MARMALADE THE ORANGE TABBY CAT

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern



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Skill level: confident beginner to intermediate | Main method: knitting in the round with a few flat pieces

1. Digital Download Notice

This PDF contains instructions for making a knitted orange tabby cat plushie. It is a digital pattern, not a finished plushie, and no physical item will be shipped.

All finished measurements in this pattern are calculated design targets. Your finished size can vary with yarn choice, needle size, knitting tension, stuffing firmness, and blocking.

Read the complete pattern once before beginning. The safety-eye installation, orientation markers, and stuffing access steps are placed in the order needed to avoid closing access too early.

Safety note

If the finished item may be used by a child under 3, use embroidered eyes instead of detachable safety-eye components and follow applicable local safety requirements.

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2. Finished Measurements

Targets below assume the listed gauge and medium-firm stuffing. Measure the plushie seated naturally, without stretching the fabric.

Overall seated height	about 22-24 cm / 8.5-9.5 in, floor to ear tips
Head	about 13-14 cm wide, 11-12 cm deep, 12-13 cm crown to lower head
Body	about 10-11 cm tall from neck to base; about 10-11 cm at widest point
Ear	about 4.5-5 cm high; about 5.5-6 cm across base
Arm	about 7-8 cm from shoulder edge to paw tip
Foot/leg	about 5.5-6 cm long and 4.5-5.5 cm wide after stuffing
Tail	about 11-12 cm long before curving
Scarf	about 42-45 cm long and 3.5-4 cm wide

Major proportions are intentionally stylized: a large round head, compact pear-shaped seated body, oversized feet, short arms, triangular ears, and a curved ringed tail.

3. Materials and Tools

Yarn - main orange	Worsted/aran (#4) smooth yarn, approx. 170 g / 300 m
Yarn - cream	Worsted/aran (#4), approx. 80 g / 140 m
Yarn - dark burnt orange	Worsted/aran (#4), approx. 20 g / 35 m for stripes and tail bands
Yarn - pale pink	Worsted/aran (#4), approx. 10 g / 18 m for inner ears
Yarn - mustard	Worsted/aran (#4), approx. 35 g / 60 m for scarf
Embroidery yarn	Small amount of dark brown for nose, mouth, and toe lines; cream or pale beige for whiskers
Needles	4.0 mm / US 6 DPNs or long circular needle for magic loop; 4.0 mm needle for flat pieces
Eyes	2 x 18 mm black safety eyes with washers, or black yarn for embroidered eyes
Stuffing	Approx. 130-170 g polyester fiberfill
Tools	Tapestry needle, stitch markers, removable marker or contrast yarn, pins, scissors, measuring tape, row counter optional

Color key: MC = orange; CC1 = cream; CC2 = dark burnt orange; CC3 = pale pink; CC4 = mustard; EMB = dark brown embroidery yarn.

4. Gauge

Stockinette in the round: 20 sts and 28 rounds = 10 cm / 4 in on 4.0 mm needles, measured on a firm plushie-style swatch.

Flat stockinette: 20 sts and 28 rows = 10 cm / 4 in on 4.0 mm needles.

A dense fabric is more important than matching gauge perfectly: stuffing should not show between stitches. If your fabric is loose, use a smaller needle. A different gauge will change all finished dimensions.

5. Abbreviations

BOR	beginning of round

BO	bind off
CO	cast on
CF	centre front
CB	centre back
K	knit
P	purl
st(s)	stitch(es)
Rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
KFB	knit into front and back of same stitch; increases 1 st
M1R	lift the bar between stitches from back to front and knit into the front; increases 1 st
M1L	lift the bar between stitches from front to back and knit into the back; increases 1 st
K2tog	knit 2 stitches together; decreases 1 st to the right
SSK	slip 1 knitwise twice, return both to left needle, knit together through back loops; decreases 1 st to the left
Duplicate stitch	embroider over existing knit V stitches to add color after knitting

6. Construction Overview

The head, body, arms, feet/legs, and tail are knitted in the round. The ears, muzzle, belly patch, sole panels, and scarf are knitted flat. The head, body, and arm tabby markings are added with duplicate stitch; the tail bands are knitted as color changes.

Pieces to make: 1 head, 1 body, 2 arms, 2 feet/legs, 4 orange outer-ear triangles, 2 pink inner-ear triangles, 1 muzzle patch, 1 belly patch, 2 sole panels, 1 tail, and 1 scarf.

