"Valentine Cats"

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Materials:

- 2.5 mm hook
- Cotton yarn

I used Catona from Scheepjes:

Show white (106), bridal white (105), old lace (130), shell (255), powder pink (238), antique mauve (257), hazelnut (503), topaz (179), black coffee (162), red (115), saffron (249), silver (172), moon rock (254), cornelia rose (256), chocolate (507).

- Safety eyes 6.0 mm
- Stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker
- I used black threadblack and pink embroidery threads

The crocheted cats are approximately 10-12 cm tall. It may vary though depending on the kind of yarn and hook size used.

You can also use any color of yarn.

Feel free to add accessories to your very own Cats.

Abbreviations:

- ch chain
- sc single crochet
- inc increase
- dc double crochet
- hdc half double crochet
- dec decrease
- slst slip stitch
- FLO use only back loops
- BLO use only back loops



Use old lace (130) yarn. Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6] Rnd 2: (inc) x6 [12] Rnd 3: (inc, sc) x6 [18] Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x6 [24] Rnd 5: (inc, 3 sc) x6 [30] Rnd 6-7: sc around [30], 2 rounds Rnd 8: 2 sc, (inc, 4 sc) x5, inc, 2 sc [36] Rnd 9-15: sc around [36], 7 rounds Attach the eyes between rounds 12 and 13 with 6 sts between (fig 1). Skip 15 st from the beginning, attach the first eye, then skip 6 sts and attach the second eye.



Rnd 16: (dec, 4 sc) x6 [30] Rnd 17: (dec, 3 sc) x6 [24] Rnd 18: (dec, 2 sc) x6 [18] Stuff the head firmly (fig 2). Don't cut the yarn, we're going to crochet the body.



BODY

Continue with old lace (130) yarn. Rnd 19: FLO (use only front loops): (2 sc, inc) x6 [24] Rnd 20: sc around [24] **Rnd 21:** (3 sc, inc) x6 [30] Rnd 22: sc around [30] **Rnd 23:** (4 sc, inc) x6 [36] Rnd 24-30: sc around [36], 7 rounds Rnd 31: (dec, 4 sc) x6 [30] Rnd 32: (dec, 3 sc) x6 [24] Start to stuff the body. Rnd 33: (dec, 2 sc) x6 [18] Rnd 34: (dec, sc) x6 [12] Stuff the body firmly (fig 5). Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for closing. How to close the end of the round: with a darning needle, insert the remaining yarn through all the front loops of the stitches on the last round (fig 3). Pull all together at once (fig 4) and hide the yarn inside of the head.





EARS (make 2) Use old lace (130) yarn. Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6] Rnd 2: (sc, inc) x3 [9] Rnd 3: (2 sc, inc) x3 [12] Rnd 4: (3 sc, inc) x3 [15] Rnd 5: sc around [15] Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing (fig 6).



LEGS (make 2)

Use old lace (130) yarn.

Chain 5. Make sure that your chains are not twisted.

Rnd 1: start in second chain from the hook: inc, 2 sc, 3 sc in last chain st.

Continue on the other side of the foundation chain: 3 sc, (fig 7) [10]



Rnd 2: 2 inc, 2 sc, 3 inc, 2 sc, inc [16] Rnd 3: slst in each stitch [16] Make a slip stitch loosely (fig 8). Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing.



Using a needle, insert it in both loops of the second stitch after the last stitch (fig 9). Then, insert it only in the back loop of the last stitch (fig 10). Secure the yarn and use the remaining yarn tail for sewing.

• see a short videos in my Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DAx_xmiM8N7/





Use the red yarn, make the three lines/spots on the top of the leg (fig 11, 12).





TAIL

Use old lace (130) yarn. **Rnd 1:** 8 sc in magic ring [8] **Rnd 2-18:** sc around [8], **17 rounds** Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing. Don't stuff the tail (fig 13).



ARMS (make 2) Use old lace (130) yarn. Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6] Rnd 2: (sc, inc) x3 [9] Rnd 3-13: dec, 3 sc, inc, 3 sc [9], 11 rounds Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing. Close the opening in the same way as the body (fig 14, 15).







ASSEMBLING:

Use the black thread, embroider the nose and small mouth, eyebrows and whiskers (fig 17-18). Use the pink embroidery thread, embroider the heart-shaped nose inside the black nose and cheeks below the eyes (fig 19-20).









Sew the ears to the head between round 3 and 11 (fig 21-24).









