MALLOW THE SCARF CAT

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern

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A soft seated cat with a rounded cream body, pink inner ears and paw pads, embroidered face details, a short bobtail, and a powder-blue scarf.

1. Digital Download Notice

This file is a knitting pattern, not a finished plushie. No physical item will be shipped.

All measurements in this pattern are calculated design targets for digital reproduction. Finished size can vary with yarn, needle size, tension, stuffing density, and finishing. The cover artwork is a visual design reference for the intended appearance.

Skill level: confident beginner to intermediate. You should be comfortable knitting in the round, working simple increases and decreases, knitting small circumferences, basic seaming, and simple embroidery/duplicate stitch.

Finished measurement targets

Feature	Target size
Overall height (to ear tips)	27-29 cm / 10.6-11.4 in
Head width	13-14 cm / 5.1-5.5 in
Head circumference at widest round	about 40 cm / 15.7 in
Body width at widest point	10-11 cm / 3.9-4.3 in
Body height before head attachment	11-12 cm / 4.3-4.7 in
Each arm	about 8 cm / 3.1 in
Each foot	about 6-7 cm / 2.4-2.8 in
Bobtail	about 5 cm / 2 in
Scarf	about 42 x 4 cm / 16.5 x 1.6 in

Quick contents

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2. Materials, Tools, Gauge and Abbreviations

Yarn

- A - Cream: bulky / chunky weight (#5), approximately 230-280 g or 230-280 m.
- B - Powder blue: bulky / chunky weight (#5), approximately 30-40 g or 30-40 m.
- C - Blush pink: bulky / chunky weight (#5), approximately 10-15 g or 10-15 m.
- D - Warm brown: small amount for nose, mouth and whiskers.
- E - Black: small amount for the embroidered-eye alternative only.

Tools and notions

- 5.5-6 mm circular needle suitable for magic loop, or a matching set of double-pointed needles; use the size needed to achieve a dense fabric.
- Same-size needles for flat knitting the ears and scarf.
- Polyester stuffing, approximately 160-220 g.
- One pair 18 mm black safety eyes, or securely embroidered eyes as an alternative.
- Tapestry needle, locking stitch markers, pins, scissors, measuring tape, and scrap yarn for temporary guide markers.

Safety note: If the finished handmade item is intended for a child under 3, use securely embroidered eyes instead of detachable safety-eye components and follow applicable local safety requirements.

Gauge

Stockinette in the round: 12 sts x 18 rnds = 10 cm / 4 in, unstretched. **Flat stockinette:** approximately the same. A slightly tighter fabric is preferable so stuffing does not show. Exact gauge affects all finished measurements.

Abbreviations

Abbrev.	Meaning
BOR	beginning of round
BO	bind off
CB	centre back
CF	centre front
CO	cast on
k	knit
p	purl
kfb	knit into front and back of the same stitch; 1 stitch increased
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together; 1 stitch decreased
ssk	slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, knit the slipped stitches together through the back loops; 1 stitch decreased
k3tog	knit 3 stitches together; 2 stitches decreased
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side

3. Construction Overview and Orientation

The head, body, two arms, two feet, and bobtail are knitted in the round. The ears and scarf are knitted flat. The head begins at the neck edge and is closed at the crown; its 24-stitch neck edge remains open until assembly. The body begins at the lower centre, widens, then narrows to a 24-stitch neck opening. Those two 24-stitch edges are joined one-to-one.

Right and left always mean the plushie's own right and left. When you look directly at the face, the plushie's right is on your left.

Orientation system

- Head: place the BOR at CB. On a 48-stitch round, CF is 24 stitches from BOR, at stitch 25 if BOR is counted as stitch 1. On the 32-stitch section used for ear placement, CF is 16 stitches from BOR, at stitch 17; the side landmarks are stitches 9 and 25.

- **Body:** keep BOR at CB. On the 40-stitch section, CF is 20 stitches from BOR; the physical right and left side landmarks are halfway between CF and CB.
- **Feet:** BOR is the underside. Once 24 stitches are established, place a removable front marker exactly 12 stitches after BOR and carry that marker upward. It centres the paw-pad design.
- Use removable guide yarn or locking markers for CF, CB, right side and left side. Remove them only after all relevant placement work is complete.

