

# Big Kitty! Tiger Hat

## Crochet Pattern

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**Notes:**

The finished size of this hat is a child's large or adult small. I do not have adjustments for other sizes at this time.

While it is generally better to work these types of hats in a spiral, this pattern suggests you finish each row with a slip stitch before moving to the next. This makes the lines between stripes more defined without leaving a definite seam where changing colors.

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Supplies:**

**Hook Size:** I 5.5mm

**Suggested Yarn:**

1 ball Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Black (worsted weight)  
1 ball Brand Vanna's Choice Rust (worsted weight)  
1 ball Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Beige (worsted weight)

**Other Supplies:** Yarn needle to attach ears to hat body

**Gauge:**

3.5 HDCs and 2 rows = 1 inch square

**Abbreviations:**

Ch = Chain  
SC = Single Crochet  
HDC = Half Double Crochet  
HDC2tog = Half Double Crochet together  
Sl St = Slip Stitch  
St = Stitch

## Hat Body:

The hat will alternate every two rows between the black and orange yarns. I suggest starting with the orange.

- (1) Ch 2, HDC 8x in second Ch, join
- (2) 2 HDC in each St, join, change color (16 st)
- (3) 2HDC in first st, 1 HDC in next, repeat around, join (24 st)
- (4) 2HDC in first st, 1 HDC in next, repeat around , join, change color (36 st)
- (5) 2HDC in first st, 1 HDC in each of next 2 st, repeat around, join (48 st)
- (6) 2HDC in first st, 1 HDC in each of next 7 st, repeat around, join, change color (54 st)
- (7) HDC around, join (54 st)
- (8) 2HDC in first st, HDC in next 8 st, repeat around, join, change color (60 st)
- (9-15) HDC around, join, and change colors every other row. Fasten off.

## Ear flaps (make two):

Lay the hat flat and mark the two end stitches. If the seam is visible, then make sure it is the back center of the hat. Count 8 stitches around the side of the hat from the marked end stitch. Join the same color yarn as the last row into that stitch. When building the first row, make sure that the marker is in the center.

- (1) Ch 2, then turn and HDC into the first stitch. HDC 16 to complete the row. Change colors (17 st)
- (2) Ch 2, then turn and HDC into the first stitch HDC 16 to complete the row. (17 st)
- (3) Ch 2, then turn and HDC into the first stitch. HDC 16 to complete the row. Change colors (17 st)
- (4) Ch 2, then turn and HDC into the second stitch. HDC 15 to shorten the row. (15 st)
- (5) Ch 2, then turn and HDC into the second stitch. HDC 13 to shorten the row. (13 st)
- (6) Ch 2, then turn and HDC2tog, starting with the second stitch. HDC 9 to shorten the row (10 st)
- (7) Ch 2, then turn and HDC2tog, starting with the second stitch. HDC 7 to shorten the row (8 st)

## Finishing the Hat Body:

Using a color or your choice, finish the bottom edge of the hat with a row of SC. To do this, pull the end of the yarn through the bottom middle of one ear flap. Leave about a 12 inch tail (this will become one of the tassels). Then SC all the way around the bottom of the hat. When you get back to the starting point, pull the yarn through the bottom middle and leave another 12 inch tail.

**Note:** This looks best if you use the same color as the last row or the hat body for the trim.

## Ears (4 pieces, makes two ears):

Each ear consists of two triangles stitched together. In total, you will make four of these triangles, two in cream and two in orange (or black):

- (1) Ch 9
- (2) HDC into second Ch, then 7 more HDC (8 St)
- (3) Ch 2, then turn and HDC into the second stitch. HDC 6 to shorten the row (7 st)
- (4) Ch 2, then turn and HDC into the first stitch. HDC 5 to shorten the row (6 st)
- (5) Ch 2, then turn and SC into the first stitch. Then SC 4 to shorten the row (5 st)
- (6) Ch 2, then turn and SC into the first stitch. Then SC 3 to shorten the row (4 st)
- (7) Ch 2, then turn and SC into the first stitch. Then SC 2 to shorten the row (3 st)
- (8) Ch 2, then turn and SC into the first stitch. Tie off and break the yarn.

Once you have made all four triangles, you are ready to join the triangles together to form the ears. Align a cream colored triangle on top of an orange (or black) triangle. Using orange (or black) yarn, sl st into the bottom corner stitch of both triangles. Running up the side of the triangles, HDC into each row of both triangles. Once you reach the top point, HDC into the top stitch twice, then proceed down the second side. Once you reach the opposite bottom corner of the triangles, tie off and break the yarn. You do not want to stitch the bottom side together as it will make it harder to get the ears to perk up when you attach them to the hat.

## Attaching the ears:

Using the same color yarn as the back of your ears, sew the two ears onto the top of the hat. To help them stay perked, bend the bottom of the ears just a little and attach them in that shape. Weave in the ends of the yarn into the stitches of the ear or hat.

## Creating the Tassels:

To create the two tassels at the bottom of the hat, cut seventeen 24-inch pieces of yarn. (One side already has tails, so it needs one less piece of yarn). Pull eight of the pieces through the bottom middle of the ear flag that has the tails. Then pull nine of the pieces through the bottom middle stitch of the other earflap. Separate each set of strings into thirds and braid until about 1 inch of the tails is remaining. Using one of the pieces of yarn, tightly wrap the end of the braid and tie off. Trim the tassel ends as needed.

**Note:** I suggest using all three colors in equal quantities (black, orange, cream) for the tassel strings.

## Voila! You're done!

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