Place and sew the arm to the body in the same laves as the ears (fig 25-28) and between round 18-21.

You should sew the arms on the front (fig 29).











Place the legs in diagonal and between round 25 and 31 using the back loops (fig 30-32).







At last, sew the tail on the back side of the body (fig 33-36) and between round 30 and 31 of the body.











HEART

Use red (115) yarn.

You should use cornelia rose (256) and powder pink (238)

Make 2 pieces:

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: (inc) x6 [12]

Rnd 3: sc around [12]

Cut the yarn, invisible fasten off (fig 1).

Now we are going to connect two pieces together.

Rnd 4: Insert your hook from the wrong side of the right piece out to the left piece. Pick up the yarn and pull it through (fig 3). Ch 1, sc in the connecting stitch of left piece (count this stitch as the first stitch of round 4, put your stitch marker here), sc in next 11 st around the left piece (fig 5). Then continue to crochet around the right piece: 12 sc [24]

Rnd 5: sc around [24] Rnd 6: (dec, 4 sc) x4 [20] Rnd 7: (dec, 3 sc) x4 [16] Rnd 8: (dec, 2 sc) x4 [12] Rnd 9: (dec, sc) x4 [8] Stuff the heart lighly. Invisible fasten off.

















Use antique mauve (257) and bridal white (105) yarn. Start with antique mauve: Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6] Rnd 2: (inc) x6 [12] Rnd 3: (inc, sc) x6 [18] Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x6 [24] Rnd 5: (inc, 3 sc) x6 [30] Rnd 6-7: sc around [30], 2 rounds Rnd 8: 2 sc, (inc, 4 sc) x5, inc, 2 sc [36] Rnd 9-10: sc around [36], 2 rounds Rnd 11: antique mauve: 18 sc, bridal white: 2 sc, antique mauve: 16 sc [36] How to change the color of yarn: With the two loops from the previous yarn

on the hook (fig 1), wrap the new yarn around the hook, then pull the new yarn through the two loops of the stitch (fig 2).



•**Tip:** give the tail of the previous yarn a nice tug when changing yarn colors, to prevent loose stitches. You will notice the big loops at the back (fig 4, 7). Make sure the loops are loose enough to stretch when you stuff the head. Otherwise, you will have a scrunched cat's face.



Tip: to avoid holes that can occur when changing colors, make sure to lay the previously used yarn flat on the backside (inside) while making the next two single crochet stitches. This will secure the previously used yarn in place and not gaps should form at the color change points (fig 3-4).





Rnd 12: antique mauve: 17 sc, bridal white:
4 sc, antique mauve: 15 sc [36]
Rnd 13: antique mauve: 16 sc, bridal white:
6 sc, antique mauve: 14 sc [36]
Attach the eyes between rounds 12 and 13 with 6 sts between (fig 5).

Skip 15 st from the beginning, attach the first eye, then skip 6 sts and attach the second eye (fig 5).

Rnd 14: <u>antique mauve:</u> 15 sc, <u>bridal white:</u> 8 sc, <u>antique mauve:</u> 13 sc [36]







Rnd 15: <u>antique mauve</u>: 14 sc, <u>bridal white</u>: 10 sc, <u>antique mauve</u>: 12 sc, (fig 6, 7) [36] Rnd 16: <u>antique mauve</u>: (dec, 4 sc) x2, dec, <u>bridal white</u>: 4 sc, dec, 4 sc, <u>antique mauve</u>: (dec, 4 sc) x2 [30]

Rnd 17: <u>antique mauve</u>: (dec, 3 sc) x2, dec, <u>bridal white</u>: 3 sc, dec, 3 sc, <u>antique mauve</u>: (dec, 3 sc) x2 [24]

Rnd 18: <u>antique mauve</u>: (dec, 2 sc) x2, dec, <u>bridal white</u>: 2 sc, dec, 2 sc, <u>antique mauve</u>: (dec, 2 sc) x2 [18]

Cut the bridal white yarn and continue with antique mauve to make the body.

Stuff the head firmly (fig 8).

To make the body, arms, ears, legs and tail follow the pattern above on page 2-4 (fig 9-11).