Piece checklist

Piece / feature	Qty	Colour
Head	1	Cream
Body	1	Cream
Outer ear triangles	4	Cream; 2 per ear
Arms	2	Cream
Feet	2	Cream
Bobtail	1	Cream
Scarf	1	Powder blue
Inner ear duplicate stitch	2 panels	Blush pink
Paw-pad embroidery	2 large pads + 6 toe beans	Blush pink
Face embroidery	1 set	Warm brown

Recommended assembly order: head safety eyes -> ear attachment -> face embroidery -> finish head stuffing -> body stuffing -> head/body join -> paw-pad embroidery -> stuff and attach feet -> arms -> tail -> scarf. Detailed instructions appear later.

4. Head

With cream yarn, CO 24 sts using a long-tail cast-on. Join to work in the round without twisting. Place BOR marker and designate it as CB. Leave the cast-on edge open for neck access.

Rnd/Row	Instructions	Sts
1	Knit all sts.	24
2	(k2, kfb) 8 times.	32
3	Knit all sts.	32
4	(k3, kfb) 8 times.	40
5	Knit all sts.	40
6	(k4, kfb) 8 times.	48
7-16	Knit all sts in every round.	48
17	(k4, k2tog) 8 times.	40
18	Knit all sts.	40
19	(k3, k2tog) 8 times.	32
20	Knit all sts.	32
21	(k2, k2tog) 8 times.	24
22	(k1, k2tog) 8 times.	16
23	k2tog 8 times. Cut yarn, thread through the remaining 8 sts, pull closed and secure.	8

Do not close the 24-stitch neck edge. All safety-eye washers, ear-seam tails, and face-embroidery tails must be secured through this opening before the head is joined to the body.

Safety-eye placement

On the 48-stitch section, CF is stitch 25. Place eye centres between Rnds 11 and 12 at stitch 20 for the plushie's right eye and stitch 30 for the plushie's left eye. This gives 10 stitches centre-to-centre. Check that both eyes are level before fitting washers inside the head.

For embroidered eyes, use the same centres and build compact black ovals approximately 16-18 mm wide. Secure all yarn tails inside through the open neck.

5. Ears and Face Details

Outer ear triangles - make 4 in cream

Worked flat in stockinette. Two triangles are seamed together for each ear. The cast-on edge forms the ear base.

Rnd/Row	Instructions	Sts
CO	CO 9 sts.	9
1 (WS)	Purl.	9
2 (RS)	k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1.	7
3 (WS)	Purl.	7
4 (RS)	k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1.	5
5 (WS)	Purl.	5
6 (RS)	k1, k3tog, k1.	3
7 (WS)	Purl.	3
8 (RS)	k3tog. Cut yarn and pull through final st.	1

Inner ear colour

Before seaming each ear pair, use blush pink yarn and duplicate stitch a centred triangle on one cream triangle over **Rows 2-7**:
Rows 2-3: 5 centred duplicate stitches on each row.
Rows 4-5: 3 centred duplicate stitches on each row.
Rows 6-7: 1 centred duplicate stitch on each row.
Keep at least one cream stitch/edge loop visible around the pink panel. Secure yarn tails on the WS.

Assemble and place ears

Pair one plain cream triangle with one pink-panel triangle, RS facing outward. Seam the two side edges and tip; leave the cast-on base open. Do not stuff. Flatten gently. Make a second ear the same way.

- **Plushie's right ear:** on the head, centre the base near **stitch 9 of Rnd 20**, where the head has 32 stitches. Pin the approximately **7-stitch usable base arc across stitches 6-12 of Rnd 20**.
- **Plushie's left ear:** mirror the placement, centring the base near **stitch 25 of Rnd 20** and pinning the approximately **7-stitch usable base arc across stitches 22-28 of Rnd 20**.
- Angle both tips slightly outward. Compare height, tilt and distance from CF before sewing. Bring seam tails through the open neck and secure inside.