Right and left: all right/left directions refer to the plushie's own right and left.

> **Orientation convention:** On the head and body, place BOR at CB. When following the knitting direction from BOR, the first half of the round travels across the plushie's right side to CF; the second half travels across the plushie's left side back to CB. Keep this convention for all placement instructions.

Assembly order: install eyes -> stuff and close head -> add head markings, muzzle and ears -> finish and stuff body through the open neck -> add body markings and belly patch -> prepare and mark arms -> attach feet, arms and tail -> attach head -> wrap and tack scarf -> remove remaining guides.

7. Complete Written Pattern

A. Head - make 1 in MC

Worked from crown toward lower head. Leave a 20 cm cast-on tail; after Rnd 6, use that tail to whip through the cast-on edge and cinch the small crown opening closed. Place BOR marker at CB and keep it there.

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	CO 8 sts. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist.	8 sts
Rnd 1	Knit every stitch.	8 sts
Rnd 2	KFB in every stitch.	16 sts
Rnd 3	Knit every stitch.	16 sts
Rnd 4	[K2, M1R] 8 times.	24 sts
Rnd 5	Knit every stitch.	24 sts
Rnd 6	[K3, M1R] 8 times.	32 sts
Rnd 7	Knit every stitch.	32 sts
Rnd 8	[K4, M1R] 8 times.	40 sts
Rnd 9	Knit every stitch.	40 sts
Rnd 10	[K5, M1R] 8 times.	48 sts
Rnd 11	Knit every stitch.	48 sts
Rnd 12	[K6, M1R] 8 times.	56 sts
Rnd 13	Knit every stitch.	56 sts
Rnd 14	[K7, M1R] 8 times.	64 sts
Rnd 15	Knit every stitch.	64 sts
Rnd 16	[K8, M1R] 8 times.	72 sts
Rnd 17	Knit every stitch.	72 sts
Rnd 18	[K9, M1R] 8 times.	80 sts
Rnds 19-25	Knit every stitch.	80 sts each rnd

Eye access - do this now, before decreasing: On the 80-st section, CB is the gap between Sts 80/1 and CF is the gap between Sts 40/41. Insert the plushie's right eye between Sts 33/34 and the left eye between Sts 47/48, both between Rnds 22/23. This gives 14 sts centre-to-centre. Fit washers securely inside. If embroidering eyes, mark these positions now and embroider after stuffing.

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
Rnd 26	[K8, K2tog] 8 times.	72 sts
Rnd 27	[K7, K2tog] 8 times.	64 sts
Rnd 28	[K6, K2tog] 8 times.	56 sts
Rnd 29	[K5, K2tog] 8 times.	48 sts
Rnd 30	[K4, K2tog] 8 times.	40 sts
Rnd 31	[K3, K2tog] 8 times.	32 sts
Rnd 32	[K2, K2tog] 8 times.	24 sts
Rnd 33	[K1, K2tog] 8 times.	16 sts
Rnd 34	K2tog 8 times.	8 sts

Stuff the head firmly before Rnd 32 is completed, adding small amounts at a time. Keep the face broad rather than pointed. After Rnd 34, cut yarn leaving 20 cm, thread through the 8 live sts, pull closed, secure, and bury the tail inside. Do

not remove the BOR/CB marker yet.

B. Body - make 1 in MC

Worked from neck downward. The cast-on edge remains open for stuffing and later head attachment. Place BOR at CB.

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	CO 32 sts. Join in the round without twisting.	32 sts
Rnd 1	Knit every stitch.	32 sts
Rnd 2	[K4, M1R] 8 times.	40 sts
Rnd 3	Knit every stitch.	40 sts
Rnd 4	[K5, M1R] 8 times.	48 sts
Rnd 5	Knit every stitch.	48 sts
Rnd 6	[K6, M1R] 8 times.	56 sts
Rnds 7-21	Knit every stitch.	56 sts each rnd
Rnd 22	[K5, K2tog] 8 times.	48 sts
Rnd 23	Knit every stitch.	48 sts
Rnd 24	[K4, K2tog] 8 times.	40 sts
Rnd 25	Knit every stitch.	40 sts
Rnd 26	[K3, K2tog] 8 times.	32 sts
Rnd 27	Knit every stitch.	32 sts
Rnd 28	[K2, K2tog] 8 times.	24 sts
Rnd 29	[K1, K2tog] 8 times.	16 sts
Rnd 30	K2tog 8 times.	8 sts

Cut yarn, thread through the final 8 sts, pull closed, and secure. Stuff the body through the open neck edge. Use medium-firm stuffing, with extra support at the base and shoulders. Keep the 32-st neck edge open until head assembly.

