SLEEPING CAT

MATERIALS

Yarn Himalaya Dolphin Baby* (100% Polyester, 100 g/120 m)

- Gray (3 skeins)
- Crème (2 skeins)

- **Hook 4,5 mm**
- Embroidery thread for the face:
- Pink
- Creme
- Black (I used cotton thread Iris Gamma (10 g/87m)

- Gray thick thread for needle sculpting of the face
- Special needle for stitching plush yarn
- Sewing needle and pins
- Scissors
- Any synthetic or organic filler for stuffing

HERE is a link to the Ravelry website with a detailed explanation of this yarn.

INSTRUCTION

This project is easy to crochet but it takes good skills in thorough and neat sewing while assembling the pieces.

All pieces are crocheted in continuous rounds. At the beginning of crocheting is not a magic ring, but a chain of 2 and in the 2nd ch from the hook is made 6 sc. I used this technique because plush yarn is difficult to tighten. I used ~ 2 and 1/3 skeins of gray yarn; 1 and 2/3 skeins of cream yarn.

If you use materials mentioned above, you would result in a cat 45 cm (18 in) long (without tail = 30 cm).

Level:

Intermediate

Abbreviations:

R - round

sts – stitches

ch – chain stitch

sl st – slip stitch

sc – single crochet for US (double crochet stitch for UK)

inc – increase: 2 sc in 1 stitch

dec – decrease

NOTE#1 How to make sc decrease: insert the hook into the next stitch and thread over. Pull a loop through so that there are now 2 loops on the hook. Insert the hook into the next stitch and thread over. Pull a loop through so that there are now 3 loops on the hook. Thread over again and pull the loop of thread through all 3 loops on the hook.

NOTE#2 For crocheting of circles - pull the initial thread end out between rounds 2 and 3, it would serve as the marker and help you to count the rounds.

HEAD

Gray yarn

Make chain of 2 and 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook:

Round 1: 6sc (6 sts)

R2: (inc) X 6 (12 sts)

R3: (1sc, inc) X 6 (18 sts)

R4: (2sc, inc) X 6 (24 sts)

R5: (3sc, inc) X 6 (30 sts)

R6: (4sc, inc) X 6 (36 sts)

R7: (5sc, inc) X 6 (42 sts)

R8: (6sc, inc) X 6 (48 sts)

R9: (7sc, inc) X 6 (54 sts)

R10-23 (14 rounds): sc around (54 sts)

R24: (7sc, dec) X 6 (48 sts)

R25: (6sc, dec) X 6 (42 sts)

R26: (5sc, dec) X 6 (36 sts)

R27: (4sc, dec) X 6 (30 sts)

R28: (3sc, dec) X 6 (24 sts)

R29: (2sc, dec) X 6 (18 sts)

After **R29** stuff the head.

R30: (1sc, dec) X 6 (12 sts)

R31: (dec) X 6 (6 sts), cut the yarn off.

Thread a yarn tail through the remaining 6 stitches in succession, tighten and hide it.

BODY

Yarn gray, creme

Start with gray yarn.

Make chain of 2 and 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook:

Round 1: 6sc (6 sts)

R2: (inc) X 6 (12 sts)

R3: (1sc, inc) X 6 (18 sts)

R4: (2sc, inc) X 6 (24 sts)

R5: (3sc, inc) X 6 (30 sts)

R6: (4sc, inc) X 6 (36 sts)

R7: (5sc, inc) X 6 (42 sts)