Nose, mouth and whiskers

Lightly pre-stuff the head so the face has its rounded shape. With warm brown yarn, embroider a small filled downward-pointing triangle centred at CF stitch 25 over approximately **Rnds 8-10**. From the lower tip, make a short vertical line downward toward the neck to **Rnd 7**, then curve one short smile line to each side around **Rnds 6-7**.

Add **two short whiskers on each cheek** around approximately **Rnds 7-9**. Begin close to the muzzle and extend each line outward 3-4 stitches. Mirror the two sides. Secure all embroidery tails inside through the neck opening, then finish stuffing the head evenly.

6. Body

With cream yarn, CO 8 sts. Join to work in the round, place BOR at CB, and leave a 20 cm / 8 in cast-on tail. After Rnd 4, use the cast-on tail to cinch the small lower-centre opening closed from the inside.

Rnd/Row	Instructions	Sts
1	kfb in every st.	16
2	(k1, kfb) 8 times.	24
3	(k2, kfb) 8 times.	32
4	(k3, kfb) 8 times.	40
5-13	Knit all sts in every round.	40
14	(k3, k2tog) 8 times.	32
15-17	Knit all sts in every round.	32
18	(k2, k2tog) 8 times.	24
19-21	Knit all sts in every round.	24
BO	Bind off all 24 sts loosely. Leave a long sewing tail.	24

Stuff through the 24-stitch neck opening. Keep the lower body firm enough to support a seated pose, but leave the upper 2-3 cm slightly softer so the neck seam does not become rigid. Do not distort the 24-stitch opening.

Body placement landmarks

On the 40-stitch section, BOR is CB and CF is 20 stitches from BOR. With the body upright and CF facing you, mark CF, CB, plushie's right side, and plushie's left side using removable markers. Keep these in place until feet, arms and tail are attached.

7. Arms - Make 2

With cream yarn, CO 12 sts. Join in the round. The cast-on edge is the shoulder attachment opening; do not cinch it closed.

Rnd/Row	Instructions	Sts
1-4	Knit all sts in every round.	12
5	(k1, kfb) 6 times.	18
6-11	Knit all sts in every round.	18
12	(k1, k2tog) 6 times.	12
13	Knit all sts.	12
14	k2tog 6 times. Cut yarn and draw through remaining sts to close the paw end.	6

Stuff through the open shoulder edge. Fill the paw end moderately, then taper to light stuffing near the shoulder so the arm can rest naturally against the body. Keep the 12-stitch shoulder edge open.

Arm placement

- Pin each shoulder edge over approximately Rnds 10-17 of the body.
- Centre the plushie's right arm on the right-side landmark and the plushie's left arm on the left-side landmark.
- Angle each arm slightly forward so the lower paw rests beside the belly. Mirror the angles before sewing.
- Sew the 12-stitch shoulder opening securely to the body with small whipstitches or mattress-style stitches. Bury yarn tails inside the body fabric.

8. Feet - Make 2

With cream yarn, CO 12 sts. Join in the round. BOR is the underside. After Rnd 3, place an extra removable **front marker** exactly 12 stitches after BOR and carry it upward. The cast-on edge remains open for stuffing and attachment.

Rnd/Row	Instructions	Sts
1	Knit all sts.	12
2	(k1, kfb) 6 times.	18
3	(k2, kfb) 6 times.	24
4-8	Knit all sts in every round.	24
9	(k2, k2tog) 6 times.	18
10	Knit all sts.	18
11	(k1, k2tog) 6 times.	12
12	Knit all sts.	12
13	k2tog 6 times. Cut yarn and draw through remaining sts to close the toe end.	6

Paw pads - blush pink

Before final stuffing, use duplicate stitch or compact satin-style embroidery with blush pink yarn. The front-marker column centres the design. For the large pad, fill an oval about 5 stitches wide by 3 rounds high centred around Rnd 6 (approximately Rnds 5-7). Add three toe beans around Rnds 9-10, centred approximately 4 stitches to the right of the front marker, on the front marker, and 4 stitches to the left. Each toe bean should cover about 1-2 stitches by 2 rounds. Secure all yarn tails inside through the open ankle edge.

Stuff each foot moderately firm, keeping the ankle edge flexible. When pinned to the body, rotate the pad face slightly upward and forward so all four pink elements remain visible from the front.