C. Arms - make 2

Both arm pieces are knitted the same; they become a mirrored pair through placement. Work from open shoulder toward paw.

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	With MC, CO 16 sts and join in the round. Leave the cast-on shoulder edge open.	16 sts
Rnds 1-12	Knit every stitch.	16 sts each rnd
Rnd 13	Change to CC1 cream; knit every stitch.	16 sts
Rnd 14	[K2, M1R] 8 times.	24 sts
Rnds 15-18	Knit every stitch.	24 sts each rnd
Rnd 19	[K1, K2tog] 8 times.	16 sts
Rnd 20	Knit every stitch.	16 sts
Rnd 21	K2tog 8 times.	8 sts

Cut yarn and close the paw tip through the 8 live sts. Stuff the cream paw moderately and the orange upper arm lightly so it can drape. Stuff through the open shoulder edge. Leave a long MC tail at the shoulder for sewing.

D. Feet/Legs - make 2 in MC

These compact oval pieces form the seated hind feet. Leave a 20 cm cast-on tail; after Rnd 5, cinch the small starting hole closed with that tail.

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	CO 8 sts and join in the round.	8 sts
Rnd 1	Knit every stitch.	8 sts
Rnd 2	KFB in every stitch.	16 sts
Rnd 3	[K2, M1R] 8 times.	24 sts
Rnd 4	[K3, M1R] 8 times.	32 sts
Rnds 5-11	Knit every stitch.	32 sts each rnd
Rnd 12	[K2, K2tog] 8 times.	24 sts
Rnd 13	[K1, K2tog] 8 times.	16 sts
Rnd 14	Knit every stitch.	16 sts
Rnd 15	K2tog 8 times.	8 sts

Stuff firmly before closing Rnd 15. Thread working yarn through the final 8 sts, pull closed, secure, and bury. Shape each foot into a slightly flattened oval; the side chosen for the cream sole panel becomes the front.

E. Cream Sole Panels - make 2 in CC1

Worked flat in stockinette. The panels are sewn to the front face of the stuffed feet.

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	CO 6 sts.	6 sts
Row 1 RS	K1, M1L, K4, M1R, K1.	8 sts
Row 2 WS	Purl all sts.	8 sts
Row 3 RS	K1, M1L, K6, M1R, K1.	10 sts
Row 4 WS	Purl all sts.	10 sts
Row 5 RS	K1, M1L, K8, M1R, K1.	12 sts
Row 6 WS	Purl all sts.	12 sts
Row 7 RS	Knit all sts.	12 sts
Row 8 WS	Purl all sts.	12 sts
Row 9 RS	K1, SSK, K6, K2tog, K1.	10 sts
Row 10 WS	Purl all sts.	10 sts
Row 11 RS	K1, SSK, K4, K2tog, K1.	8 sts
Row 12 WS	Purl all sts.	8 sts
Row 13 RS	K1, SSK, K2, K2tog, K1.	6 sts
Row 14 WS	Purl all sts.	6 sts
BO	Bind off 6 sts knitwise.	6 sts

Leave a long sewing tail. Lightly steam or finger-block only if needed. Do not stretch the panel wider than the foot face.

F. Outer Ear Triangles - make 4 in MC

Two orange triangles are seamed together for each ear. Work all four identically.

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	CO 12 sts.	12 sts
Row 1 RS	Knit all sts.	12 sts
Row 2 WS	Purl all sts.	12 sts

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
Row 3 RS	K1, SSK, K6, K2tog, K1.	10 sts
Row 4 WS	Purl all sts.	10 sts
Row 5 RS	K1, SSK, K4, K2tog, K1.	8 sts
Row 6 WS	Purl all sts.	8 sts
Row 7 RS	K1, SSK, K2, K2tog, K1.	6 sts
Row 8 WS	Purl all sts.	6 sts
Row 9 RS	K1, SSK, K2tog, K1.	4 sts
Row 10 WS	Purl all sts.	4 sts
Row 11 RS	SSK, K2tog.	2 sts
Row 12 WS	Purl 2.	2 sts
Row 13 RS	K2tog. Cut yarn and pull through final st.	1 st