Use white (106) and chocolate (507) yarn. You should use moon rock (254) yarn. Start with chocolate: **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in magic ring [6] **Rnd 2:** (inc) x6 [12] **Rnd 3:** (inc, sc) x6 [18] **Rnd 4:** (2 sc, inc) x6 [24] **Rnd 5:** (inc, 3 sc) x6 [30] **Rnd 6:** sc around [30] **Rnd 7:** <u>chocolate yarn:</u> 14 sc, <u>white yarn:</u> 2 sc, <u>chocolate yarn:</u> 14 sc [30] **Rnd 8:** <u>chocolate yarn:</u> 2 sc, (inc, 4 sc) x2, inc, <u>white yarn:</u> 4 sc, <u>chocolate yarn:</u> (inc, 4 sc) x2, inc, 2 sc, (fig 1) [36]



Rnd 9: <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 15 sc, <u>white yarn</u>: 6 sc, <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 15 sc [36]
Rnd 10: <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 14 sc, <u>white yarn</u>: 8 sc, <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 14 sc [36]
Rnd 11: <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 13 sc, <u>white yarn</u>: 10 sc, chocolate yarn: 13 sc [36]

Rnd 12: <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 12 sc, <u>white yarn</u>: 12 sc, <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 12 sc [36]
Rnd 13: <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 11 sc, <u>white yarn</u>: 14 sc, <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 11 sc, (fig 2, 3) [36]





Attach the eyes between rounds 12 and 13 with 7 sts between (fig 4).

Skip 14 st from the beginning, attach the first eye, then skip 7 sts and attach the second eye.



Rnd 14: <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 9 sc, <u>white yarn</u>: 18 sc, <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 9 sc [36] Rnd 15: <u>chocolate yarn</u>: 7 sc, <u>white yarn</u>: 22

sc, chocolate yarn: 7 sc [36]

Continue with white yarn and don't cut the chocolate.

Rnd 16: <u>white yarn:</u> (dec, 4 sc) x6 [30]

Rnd 17: <u>white yarn:</u> (dec, 3 sc) x6 [24]

Rnd 18: white yarn: (dec, 2 sc) x6 [18]

Cut the white yarn and continue with chocolate to make the body.

Stuff the head firmly (fig 5-6). Follow the pattern above on page 2-4 to make the body, arms, ears, legs and tail.















Use shell (255) and hazelnut (503) yarn. Start with shell yarn: Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6] **Rnd 2:** (inc) x6 [12] **Rnd 3:** (inc, sc) x6 [18] Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x6 [24] Rnd 5: (inc, 3 sc) x6 [30] Rnd 6-7: sc around [30], 2 rounds **Rnd 8:** 2 sc, (inc, 4 sc) x5, inc, 2 sc [36] **Rnd 9:** sc around [36] Rnd 10: shell yarn: 14 sc, hazelnut yarn: 7 sc, shell yarn: 15 sc [36] Rnd 11: shell yarn: 13 sc, hazelnut yarn: 9 sc, shell yarn: 14 sc [36] Rnd 12: shell yarn: 12 sc, hazelnut yarn: 11 sc, <u>shell yarn:</u> 13 sc [36] Rnd 13: shell yarn: 11 sc, hazelnut yarn: 13 sc, <u>shell yarn:</u> 12 sc [36]

Attach the eyes between rounds 12 and 13 with 6 sts between (fig 1).

Skip 14 st from the beginning, attach the first eye, then skip 6 sts and attach the second eye.



Rnd 14-15: shell yarn: 10 sc, hazelnut yarn: 15 sc, shell yarn: 11 sc [36], 2 rounds
Rnd 16: shell yarn: dec, 4 sc, dec, 3 sc, hazelnut yarn: sc, (dec, 4 sc) x2, dec, shell yarn: 4 sc, dec, 4 sc [30]
Cut the hazelnut yarn and continue with shell yarn.
Rnd 17: (dec, 3 sc) x6 [24]
Rnd 18: (dec, 2 sc) x6 [18]
Stuff the head firmly (fig 2, 3).
Don't cut the yarn, we are going to crochet the body.





Follow the pattern above on page 2-4 to make the body (shell yarn) (fig 4). Use hazelnut yarn to make the ears, legs and arms and shell yarn to make the tail (fig 5).

