Foot placement

On the 40-stitch body section, centre the feet about 7 stitches to each side of CF. Pin their open ankle edges across roughly Rnds 4-10. The inner edges should sit close to the belly without overlapping. Mirror the toe angles and check that the plushie sits stably before sewing.

9. Bobtail and Scarf

Bobtail - cream

Rnd/Row	Instructions	Sts
CO	CO 8 sts. Join in the round. The cast-on edge is the attachment opening.	8
1	Knit all sts.	8
2	**(k3, kfb) 2 times.**	10
3-6	Knit all sts in every round.	10
7	**(k3, k2tog) 2 times.**	8
8	Knit all sts.	8
9	**k2tog 4 times.** Cut yarn and draw through remaining sts to close the tip.	4

Stuff lightly to moderately through the open base. Centre the 8-stitch attachment edge on CB over about Body Rnds 4-8. The tail should sit low and point straight back/down, matching the short rounded silhouette. Sew securely and bury the yarn tail.

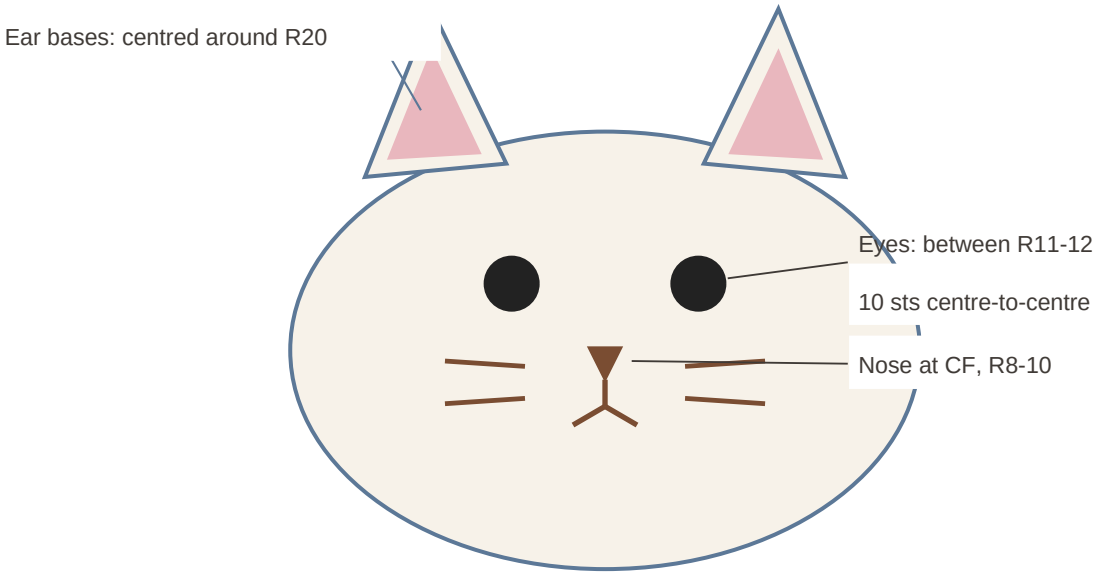
Scarf - powder blue - worked flat in stockinette

Rnd/Row	Instructions	Sts
CO	CO 5 sts.	5
1-76	Odd-numbered rows (RS): knit all 5 sts. Even-numbered rows (WS): purl all 5 sts.	5
BO	Bind off all 5 sts loosely. Weave in ends.	5

Finished target: approximately 42 x 4 cm / 16.5 x 1.6 in. Wrap once around the neck seam. Cross the ends at the front slightly toward the plushie's left side (viewer's right), leaving one end to hang about 7-9 cm. Do not pull tightly enough to compress the neck.

