

- 12 dc fan

Repeat around every loop.

Outer Scallop

Work:

- Ch 3
- Tr stitches
- Ch 3

Across each fan.

The scallops should overlap slightly.

Adding Flower Stitch Clusters

Within selected scallops:

Work decorative flower clusters.

Cluster

Into one stitch:

- 3 dc cluster
- Ch 2
- 3 dc cluster

Join with sl st. **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS:** <https://craftsforlove.com/>

Repeat in the marked scallop positions around the frame.

These clusters create the floral accents shown in the diagram.

Working the Side and Corner Scallops

Continue around the perimeter.

Each corner section uses larger fans.

Corner Fan

Work:

- 15 dc
- Ch 3
- 15 dc

Into the same corner space.

This creates the dramatic rounded corners visible in the chart.

Final Lace Border

Using dark brown yarn.

Border Round

Work:

- Sc in first stitch
- Ch 3
- Skip one stitch

Repeat around.

Picot Round

Work:

- Sc
- Picot
- Sc

Around the entire edge.

This produces the pointed decorative finish.

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Blocking the Finished Motif

Blocking is essential for achieving the proper shape.

Wet Blocking

- Soak in lukewarm water
- Remove excess moisture
- Lay flat

Pin Carefully

Shape:

- Ears
- Scallops
- Corners
- Facial outline

Allow to dry completely.

Finishing Touches ✨

Inspect the project carefully.

Add additional embroidered markings if desired.

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- Add green or amber eyes
- Create darker tabby stripes
- Use gray tones for a silver tabby version
- Frame the finished piece as wall art

Completed Project 🐾

Your finished 3D Tabby Cat Motif Doily should feature a realistic feline face with detailed ears, expressive eyes, tabby striping, textured muzzle shaping, decorative flower clusters, and an elegant scalloped lace border. The combination of dimensional crochet and lace techniques creates a striking piece that is perfect for display in a living room, craft room, cat-themed décor collection, or as a thoughtful handmade gift for cat lovers.