G. Inner Ear Triangles - make 2 in CC3

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	CO 8 sts.	8 sts
Row 1 RS	Knit all sts.	8 sts
Row 2 WS	Purl all sts.	8 sts
Row 3 RS	K1, SSK, K2, K2tog, K1.	6 sts
Row 4 WS	Purl all sts.	6 sts
Row 5 RS	K1, SSK, K2tog, K1.	4 sts
Row 6 WS	Purl all sts.	4 sts
Row 7 RS	SSK, K2tog.	2 sts
Row 8 WS	Purl 2.	2 sts
Row 9 RS	K2tog. Cut yarn and pull through final st.	1 st

Sew one pink triangle to the RS of one orange outer triangle for each ear, centered so an orange border remains visible. Place a second orange triangle behind it, WS faces together. Seam the two orange layers around the side edges and tip, leaving the base open. Add only a whisper of stuffing, then leave the base open for attachment.

H. Muzzle Patch - make 1 in CC1

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	CO 8 sts.	8 sts
Row 1 RS	K1, M1L, K6, M1R, K1.	10 sts
Row 2 WS	Purl all sts.	10 sts
Row 3 RS	K1, M1L, K8, M1R, K1.	12 sts
Row 4 WS	Purl all sts.	12 sts
Row 5 RS	K1, M1L, K3, M1L, K4, M1R, K3, M1R, K1.	16 sts
Row 6 WS	Purl all sts.	16 sts
Row 7 RS	Knit all sts.	16 sts
Row 8 WS	Purl all sts.	16 sts
Row 9 RS	K1, SSK, K2, SSK, K2, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K1.	12 sts
Row 10 WS	Purl all sts.	12 sts

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
Row 11 RS	K1, SSK, K6, K2tog, K1.	10 sts
Row 12 WS	Purl all sts.	10 sts
Row 13 RS	K1, SSK, K4, K2tog, K1.	8 sts
Row 14 WS	Purl all sts.	8 sts
BO	Bind off 8 sts knitwise.	8 sts

Assembly orientation: the BO edge is the TOP of the muzzle, toward the eyes. The CO edge is the BOTTOM of the muzzle, toward the neck.

Leave a long cream sewing tail. The patch is applied with a very small amount of stuffing underneath so it forms the soft rounded muzzle seen on the reference.

I. Belly Patch - make 1 in CC1

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	CO 8 sts.	8 sts
Row 1 RS	K1, M1L, K6, M1R, K1.	10 sts
Row 2 WS	Purl all sts.	10 sts
Row 3 RS	K1, M1L, K8, M1R, K1.	12 sts
Row 4 WS	Purl all sts.	12 sts
Row 5 RS	K1, M1L, K10, M1R, K1.	14 sts
Row 6 WS	Purl all sts.	14 sts
Row 7 RS	K1, M1L, K12, M1R, K1.	16 sts
Row 8 WS	Purl all sts.	16 sts
Rows 9-18	Work stockinette: knit RS rows and purl WS rows.	16 sts each row
Row 19 RS	K1, SSK, K10, K2tog, K1.	14 sts
Row 20 WS	Purl all sts.	14 sts
Row 21 RS	K1, SSK, K8, K2tog, K1.	12 sts
Row 22 WS	Purl all sts.	12 sts
Row 23 RS	K1, SSK, K6, K2tog, K1.	10 sts
Row 24 WS	Purl all sts.	10 sts
Row 25 RS	K1, SSK, K4, K2tog, K1.	8 sts
Row 26 WS	Purl all sts.	8 sts
BO	Bind off 8 sts knitwise.	8 sts

Leave a long sewing tail. The belly patch is sewn flat, not stuffed.

J. Tail - make 1

Worked from open base toward tip. The cast-on edge remains open for attachment. Carry unused yarn loosely only across a single two-round band; otherwise cut and rejoin colors to avoid tight floats.