R8: (6sc, inc) X 6 (48 sts)
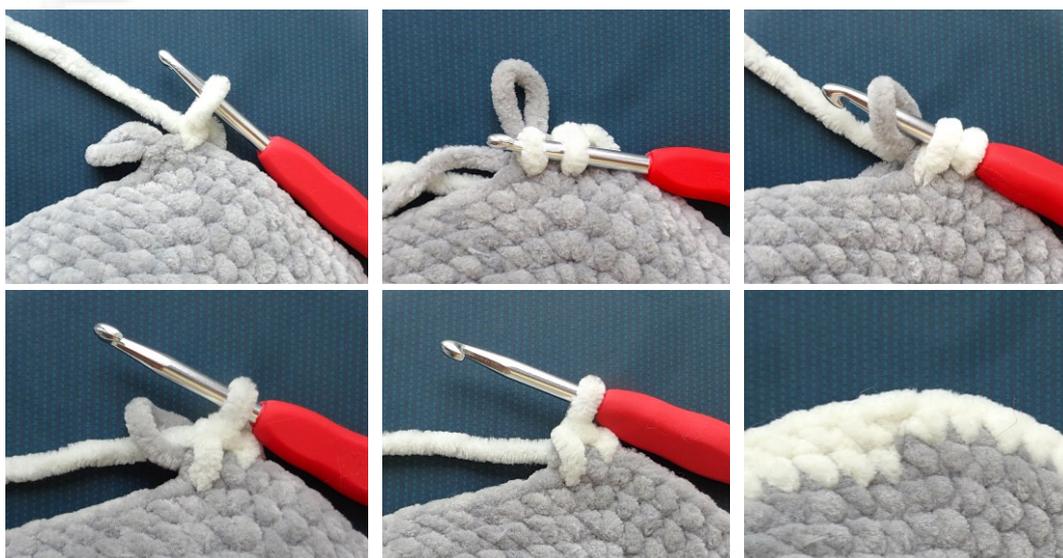
R9: (7sc, inc) X 6 (54 sts)

R10: (8sc, inc) X 6 (60 sts)

R11: (9sc, inc) X 6 (66 sts)

R12: sc around (66 sts)

Now change to creme yarn using the following method here and below. *This method is used to avoid "steps" when changing yarns.* After completing the round, make an additional **sl st**. Remove the hook from the gray loop and attach the creme yarn to the penultimate stitch of the round. Pull the second creme loop out of the stitch where the last **sl st** has already been made, and thread the hook through the remaining gray loop. Grab the creme yarn and pull it through all three loops on the hook. Tighten the gray loop to make it inconspicuous. Next, work the creme round as usual. In the stitch where the creme yarn was attached, make last sc of this round and start counting the sts of the next round from the next stitch.

R13-16 (4 rounds): sc around (66 sts), change the yarn to gray

Make **1 extra sc** before changing yarn and do so at each change thereafter so that the yarn change line does not shift diagonally of the crocheting.

R17-20 (4 rounds): sc around (66 sts), change the yarn to creme

R21-24 (4 rounds): sc around (66 sts), change the yarn to gray

R25-28 (4 rounds): sc around (66 sts), change the yarn to creme

R29-32 (4 rounds): sc around (66 sts), change the yarn to gray

R33-36 (4 rounds): sc around (66 sts), change the yarn to creme

R37-40 (4 rounds): sc around (66 sts), change the yarn to gray

R41-43 (3 rounds): sc around (66 sts)

R44: (20sc,dec) X 3 (63 sts), change the yarn to creme

R45: sc around (63 sts)

R46: (19sc,dec) X 3 (60 sts)

R47: sc around (60 sts)

R48: (18sc,dec) X 3 (57 sts), change the yarn to gray

R49: sc around (57 sts)

R50: (17sc,dec) X 3 (54 sts)

R51: sc around (54 sts)

R52: (16sc,dec) X 3 (51 sts), change the yarn to creme

R53: sc around (51 sts)

R54: (15sc,dec) X 3 (48 sts)

R55: sc around (48 sts)

R56: (14sc,dec) X 3 (45 sts), change the yarn to gray

R57: sc around (45 sts)

R58: (13sc,dec) X 3 (42 sts)

R59: (5sc, dec) X 6 (36 sts)

R60: (4sc, dec) X 6 (30 sts)

R61: (3sc, dec) X 6 (24 sts)

R62: (2sc, dec) X 6 (18 sts)

After **R62** stuff the body.

R63: (1sc, dec) X 6 (12 sts)

R64: (dec) X 6 (6 sts)

Close the remaining hole in the same manner as the head.

