



According to Urban Dictionary, a catloaf is “when a cat sits in the shape of a loaf of bread. More specifically, laying with all four paws tucked under the body.” In other words, a catloaf is a kitty doing a very cute kitty thing, and now you can crochet your very own! All you need to know is the single crochet stitch and how to work in the round, and you’re well on your way to having the sweetest and squishiest baby catloaf around.

XOXO,

**TWINKIE
CHAN!**

Materials

- Worsted weight yarn in Beige, such as Valley Yarns Valley Superwash in Biscuit 409 – approx. 70 yards
- Worsted weight yarn in Black, such as Valley Yarns Valley Superwash in Black 220 – approx. 1 yard
- H8/5.0mm crochet hook
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle
- Handful of straight pins
- Stitch marker or piece of scrap yarn in a contrasting color
- Safety eyes
- Safety nose
- Small amount of polyester stuffing

Abbreviations in U.S. terms

- ch(s): chain(s)
- FLO: front loop only
- invdec: invisible decrease
- rnd(s): round(s)
- RS: right side
- sc: single crochet
- sl st: slip stitch
- st(s): stitch(es)
- YO: yarn over
- (): repeat everything inside the parentheses into the next stitch
- []: repeat everything inside the brackets the number of times indicated

Special Stitches/Stitch Refresher

- invdec (invisible decrease): Pick up FLO of next st, then pick up FLO of following st.
- YO, pull through 1st 2 loops, YO, pull through remaining 2 loops.

Gauge

Exact gauge is not essential to this project.

Notes

- RS of your work should show on the outside of each piece.

Head (will be a squashy ball shape)

- With Beige, make magic circle, or ch 3 and sl st to 1st ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, 6 sc into ring. Don't join rnds. Insert stitch marker and move it after every rnd. – 6 sts

Rnd 2: (2 sc) 6 times. – 12 sts

Rnd 3: [(2 sc), sc] 6 times. – 18 sts

Rnd 4: [(2 sc), 2 sc] 6 times. – 24 sts

Rnd 5: [(2 sc), 3 sc] 6 times. – 30 sts

Rnd 6: [(2 sc), 4 sc] 6 times. – 36 sts

Rnds 7-12: Sc evenly around. – 36 sts

Rnd 13: [invdec, 4 sc] 6 times. – 30 sts

Rnd 14: [invdec, 3 sc] 6 times. – 24 sts

Rnd 15: [invdec, 2 sc] 6 times. – 18 sts

- Install safety nose in the center of the magic circle and install safety eyes in Rnd 4. Weave in beginning yarn end. Add stuffing. Head doesn't have to be stuffed too firmly, just enough to fill out the shape.

Rnd 16: [invdec, sc] 6 times. – 12 sts

Rnd 17: invdec 6 times. – 6 sts

- Sl st to next st to join.
- Break off leaving about 8 inches of yarn.
- With tapestry needle, weave yarn tail through remaining 6 sts and pull to close. Tie a knot and weave in end.

Body (will be a triangular-ish tube shape)

- With Beige, make magic circle, or ch 3 and sl st to 1st ch to form ring.

Rnds 1-3: Repeat Rnds 1-3 of Head. – 18 sts

Rnd 4: [(3 sc), 5 sc] 3 times. – 24 sts

Rnd 5: sc, [(3 sc), 7 sc] 3 times. – 31 sts worked, but stitch count remains 30 sts

Rnd 6: sc, [(3 sc), 9 sc] 3 times. – 37 sts worked, but stitch count remains 36 sts

Rnd 7: sc, [(3 sc), 11 sc] 3 times. – 43 sts worked, but stitch count remains 42 sts

Rnds 8-14: Sc evenly around. – 42 sts

- After Rnd 14, before moving your stitch marker, work 10 more sc evenly. This will not change the overall stitch count but will

get your hook to the side of the Body. This will ensure that your upcoming decreases will appear along both sides of the Body - rather than a random location - which affects the Body shaping.

Rnd 15: invdec, 24 sc, invdec, 14 sc. – 40 sts

Rnd 16: invdec, 23 sc, invdec, 13 sc. – 38 sts

Rnd 17: invdec, 22 sc, invdec, 12 sc. – 36 sts

Rnd 18: invdec, 21 sc, invdec, 11 sc. – 34 sts

Rnd 19: invdec, 20 sc, invdec, 10 sc. – 32 sts

Rnd 20: invdec, 19 sc, invdec, 9 sc. – 30 sts

- Sl st to next st to join.

- Break off leaving about 24 inches of yarn for sewing later. Weave in other end.

Ear – make 2

- With Beige, make magic circle, or ch 3 and sl st to 1st ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, 4 sc into ring. Don't join rnds. Insert stitch marker and move it after every rnd. – 4 sts

Rnd 2: (2 sc) 4 times. – 8 sts

Rnd 3: [(2 sc), 3 sc] 2 times. – 10 sts

Rnd 4: [(2 sc), 4 sc] 2 times. – 12 sts

- Sl st to next st to join.

- Break off leaving about 12 inches of yarn for sewing later. Weave in other end.

Tail

- With Beige, make magic circle, or ch 3 and sl st to 1st ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, 6 sc into ring. Don't join rnds. – 6 sts

Rnd 2: (2 sc) 6 times. – 12 sts

Rnd 3: Sc evenly around. – 12 sts

- Put a small amount of stuffing inside to keep the tip of the Tail round but leave the rest of the tail unstuffed.

Rnd 4: [invdec, 2 sc] 3 times. – 9 sts

Rnds 5-26: Sc evenly around and around until Tail is 4 ½ inches long or long enough to wrap from the center back of the Body to the front opening of the Body. – 9 sts

- Sl st to next st to join.

- Break off leaving about 12 inches of yarn for sewing later. Weave in other end.

Assembly

1. Lightly stuff Body and pin it to Head, making sure that the flat edge of the triangle on the Body is flush with the bottom of the Kitty and that the 2 lines of invdec's are on each side of Body.
2. With long yarn tail from Body, sew Body to head.
3. Pin Ears to Head and sew each to Head.
4. Pin Tail to rear of Body and sew. With a separate piece of yarn, you can also sew the end of the Tail to the side of the Body if you wish.
5. With an arm-length of Black yarn and a tapestry needle, embroider whiskers to Head.