

## Crocheted mouse cat toy

ch – chain

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

YO = yarn over

dec = decrease = single crochet next two sc together = draw up loop in each of next two sc, YO, draw loop through all 3 loops on hook

Note: all rounds are joined with sl st in first sc.

### **Body**

Round 1: form ring – ch1 – 6 sc in ring (6 sc)

Round 2: ch1 – sc in first sc – 2 sc in next 4 sc – sc in next sc (10 sc)

Round 3: ch1 – sc in first 3 sc – 2 sc in next sc – sc in next 2 sc – 2 sc in next sc – sc in next 3 sc (12 sc)

Round 4: ch1 – sc in first 3 sc - 2 sc in next sc – sc in next 2 sc – 2 sc in next sc – sc in next sc – 2 sc in next sc – sc in next 3 sc (15 sc)

Round 5: ch1 – sc in first 4 sc – (2 sc in next sc – sc in next 2 sc) twice - 2 sc in next sc – sc in next 4 sc (18 sc)

Round 6 to 10: ch1 – sc in each sc (18 sc)

Round 11: ch1 – (sc in next 2 sc – 1 dec) 4 times – sc in next 2 sc (14 sc)

Round 12: ch1 – sc in first sc – 6 dec – sc in last sc (8 sc)

**Tail:** 21 ch – sl st in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook and in next 19 ch. (For curly tail, make ch loose and sl st tight). Leaving long length of yarn (about 1 yard or more if you want a long string to hang the mouse), cut yarn and pull through loop.

Stuff. With needle weave yarn through sc of last round of body and pull close.

**Ears:** Ears are worked on round 5 of body. With needle come up between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> sc of round 5 of body and pull yarn. Insert hook between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> sc and pull loop.

\* ch1 – sc in next 3 sc of round 5 – ch1 – turn- draw loop through next 3 sc, YO, draw loop through all 4 loops on hook – with needle pull yarn through loop and weave in yarn in back of ear\*

Go in body and come up in round 5 between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> sc. Insert hook between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> sc and pull loop. Repeat from \* to \* for second ear.

**Eyes and nose:** Use French knots, wrapping yarn three times around needle.