CHEEKS (make 2)

Creme yarn

Make chain of 2 and 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook:

Round 1: 6sc (6 sts)

R2: (inc) X 6 (12 sts)

R3: (1sc, inc) X 6 (18 sts), make sl st more and cut the yarn off, leave the tail.

Make an invisible fastening off and hide the tail.

Using long double black thread,

embroider lots of black dots - just little stitches - on the cheeks.

EARS (make 2)

Gray yarn

Make chain of 2 and 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook:

Round 1: 6sc (6 sts)

R2: (inc) X 6 (12 sts)

R3: (5sc, inc) X 2 (14 sts)

R4: (6sc, inc) X 2 (16 sts)

R5: (7sc, inc) X 2 (18 sts)

R6: (8sc, inc) X 2 (20 sts)

R7: (9sc, inc) X 2 (22 sts)

R8: sc around (22 sts)

Cut the yarn off, leave the tail.

Make an invisible fastening off and use the same tail to make a couple small tight stitches at the top of the ear to make the top flat.

Fasten and hide it.

FORELEGS (make 2)

Yarn gray, creme

Start with creme yarn.

Make chain of 2 and 6 sc in 2ⁿᵈ ch from hook:

Round 1: 6sc (6 sts)

R2: (inc) X 6 (12 sts)

R3: (1sc, inc) X 6 (18 sts)

R4: (5sc, inc) X 3 (21 sts)

R5-8 (4 rounds): sc around (21 sts)

R9: 7sc, 3dec, 8sc (18 sts)

R10-11 (2 rounds): sc around (18 sts), change the yarn to gray

R12-14 (3 rounds): sc around (18 sts), change the yarn to creme

R15: (5sc,inc) X 3 (21 sts)

R16-17 (2 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R18-20 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R21-23 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R24-26 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R27-29 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R30-32 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts)

Cut the yarn off, leave the tail for stitching.

Stuff the forelegs, the bottom part quite tightly, the middle part not tightly, and don't stuff the top at all, as it will be pressed against the thick body. Carefully sew the upper edges of the forelegs, make sure that the yarn change line is exactly on the back part. Hide the yarn tails.

HIND LEGS(make 2)

Yarn gray, creme

Start with creme yarn.

Make chain of 2 and 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook:

Round 1: 6sc (6 sts)

R2: (inc) X 6 (12 sts)

R3: (1sc, inc) X 6 (18 sts)

R4: (5sc, inc) X 3 (21 sts)

R5-8 (4 rounds): sc around (21 sts)

R9: 7sc, 3dec, 8sc (18 sts)

R10-13 (4 rounds): sc around (18 sts)

R14: (5sc, inc) X 3 (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R15-17 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R18: sc around (21 sts)

R19: 10sc, inc, 10sc (22 sts)

R20: sc around (22 sts), change the yarn to gray

R21: sc around (22 sts)

R22: dec, 8sc, 2inc, 8sc, dec (22 sts)

R23: sc around (22 sts), change the yarn to creme

R24: sc around (22 sts)

R25: dec, 7sc, inc, 2sc, inc, 7sc, dec (22 sts)

R26: sc around (22 sts), change the yarn to gray

R27: 10sc, 2inc, 10sc (24 sts)

R28: sc around (24 sts)

R29: 10sc, inc, 2sc, inc, 10sc (26 sts), change the yarn to creme

R30: 10sc, inc, 4sc, inc, 10sc (28 sts)

R31: sc around (28 sts)

R32: 13sc, 2inc, 13sc (30 sts), change the yarn to gray

R33: 13sc, inc, 2sc, inc, 13sc (32 sts)

R34-35 (2 rounds): sc around (32 sts)

Cut the yarn off, leave the tail for stitching.

Stuff the back legs similarly to the front legs - bottom tightly,

middle loosely, top no stuffing. Sew the top edges in the same way.

TAIL

Yarn gray, creme

Start with creme yarn.