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	With MC, CO 20 sts and join in the round.	20 sts

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
Rnds 1-6	With MC, knit every stitch.	20 sts each rnd
Rnds 7-8	Change to CC2; knit every stitch.	20 sts each rnd
Rnds 9-13	Change to MC; knit every stitch.	20 sts each rnd
Rnds 14-15	Change to CC2; knit every stitch.	20 sts each rnd
Rnds 16-20	Change to MC; knit every stitch.	20 sts each rnd
Rnds 21-22	Change to CC2; knit every stitch.	20 sts each rnd
Rnds 23-26	Change to MC; knit every stitch.	20 sts each rnd
Rnd 27	Change to CC1; knit every stitch.	20 sts
Rnd 28	[K3, K2tog] 4 times.	16 sts
Rnd 29	Knit every stitch.	16 sts
Rnd 30	[K2, K2tog] 4 times.	12 sts
Rnd 31	Knit every stitch.	12 sts
Rnd 32	[K1, K2tog] 4 times.	8 sts
Rnd 33	K2tog 4 times.	4 sts

Stuff the tail lightly as you work, keeping the base soft enough to curve. Cut yarn, thread through the 4 live sts, pull closed, secure, and bury. Leave the base open for sewing to the body.

K. Scarf - make 1 in CC4

Worked flat in garter stitch for a soft, ridged scarf that matches the reference.

Row/Rnd	Instructions	Count
CO	CO 8 sts.	8 sts
Rows 1-160	Knit every stitch.	8 sts each row
BO	Bind off 8 sts loosely.	8 sts

Weave in scarf ends neatly. Target length is about 42-45 cm. If your row gauge differs slightly, the written 160-row scarf is still usable as long as it wraps once around the neck with an overlapping hanging end.

8. Tabby Markings and Facial Details

Use CC2 dark burnt orange for duplicate-stitch markings. Work the head and body markings after those pieces are stuffed so the columns sit naturally; work each arm marking after the arm is stuffed but before final attachment. Keep the fabric relaxed so the markings do not pucker.

Forehead stripes

On Head Rnd 18, use the 80-st orientation as your anchor. Add three narrow vertical bars on the front: a center bar straddling CF around Sts 40/41, plus one bar around Sts 35/36 and one around Sts 45/46. Extend the center bar from about Rnds 11-20; extend the side bars from about Rnds 12-19. Follow the same visible knit columns upward through the shaped section rather than forcing straight numerical stitch positions on smaller rounds.

Cheek stripes

Add three short horizontal bars on each side, mirrored across CF. On the plushie's right, place bars approximately at: Rnd 19 over Sts 21-26; Rnd 22 over Sts 20-26; Rnd 24 over Sts 22-26. Mirror them on the plushie's left at: Rnd 19 over Sts 55-60; Rnd 22 over Sts 55-61; Rnd 24 over Sts 55-59.

Back stripes

On the 56-st body section, add three horizontal CC2 bars centered on CB at Body Rnds 11, 14, and 17. Each bar spans about 12 stitches total: Sts 51-56 and 1-6. Keep each bar one duplicate-stitch row tall.

Arm stripes

After each arm is stuffed but before final attachment, use CC2 duplicate stitch to make one horizontal bar on the outward/front-facing orange section of each arm. Center the bar over Arm Rnds 5-6 and make it 6 stitches wide. Mirror the placement on the second arm.

Nose and mouth

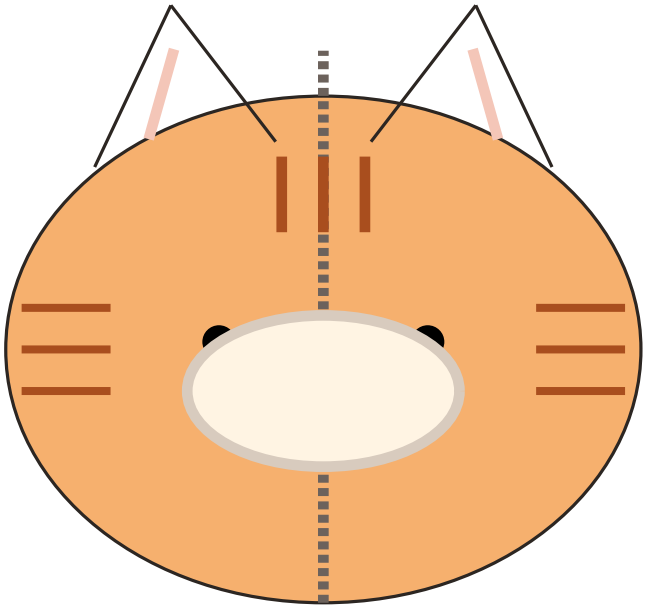
After the muzzle is pinned but before its final few sewing stitches, embroider a small dark-brown rounded triangle centered around Muzzle Rows 8-10, about 4 knit stitches wide. From its lower point, work a short vertical line down 1-1.5 cm, then curve one branch to each side to make the soft W-shaped cat mouth. Secure embroidery tails inside the muzzle pocket before closing the last sewing gap.