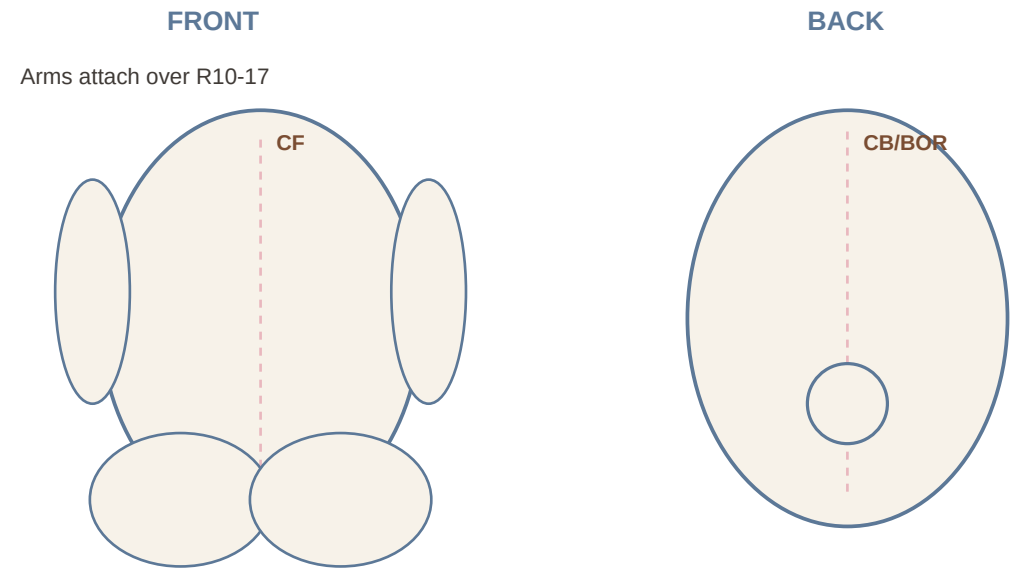
10. Placement Maps

Head placement map



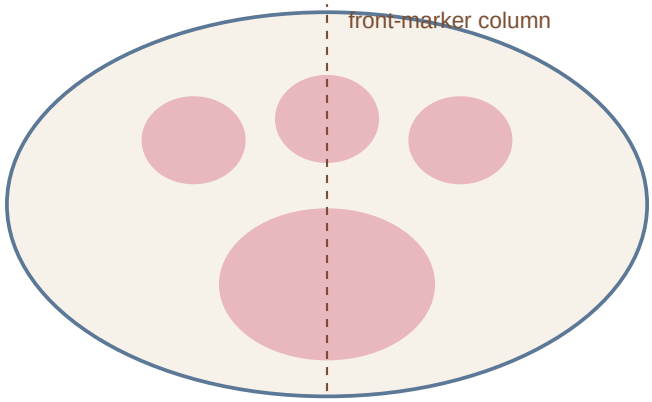
Front view. Right/left are the plushie's own right/left.

Body placement map



11. Paw-Pad Placement Map

Pad placement on each foot



Large pad: centred around R6, approx. 5 sts wide x 3 rnds high.

Toe beans: around R9-10, centred at -4, 0, +4 sts from the front marker.

Use the map as a visual check after the counted placement instructions. On both feet, the large pad and three toe beans must be mirrored as a pair and visible from the front. Exact embroidered shape can vary slightly with yarn thickness, but keep both feet matched in size and spacing.

Access reminder: Complete paw-pad embroidery and secure its yarn tails before the foot is sewn permanently to the body.

12. Stuffing and Shaping

- **Head:** stuff moderately firm and evenly. Add small amounts at a time. Keep the cheeks rounded and the crown smooth; do not overfill around the eyes.
- **Body:** firm at the lower belly/base for seated stability; slightly softer near the neck opening.
- **Arms:** moderate at the paw ends and light at the shoulders so they angle naturally.
- **Feet:** moderate and even. Shape into rounded front-facing ovals; keep the open ankle edge flexible for attachment.
- **Tail:** light to moderate so it remains round without becoming rigid.
- **Ears:** do not stuff. The double-layer construction provides enough body.

Gentle shaping

After stuffing, roll the head and body lightly between your hands to distribute filling. For the head, press gently at the lower sides to encourage a wide rounded cheek silhouette. For the feet, flatten only enough at the attachment edge to create a stable seated base. No internal wire or rigid insert is required.

Visible-fabric check

Before assembly, inspect all pieces under bright light. If stuffing shows between stitches, either reduce stuffing slightly or remake that piece at a tighter gauge. Do not rely on excessive tension while seaming to hide holes.