Make chain of 2 and 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook:

Round 1: 6sc (6 sts)

R2: (inc) X 6 (12 sts)

R3: (3sc, inc) X 3 (15 sts)

R4: sc around (15 sts)

R5: (4sc, inc) X 3 (18 sts), change the yarn to gray

R6: sc around (15 sts)

R7: (5sc,inc) X 3 (21 sts)

R8: sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R9-11 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R12-14 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R15-17 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R18-20 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R21-23 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R24-26 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R27-29 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R30-32 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R33-35 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R36-37 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R38-40 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R41-43 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R44-46 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to gray

R47-49 (3 rounds): sc around (21 sts), change the yarn to creme

R50: (5sc, dec) X 3 (18 sts)

R51: (1sc, dec) X 6 (12 sts)

R52: sc around (12 sts)

Cut the yarn off, leave the tail for stitching.

Stuff the tail, not tightly.
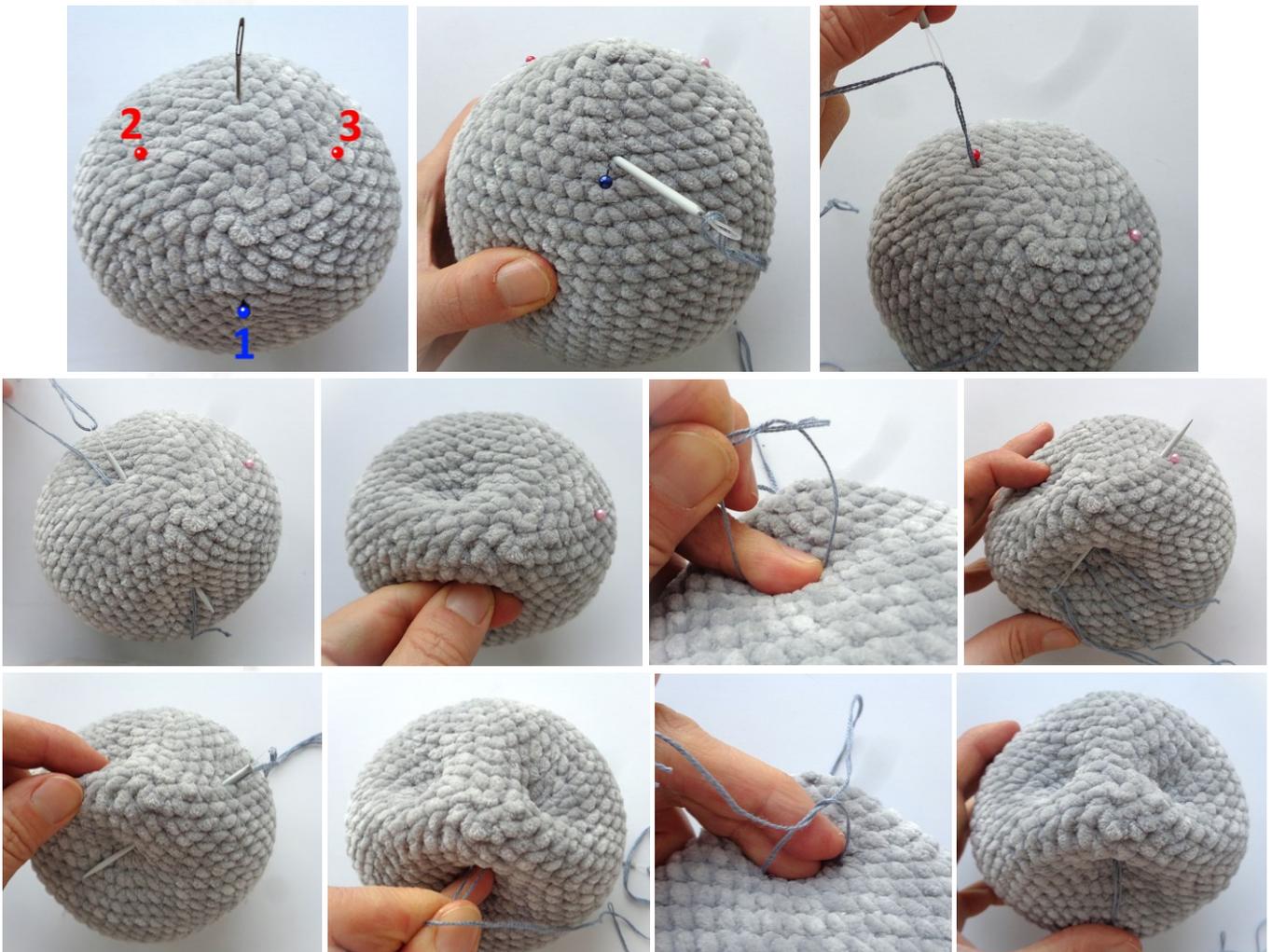
NEEDLE SCULPTING OF THE FACE