Use saffron (249), black coffee (162) and old lace (130) yarn. Start with saffron yarn: Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6] Rnd 2: (inc) x6 [12] Rnd 3: black coffee yarn: (inc, sc) x3, saffron yarn: (inc, sc) x3 [18] Rnd 4: black coffee yarn: (2 sc, inc) x3, saffron yarn: (2 sc, inc) x3 [24] Rnd 5: black coffee yarn: (inc, 3 sc) x3, saffron yarn: (inc, 3 sc) x3 [30] Rnd 6-7: black coffee yarn: 15 sc, saffron yarn: 15 sc, (fig 1) [30], 2 rounds







Rnd 8: <u>black coffee yarn</u>: 2 sc, (inc, 4 sc) x2, inc, sc, <u>old lace</u>: 2 sc, <u>saffron yarn</u>: sc, inc, (4 sc, inc) x2, 2 sc, (fig 2) [36]
Rnd 9: <u>black coffee yarn</u>: 16 sc, <u>old lace</u>: 4 sc, <u>saffron yarn</u>: 16 sc, (fig 3) [36]
Rnd 10: <u>black coffee yarn</u>: 15 sc, <u>old lace</u>: 6 sc, <u>saffron yarn</u>: 15 sc, (fig 4) [36]
Cut the black and saffron yarns and continue with old lace.





Rnd 11-15: sc around [36], **5 rounds** Attach the eyes between rounds 12 and 13 with 6 sts between (fig 5).

Skip 15 st from the beginning, attach the first eye, then skip 6 sts and attach the second eye.

Rnd 16: (dec, 4 sc) x6 [30]

Rnd 17: (dec, 3 sc) x6 [24]

Rnd 18: (dec, 2 sc) x6 [18]

Stuff the head firmly (fig 6, 7) and don't cut the yarn. We are going to crochet the body.





To make the body of the ginger cat, follow the pattern above on page 2-4 (fig 8). Make one ear and leg using black coffee yarn, another ear and leg – saffron (fig 9). You should use old lace yarn to make the arms.





TAIL

Use black coffee (162) and old lace (130) yarn. Start with black coffee yarn: Rnd 1: 8 sc in magic ring [8] Rnd 2-3: sc around [8], 2 rounds Change the yarn to old lace. **Rnd 4-18:** sc around [8], **15 rounds** Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing. Don't stuff the tail.











Use silver (172) and white (106) yarn. Start with silver yarn: Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6] **Rnd 2:** (inc) x6 [12] **Rnd 3:** (inc, sc) x6 [18] Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x6 [24] **Rnd 5:** (inc, 3 sc) x6 [30] Rnd 6-7: sc around [30], 2 rounds **Rnd 8:** 2 sc, (inc, 4 sc) x5, inc, 2 sc [36] Rnd 9: silver yarn: 18 sc, white yarn: sc, silver yarn: 17 sc [36] Rnd 10: silver yarn: 17 sc, white yarn: 3 sc, silver yarn: 16 sc [36] Rnd 11: silver yarn: 16 sc, white yarn: 5 sc, silver yarn: 15 sc [36] Rnd 12: silver yarn: 14 sc, white yarn: 9 sc, silver yarn: 13 sc, (fig 1) [36] Rnd 13: silver yarn: 12 sc, white yarn: 13 sc, silver yarn: 11 sc, (fig 2) [36]





Attach the eyes between rounds 12 and 13 with 6 sts between (fig 2).

Skip 15 st from the beginning, attach the first eye, then skip 6 sts and attach the second eye.

Rnd 14-15: <u>silver yarn:</u> 11 sc, <u>white yarn:</u> 15 sc, <u>silver yarn:</u> 10 sc [36], **2 rounds**

Rnd 16: <u>silver yarn:</u> (dec, 4 sc) x2, <u>white</u> <u>yarn:</u> (dec, 4 sc) x2, dec, <u>silver yarn:</u> 4 sc, dec, 4 sc [30]

Rnd 17: <u>silver yarn:</u> (dec, 3 sc) x2, <u>white</u> <u>yarn:</u> (dec, 3 sc) x2, <u>silver yarn:</u> (dec, 3 sc) x2 [24]

Rnd 18: <u>silver yarn:</u> (dec, 2 sc) x2, <u>white</u> <u>yarn:</u> (dec, 2 sc) x2, <u>silver yarn:</u> (dec, 2 sc) x2 [18]

Stuff the head firmly (fig 3, 4).

Cut the white yarn and continue with silver yarn. We are going to crochet the body.





Follow the pattern above on page 2-4 to make the body (fig 5), arms and legs.



EARS (make 2) Use white (106) and silver (172) yarn. Start with white yarn: Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6] Rnd 2: (sc, inc) x3 [9] Rnd 3: (2 sc, inc) x3 [12] Change the yarn to silver. Rnd 4: (3 sc, inc) x3 [15] Rnd 5: sc around [15] Don't stuff the ears. Cut the yarn, leaving the tail for sewing (fig 6).