13. Assembly - Complete Order

1. Finish the head access work. Install safety-eye washers (or complete embroidered eyes), attach both ears, and complete nose, mouth and whiskers while the 24-stitch neck opening is still accessible. Secure all internal yarn tails inside the head.

2. Finish head stuffing. Check that the eye line is level, ears mirror each other, and the face is centred on CF. Keep the 24-stitch neck edge open.

3. Stuff the body. Shape a stable lower base. Keep its 24-stitch neck edge open and round.

4. Join head to body. Match head CF to body CF and head CB/BOR to body CB/BOR. The head cast-on edge has 24 stitches and the body bind-off edge has 24 stitches, so join one edge stitch to one edge stitch all the way around. Use a firm but not puckered whipstitch. Before the last 3-4 cm, adjust stuffing at the neck if needed, then finish and bury the seam tail.

5. Prepare and attach the feet. Complete paw-pad embroidery first, secure tails inside, stuff, then pin at the counted lower-front positions. Confirm equal height, equal toe angle, and a stable seated pose. Sew both ankle openings to the body.

6. Prepare and attach the arms. Stuff lightly at the shoulder openings, pin over Body Rnds 10-17 on the side landmarks, mirror the forward angle, and sew securely.

7. Attach the bobtail. Stuff lightly, centre on CB over Body Rnds 4-8, and sew the open base down evenly.

8. Remove guide markers. Remove CF/CB/right/left and foot front-marker guides only after all placement-dependent sewing is complete.

9. Add the scarf last. Wrap once around the neck seam, cross at the front toward the plushie's left, and arrange one hanging end. A small hidden tack stitch may be added if you want the scarf position fixed.

Final seam check: Tug each attached piece gently. No stuffing opening, loose eye component, unsecured embroidery tail, or removable guide marker should remain trapped inside or exposed.

14. Final Visual Checklist

- Head is centred on the body; neck seam is even and mostly covered by the scarf.
- Eye centres are level and approximately 10 stitches apart on the original 48-stitch head section.
- Nose and mouth sit on CF; whiskers are balanced **two per cheek**.
- Ear heights, outward tilt and pink inner panels are mirrored.
- Arms are the same length and sit at matching heights and angles.
- Feet are the same size; paw pads are visible, and the toe angles mirror each other.
- The plushie remains stable in a seated position without one foot floating higher than the other.
- Bobtail is centred at CB and points straight back/down.
- Scarf is not overly tight and the hanging end falls on the plushie's left side as in the reference design.
- No visible holes, exposed stuffing, loose yarn tails, or forgotten guide markers remain.

Design-match check: The finished handmade result should read clearly as a cream seated kitten with a large rounded head, triangular pink-inner ears, black eyes, brown stitched facial features, rounded paws with pink pads, a short bobtail, and a powder-blue scarf.

15. Troubleshooting and Customer Notes

Issue	Practical fix
Stuffing looks loose or lumpy	Open the nearest accessible seam before final closure, remove large clumps, and re-add small tufts evenly. Roll the piece gently between your hands.
Stuffing shows through stitches	Use less stuffing or remake the piece at a tighter gauge / smaller needle size.
Eyes are uneven	Before washers are locked, recheck both eye centres against Rnds 11-12 and the CF landmark. For embroidered eyes, remove and restitch before closing the neck.
Join twists	Align CF to CF and CB to CB first, then quarter-mark both 24-stitch neck edges before sewing one-to-one.
One limb sits higher	Remove only that attachment seam, repin using the same body round span as the opposite limb, then resew.
Face looks off-centre	Confirm the nose sits on CF stitch 25 and that each eye is 5 stitches from CF on the 48-stitch section.
Ears lean differently	Repin before final sewing so both bases occupy matching round ranges and equal 7-stitch arcs.
Paw pads are not visible	Rotate the foot outward/upward slightly before sewing the ankle edge permanently.
Visible seam gaps	Add a second pass of small whipstitches only where needed; do not cinch so tightly that the fabric puckers.

Printing and use notes

- Print at 100% / actual size if you prefer a paper copy. No printed template needs scaling.
- Keep the digital copy for reference because row/round counts and placement landmarks are essential to the construction.
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Enjoy knitting Mallow!