

Orphan Kitten Sweaters Pattern

Materials: G/4.5mm crochet hook, scissors, yarn needle if desired, SEW-ON Velcro (Make sure BOTH sides are sew-on. I learned the hard way.), thread, sewing machine if desired, parchment paper if desired.

Yarn: The original pattern called for 100% cotton yarn, but we have been experimenting with acrylic recently. Basically whatever worsted weight yarn you prefer.

Stitch Guide: CH-chain, HDC-half double crochet, SC-single crochet, SL ST-slip stitch

THE MILLIE

CH 23

Row 1:

SC into the 2rd stitch from the end

C 1 more

SL ST into the next 2 stitches, SC into the next 2 stitches. Continue across for a total of 22 stitches.

(This row starts and ends with 2 SCs.)

Row 2:

CH 1 and turn

SC 2

CH 2

Skip 2 stitches and repeat across

(This row also starts and ends with 2 SCs.)

Row 3:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 2

HDC into the back loops of the 2 chains

Repeat across

Row 4:

CH1 and turn

SC 22

Row 5:

CH 2 and turn

HDC into first 4 stitches

CH 4

Skip 4 stitches and HDC 4 into the next 4 stitches

CH 4

Skip 4 stitches and HDC 6 into the remaining 6 stitches

Row 6:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 6

HDC into the back loops of the 4 chains

HDC 4

HDC into the back loops of the 4 chains

HDC 4

Row 7-9:

CH2 and turn

HDC 22

Row 10:

CH 1 and turn

SL ST 10

CH 2

HDC 6

Row 11:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 6

Row 12:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 1

CH 3

Skip 3 and stitch into the 4th stitch

HDC into the final stitch

Row 13:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 2

HDC into the back loop of the 3 chains

HDC 2

Row 14:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 6

Row 15:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 6 together*

CH 1, cut the yarn, pull through, and weave in ends.

*To crochet stitches together, you don't pull through the last loop. You'll chain 2, turn, yarn over, pull through, and then pull through 2. You'll have 2 stitches on your hook. You'll do that all of the way across, and you'll end up with 7 stitches on your hook. Then you'll yarn over, and pull through all 7 stitches.

THE MAZIE

CH 28

Row 1:

HDC into the 3rd stitch from the end

HDC 1 more

SL ST 2, HDC 2 across for a total of 26 stitches

(This row starts and ends with 2 HDCs.)

Row 2:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 2

CH 2

Skip 2 stitches and repeat across

(This row also starts and ends with 2 HDCs.)

Row 3:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 2

HDC into the back loops of the 2 chains

Repeat across

Row 4-5:

CH2 and turn

HDC 26

Row 6:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 5

CH 5

Skip 5 stitches and HDC 5 into the next stitches

CH 5

Skip 5 stitches and HDC 6 into the remaining 6 stitches

Row 7:

CH 2 and turn

HDC 6

HDC into the back loops of the 5 chains
HDC 5
HDC into the back loops of the 5 chains
HDC 5

Row 8-12:

CH2 and turn
HDC 26

Row 13:

CH 1 and turn
SL ST 11
CH 2
HDC 6

Row 14:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 6

Row 15:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 1
CH 3
Skip 3 and stitch into the 4th stitch
HDC into the final 2 stitches

Row 16:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 2
HDC into the back loop of the 3 chains
HDC 1

Row 17-19:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 6

Row 20:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 6 together*
CH 1, cut the yarn, pull through, and weave in ends.

*To crochet stitches together, you don't pull through the last loop. You'll chain 2, turn, yarn over, pull through, and then pull through 2. You'll have 2 stitches on your hook. You'll do that all of the way across, and you'll end up with 7 stitches on your hook. Then you'll yarn over, and pull through all 7 stitches.

THE DANIEL

CH 32

Row 1:

HDC into the 3rd stitch from the end
HDC 1 more
SL ST 2, HDC 2 across for a total of 30 stitches
(This row starts and ends with 2 HDCs.)

Row 2:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 2
CH 2
Skip 2 stitches and repeat across
(This row also starts and ends with 2 HDCs.)

Row 3:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 2
HDC into the back loops of the 2 chains
Repeat across

Row 4-6:

CH2 and turn
HDC 30

Row 7:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 7
CH 6
Skip 6 stitches and HDC 6 into the next stitches
CH 6
Skip 6 stitches and HDC 5 into the remaining 5 stitches

Row 8:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 5
HDC into the back loops of the 6 chains
HDC 6
HDC into the back loops of the 6 chains
HDC 7

Row 9-17:

CH2 and turn
HDC 30

Row 18:

CH 1 and turn
SL ST 11
CH 2
HDC 8

Row 19 & 20:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 8

Row 21:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 2
CH 3
Skip 3 and stitch into the 4th stitch
HDC into the final 3 stitches

Row 22:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 3
HDC into the back loop of the 3 chains
HDC 2

Row 23-25:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 8

Row 26:

CH 2 and turn
HDC 8 together*
CH 1, cut the yarn, pull through, and weave in ends.

THE SUNNY

To make The Sunny, use the same pattern as The Daniel, but use a 6mm hook. Most people don't want the flap in this size, as it is usually for post-surgery babies, and it isn't necessary. If this is your preference, just end after row 17.