Whiskers

Add 3 whiskers on each side with cream or pale beige yarn. Anchor them in the orange fabric immediately beside the muzzle at approximately Head Rnds 22, 24, and 26. Each whisker should extend about 2.5-3 cm outward. Mirror length and angle left-to-right.

9. Placement Maps

The diagrams are practical placement guides, not stitch charts. Use the written stitch/round landmarks as the primary instructions.



CF
gap between Sts 40/41 on 80-st rounds

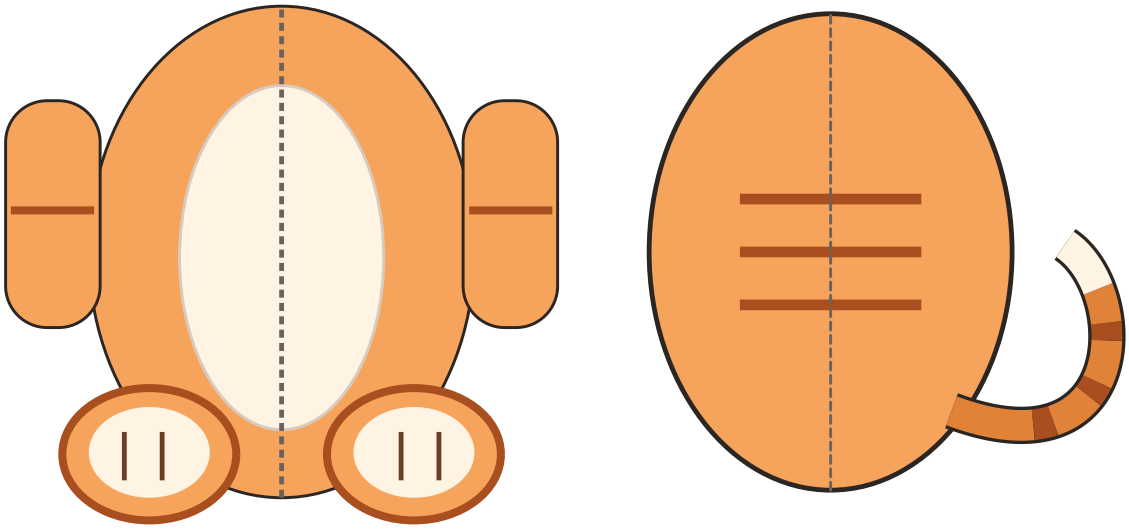
Eyes
between Rnds 22/23 at 33/34 and 47/48

Ears
bases high on sides; pink panels face CF

Muzzle
BO top toward eyes; CO bottom toward neck

Stripes
3 forehead bars + 3 mirrored cheek bars per side

Head landmarks: On 80-st rounds, CB = gap between Sts 80/1; CF = gap between Sts 40/41; plushie right-side center = gap between Sts 20/21; plushie left-side center = gap between Sts 60/61.



FRONT - CF **BACK - CB**

Body landmarks on 56-st rounds: CB = gap between Sts 56/1; CF = gap between Sts 28/29; right-side center = gap between Sts 14/15; left-side center = gap between Sts 42/43.

Muzzle	Center on Head CF with the BO edge at the top and the CO edge at the bottom. Pin the BO edge near Head Rnd 21 and the CO edge near Head Rnd 31; the widest portion should sit directly under the eyes and extend about 8 sts to each side of CF.
Right ear	Base spans approximately Head Rnds 11-17 on the upper-right quadrant. Use Head Rnd 16 (72 sts) as the horizontal anchor: center the base around St 24, then follow the same physical area across the neighboring shaped rounds. Pink panel faces forward/CF.
Left ear	Mirror right ear on the upper-left quadrant. Use Head Rnd 16 (72 sts) as the horizontal anchor: center the base around St 49, then follow the same physical area across the neighboring shaped rounds. Pink panel faces forward/CF.