The cat's face is made by a needle sculpting.

This is a responsible task. Make sure that the shrinks on both sides of the face are equal and symmetrical.

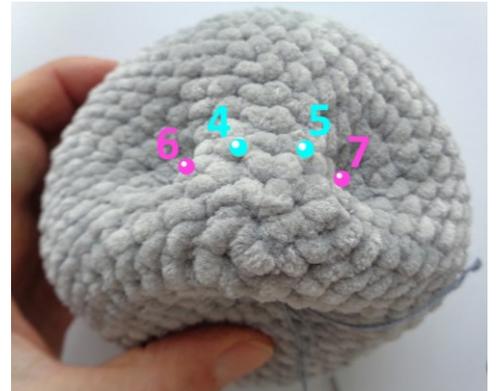Insert a long (~1 meter) piece of strong gray thread into a long needle.

Mark point **1** on the chin – between 6 and 7 rounds of the head.

Mark points **2** and **3** for the eyes - between 5 and 6 rounds of the head, with 10 sts between them and - note - there should be a line of increases between them. Insert the needle at point **1** and withdraw it at point **2**, leaving a long tail of 15 - 20 cm. After making a small stitch to the center, bring it out again at point **1**. Tighten the thread well and tie it securely with the remaining tail. Insert the needle again at point **1** and bring it out at point **3**, making a small stitch to the center and bringing it out at point **1**. Tighten the thread again and tie with the remaining tail.