TAIL

Use silver (172) and white (106) yarn. Start with silver yarn: Rnd 1: 8 sc in magic ring [8] Rnd 2-4: sc around [8], 3 rounds Change the yarn to white. Rnd 5-6: sc around [8], 2 rounds Change the yarn to silver and cut the white. Rnd 7-18: sc around [8], 12 rounds Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing (fig 7). Don't stuff the tail.











Use bridal white (105) and topaz (179) yarn. Start with bridal white: Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6] **Rnd 2:** (inc) x6 [12] **Rnd 3:** (inc, sc) x6 [18] **Rnd 4:** (2 sc, inc) x6 [24] **Rnd 5:** (inc, 3 sc) x6 [30] Rnd 6-7: sc around [30], 2 rounds **Rnd 8:** 2 sc, (inc, 4 sc) x5, inc, 2 sc [36] Rnd 9: sc around [36] Rnd 10: bridal white yarn: 17 sc, topaz yarn: 2 sc, bridal white yarn: 17 sc [36] Rnd 11: bridal white yarn: 16 sc, topaz yarn: 4 sc, bridal white yarn: 16 sc [36] Rnd 12: bridal white yarn: 15 sc, topaz yarn: 6 sc, bridal white yarn: 15 sc [36] Rnd 13: bridal white yarn: 16 sc, topaz yarn: 5 sc, bridal white yarn: 15 sc [36]



Attach the eyes between rounds 12 and 13 with 7 sts between (fig 1).

Skip 14 st from the beginning, attach the first eye, then skip 7 sts and attach the second eye.

Rnd 14: bridal white yarn: 17 sc, topaz yarn:
3 sc, bridal white yarn: 16 sc [36]
Continue with bridal white yarn and don't cut the topaz yarn.
Rnd 15: sc around [36]
Rnd 16: (dec, 4 sc) x6 [30]
Rnd 17: (dec, 3 sc) x6 [24]
Rnd 18: (dec, 2 sc) x6 [18]
Stuff the head firmly (fig 2).



BODY

Continue with bridal white (105) and topaz (179) yarn.

Rnd 19: FLO: <u>bridal white yarn:</u> (inc, 2 sc) x2, inc, <u>topaz yarn:</u> 2 sc, inc, 2 sc, <u>bridal white</u> <u>yarn:</u> (inc, 2 sc) x2 [24]

Rnd 20: <u>bridal white yarn:</u> 9 sc, <u>topaz yarn:</u> 8 sc, <u>bridal white yarn:</u> 7 sc [24]

Rnd 21: <u>bridal white yarn:</u> (inc, 3 sc) x2, inc, <u>topaz yarn:</u> (3 sc, inc) x2, <u>bridal white yarn:</u> 3 sc, inc, 3 sc, (fig 3) [30]



Rnd 22: <u>bridal white yarn:</u> 13 sc, <u>topaz yarn:</u> 8 sc, <u>bridal white yarn:</u> 9 sc [30]

Rnd 23: bridal white yarn: (4 sc, inc) x2, 4
sc, topaz yarn: inc, 4 sc, inc, bridal white yarn: (4 sc, inc) x2 [36]
Rnd 24: bridal white yarn: 17 sc, topaz yarn: 6 sc, bridal white yarn: 13 sc [36]
Rnd 25: bridal white yarn: 18 sc, topaz yarn: 4 sc, bridal white yarn: 14 sc [36]
Rnd 26: bridal white yarn: 19 sc, topaz yarn: 3 sc, bridal white yarn: 14 sc, (fig 4) [36]
Cut the topaz yarn and continue with bridal white yarn.



Rnd 27-30: sc around [30], 4 rounds Rnd 31: (dec, 4 sc) x6 [30] Rnd 32: (dec, 3 sc) x6 [24] Rnd 33: (dec, 2 sc) x6 [18] Rnd 34: (dec, sc) x6 [12] Stuff the body firmly. Cut the yarn, leaving the tail for closing. Invisible fasten off (fig 5, 6).





TAIL

Use topaz (179) and bridal white (105) yarn. Start with topaz yarn: Rnd 1: 8 sc in magic ring [8] Rnd 2-9: sc around [8], 8 rounds Change the yarn to bridal white and cut the topaz. Rnd 10-18: sc around [8], 9 rounds

Rnd 10-18: sc around [8], 9 rounds Don't stuff the tail. Cut the yarn, leaving a tail (fig 7).



To make the arms, legs and ears (use topaz yarn) folow the pattern above on page 3-4.