Belly patch	Center on Body CF. Top near Rnd 4-5, bottom near Rnd 27. Widest portion crosses about Body Rnds 13-17 and remains centered on CF.
Right arm	Center shoulder opening around the Body right-side landmark (gap between Sts 14/15 on 56-st rounds), spanning roughly Body Rnds 5-11. Angle the paw slightly forward.
Left arm	Mirror right arm around the Body left-side landmark (gap between Sts 42/43 on 56-st rounds), using the same vertical span and forward angle.
Feet	Use Body Rnds 20-21 (56 sts) as the horizontal anchor: right-foot centre at St 20 and left-foot centre at St 37. Follow those same physical lines through the shaped rounds rather than retaining the stitch numbers. Equivalent centres are approximately Right St 17 / Left St 32 on 48-st Rnds 22-23; Right St 14 / Left St 27 on 40-st Rnds 24-25; and Right St 12 / Left St 21 on 32-st Rnds 26-27. Cream soles face forward and slightly upward.
Tail	Center the open base at lower CB around Body Rnds 19-25, shifted only about 2 sts toward the plushie's right. Curve the tail toward the plushie's right/back.
Head to body	Match Head and Body CF/CB. Pin the Body 32-st neck opening around the Head Rnd 31 stitch line, which also has 32 sts.

10. Stuffing and Shaping

Head: firm, even stuffing. Add small pinches to the side cheeks and crown. Keep the lower center slightly flatter where it meets the body.

Body: medium-firm. Add extra support at the lower base so the seated shape does not collapse. Keep the upper chest slightly softer so the scarf sits naturally.

Arms: moderate in cream paws, light in orange upper arms. The shoulder section should flex instead of sticking straight outward.

Feet: firm enough to hold an oval form. Flatten the sole-facing side gently with your palm before sewing on the cream sole panel.

Tail: light to medium stuffing. Too much stuffing will prevent the characteristic upward curve.

Ears: only a very thin layer of stuffing, or none if the double fabric is already firm. The ears should stay crisp, not puffy.

Muzzle: a very small amount under the center only. Keep the perimeter flat against the head.

Belly patch: no stuffing; sew flat.

Tail curve: After stuffing, thread a long strand of MC along the underside of the tail from about Rnd 10 to Rnd 25, taking 4-5 shallow ladder stitches. Tighten gradually until the tail curves upward, then secure without puckering the visible top surface.

11. Assembly Instructions

1. Sole panels: Pin one cream sole panel to the chosen front face of each stuffed foot. Keep the oval vertical and centered. Sew around the edge with small mattress/whip stitches. Using EMB dark brown, embroider two parallel vertical toe lines on each cream sole panel. Center them on the widest part of the panel, approximately over columns 5 and 8 of the 12-st section. Make each line about 4 rows / 1.5 cm long, running approximately from Sole Panel Row 6 to Row 10. Bury tails inside the foot.

2. Head details: Confirm both eyes are level. Add forehead and cheek duplicate-stitch stripes. Pin the muzzle centered on CF with the BO edge toward the eyes and the CO edge toward the neck. Sew around most of the edge, add a very small amount of stuffing under the center, complete nose/mouth embroidery while the final gap is still open, secure embroidery tails inside, then close the muzzle seam. Add whiskers.

3. Ears: Complete each double-layer ear with its pink inner panel. Pin the right and left ears at the mirrored head placements. Check front view, side view, and tip angle. Sew the open bases securely to the head. Bury tails inside the head with a long needle.

4. Belly patch: Pin the cream belly panel centered on Body CF, with its top just below the future scarf line. Smooth it flat; sew around the full edge without stuffing.

5. Feet: Set the body upright. Use Body Rnds 20-21 (56 sts) as the horizontal anchor: right-foot centre at St 20 and left-foot centre at St 37. Follow those same physical lines through the shaped rounds: approximately Right St 17 / Left St

32 on 48-st Rnds 22-23; Right St 14 / Left St 27 on 40-st Rnds 24-25; and Right St 12 / Left St 21 on 32-st Rnds 26-27. Pin both feet with cream soles facing forward/slightly upward. The feet should touch the surface evenly and sit the same distance from CF. Sew the upper/back contact area of each foot firmly to the body.

6. Arms: Finish stuffing each arm through its open shoulder. Work the CC2 arm stripe described in Section 8 on the outward/front-facing orange section of each arm, mirroring the pair. Turn the open shoulder edge slightly inward. Pin right and left arms at the side placements, mirrored in height and angle. Sew the full shoulder opening to the body, keeping the orange-to-cream transition and stripe height level between arms.