Next, insert the needle at point **1**, bring it out at point **4**, making a small stitch bring it out at point **1**, pull it down. Again, insert the needle at point **1**, bring it out at point **5**, make a small stitch, bring it out at point **1**, pull it down, - make sure the bridge of the nose is symmetrical - and repeat the same process at points **6** and **7**. Tie the thread with the remaining tail.
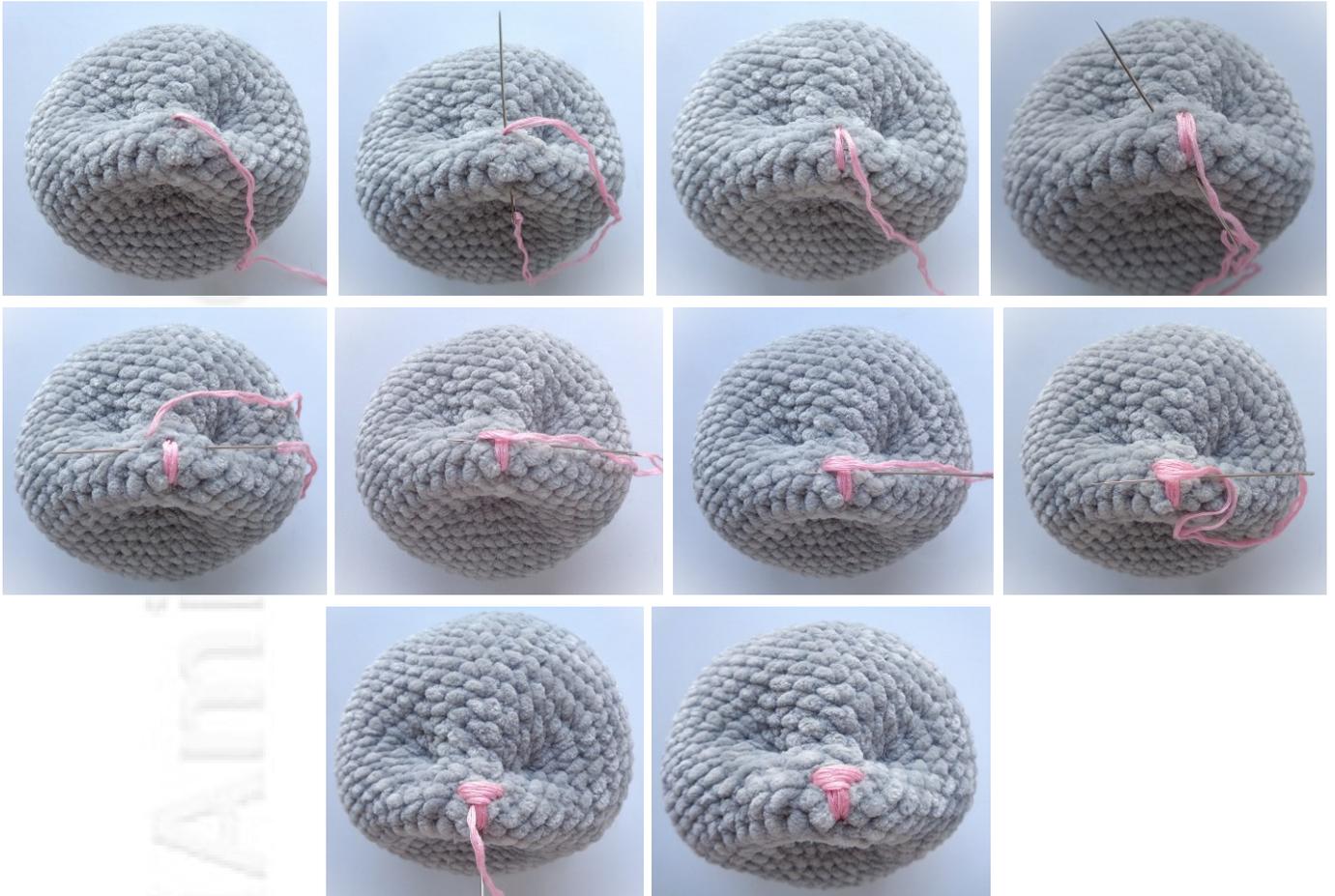
Cut both tails, insert them into needle
and hide them in the cat's head.

EMBROIDERY OF THE FACE

Embroidering the face is an even more responsible task.

Embroider the nose with 6-strands pink embroidery thread as shown in the photos - first a few vertical stitches, then a few horizontal stitches.

Now pin the cheeks on either side of the nose. Sew on with 1-strand cream embroidery thread in small inconspicuous stitches. I sewed them on two rounds for security.

To embroider the eyes, you can first put pieces of black thread on the right places, to see how it will be better.

I embroidered the eyes with three stitches and duplicated them.

If it is difficult, you can embroider the eye with one long stitch.

Pin the ears to the cat's head as shown in the photos and sew on with the same gray yarn. Sew the ears in a crescent shape.

The cat's head is embroidered with the same crème plush yarn with stripes - three on the forehead, two on the sides of the eyes, and two on each cheek. It is easy to embroider them, you just need to make sure they are symmetrical. Do not tighten the yarn!

Sew the head to the body, matching the center rounds of both, tightly but so that the head can turn sideways. Make sure the yarn change line on the body is on the belly. Place the legs on the body. You can't pin them with pins because of their thickness, so I pinned them with long needles. Sew on the legs with the same gray yarn, sewing the back legs on first. Between the back legs are 40 sts on the back and 26 sts on the belly. They are adjacent to the back gray circle of the body. Back and forelegs at the same level. There are ~ 5 strips between them.

The tail is sewn a little above the initial first round of the body, with cream yarn, in a circle (or rather an oval). Make sure the yarn change line is at the bottom.

Your cozy sleeping cat is ready) Congratulations!

This cat is crocheted with «Candy» yarn (100% wool, 100 g /178 m) with the same 4.5 mm hook. The length of the cat is 32 cm, the tail is 22 cm.

You may also be interested in plush bunny pattern

you can find it [HERE](#)