7. Tail: Pin the open tail base to lower CB. Confirm the CC1 cream tip points upward and the sculpted curve bends toward the plushie's right/back. Sew the full base opening to the body. Do not trap the CB/BOR guide yarn in the tail seam. Keep the guide in place for the head-to-body alignment in Step 8; remove it only during Step 10 Finish after all major pieces are attached.

8. Head to body: Before sewing, confirm Head CF aligns with Body CF and Head CB aligns with Body CB. Pin the Body 32-st neck opening around the Head Rnd 31 stitch line. Sew evenly around the neck. Add a final pinch of stuffing through the last 2-3 cm if the neck feels hollow, then close the seam completely and bury the tail.

9. Scarf: Wrap the mustard scarf once around the neck so it covers the head/body seam. Cross the ends at the plushie's left-front side, leaving one end hanging down as in the reference. Tack the back wrap and the crossing point with 2-3 small mustard stitches so the scarf stays in position.

10. Finish: Remove all temporary markers and visible guide threads. Gently reshape the head, feet, ears, and tail by hand. Check every yarn tail is buried and every seam is closed.

12. Final Visual Checklist

- Eyes are level, equally spaced from CF, and sit at the same height.
- Muzzle is centered under the eyes; nose is centered on the muzzle; mouth branches are balanced.
- Three forehead stripes are centered and vertical; cheek stripes are mirrored left-to-right.
- Ears are the same height, angle outward evenly, and show matching pink inner panels.
- Belly patch is centered on the body and lies flat without puckering.
- Arms are attached at the same height with matching cream paw lengths.
- Upper-arm tabby bars are present at matching heights and are mirrored.
- Feet sit evenly on the surface; cream sole panels face forward and are matched in size and angle.
- Each cream sole has two matching dark-brown toe lines.
- The body can hold a stable seated position without leaning strongly to one side.
- Three body-back stripes are centered on CB.
- Tail exits the lower back cleanly, bands are level, cream tip is visible, and the curve points toward the plushie's right/back.
- Scarf wraps once, sits smoothly at the neck, and its hanging end falls at the plushie's left-front side.
- No visible holes, exposed stuffing, loose safety-eye washers, loose yarn tails, or unfinished seams remain.

13. Troubleshooting

Stuffing shows through	The fabric is too loose or overstuffed. Redistribute stuffing first; if gaps remain, use a smaller needle on the next version.
Eyes look uneven	Before finishing the muzzle, compare eye height to Head Rnd 22/23. Small visual differences can often be balanced by adjusting muzzle pinning and cheek stuffing.
Join spirals or orientation feels twisted	Use BOR only as the defined CB marker; do not let a drifting yarn color change redefine CF/CB. Re-check CF from the current stitch count before attaching features.
One arm/foot sits higher	Unpin before sewing completely. Match both pieces to the same body rounds and mirrored side landmarks, then repin and compare from the front.

Muzzle is off-centre	Find CF first, pin the top and bottom center points, then pin left and right edges symmetrically before sewing.
Ear angles do not match	Pin both ears before sewing either one permanently. Compare tip height from the front and base position from the side.
Tail is too straight	Remove a little stuffing from the mid-tail, then retighten the hidden underside ladder stitches gradually.
Tail bands look slanted	Keep each color change at tail BOR and avoid pulling the first stitch of a new color too tightly.
Visible holes at seams	Use smaller, closer mattress/whip stitches and take the needle through full edge loops. Add a tiny pinch of stuffing only if the seam looks hollow.
Scarf rolls or twists	Finger-block it flat and tack the back wrap plus the crossing point with small mustard stitches.

14. Printing and Customer Notes

Print at 100% / Actual Size if you want the written page scale unchanged. No templates require exact print scaling; the pattern is primarily written instructions and placement measurements.

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Yarn brands and exact colors may be substituted as long as yarn weight and gauge remain close. For the closest visual match, keep the palette as warm orange, cream, darker burnt-orange tabby markings, pale pink inner ears, and a mustard scarf.

Enjoy your project

Keep the CF/CB orientation markers in place until all major pieces are attached, then remove every temporary marker before finishing. Store this PDF with your project notes so you can reuse the same placement landmarks if you make another cat.