ROCKY & RICKI THE RACCOONS
CROCHET TAIL PATTERN

Yarn Weight: 4 / 5
Skill Level: Easy
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**Sizes**

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<th>Tail Length</th>
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<td>Small Tail (Toddler, Preschool, Child)</td>
<td>7”-7½” (17.7-19 cm)</td>
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<td>Medium Tail (Preteen, Teen, Adult)</td>
<td>8½”-9” (21.5-22.8 cm)</td>
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**Tools & Materials**

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<td>1 skein of Silver Grey (MC); a small amount of White (CC1) &amp; Black (CC2)</td>
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<td><strong>Non-Furry Tail</strong></td>
<td>Lion Brand Fun Fur 5 / Bulky;</td>
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<td>1 skein of Exotic Onyx or Lava Print (FF); a small amount of White (FF1) &amp; Black (FF2)</td>
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<td><strong>Crochet Hook:</strong></td>
<td>6 mm (J)</td>
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<td>Polyester stuffing</td>
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<td>11 sc X 12 rows = 4” X 4” (10 X 10 cm), working with TWO strands of yarn held together (MC + FF) &amp; a 6 mm (J) hook</td>
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<td>14 sc X 16 rows = 4” X 4” (10 X 10 cm), working with ONE strand of MC &amp; a 5.5 mm (I) hook</td>
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**Abbreviations**

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<td>Work instructions within brack-</td>
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<td>Parentheses are used in expla-</td>
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<td>=</td>
<td>Equal sign indicates the total</td>
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<td>stitch count at the end of the</td>
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<td>rows and rounds</td>
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**Conversion (US to UK)**

This pattern is written using American crochet terminology (US terms). Use the chart below if you need to convert stitches to British terminology (UK terms).

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**SEWING STITCHES**

Whipstitch

**FURRY RACCOON TAIL**

TIPS For Working With Furry Yarn:

1. It is easier to break yarn after color changes, however, you can carry it from round to round on WS if you wish.

2. Keep in mind that most of the fuzz will appear behind your work, so the WS of the tail should be facing you as you crochet (photo a-1).

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**Small Tail**

Work in the round from the bottom up with **TWO strands** of yarn held together, using a 6 mm (J) hook.

**To beg:** With (MC + FF) --> ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook to form a ring (or start with a magic ring)

**Rnd 1:** Ch 1 (does not count as a st now & throughout), 6 sc in ring; join = 6 sts

**Rnd 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as join, 2 sc in next 5 sts; join = 12 sts

**Rnds 3 – 4:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 11 sts; join = 12 sts

**Rnd 5:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 11 sts; break (MC + FF) & join, changing to (CC2 + FF2) = 12 sts

**Rnd 6:** With (CC2 + FF2) --> ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 11 sts; join = 12 sts

**Rnd 7:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 11 sts; break (CC2 + FF2) & join, changing to (CC1 + FF1) = 12 sts

**Rnd 8:** With (CC1 + FF1) --> ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 11 sts; break (CC1 + FF1) & join, changing to (MC + FF) = 12 sts

**Rnds 9 – 14:** Repeat Rnds 3 – 8

**Rnds 15 – 19:** With (MC + FF) --> ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 11 sts; join = 12 sts

**Finishing:** Fasten off, leaving a long single strand of MC for sew-on tail or weave in the ends for detachable tail. Stuff the tail lightly & proceed to Assembly (page 6).

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**Medium Tail**

Work in the round from the bottom up with **TWO strands** of yarn held together, using a 6 mm (J) hook.

**To beg:** With (MC + FF) --> ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook to form a ring (or start with a magic ring)
**Non-Furry Raccoon Tail**

**NOTE:** You can carry yarn from round to round on WS instead of breaking yarn after each color change.

### Small Tail

Work in the round from the bottom up with **ONE** strand of yarn, using a 5.5 mm (I) hook.

#### To beg:
With MC --> ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook to form a ring (or start with a magic ring)

#### Rnd 1:
Ch 1 (does not count as a st now & throughout), 6 sc in ring; join = 6 sts

#### Rnd 2:
Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as join, 2 sc in next 5 sts; join = 12 sts

#### Rnd 3:
Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; [sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 2 times; join = 15 sts

#### Rnd 4:
Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 14 sts; join = 15 sts

#### Rnd 5:
Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 14 sts; break (MC + FF) & join, changing to (CC2 + FF2) = 15 sts

#### Rnd 6:
With (CC2 + FF2) --> ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 14 sts; join = 15 sts

#### Rnd 7:
Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 14 sts; break (CC2 + FF2) & join, changing to (CC1 + FF1) = 15 sts

#### Rnd 8:
With (CC1 + FF1) --> Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 14 sts; break (CC1 + FF1) & join, changing to (MC + FF) = 15 sts

#### Rnd 9:
With (MC + FF) --> ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 14 sts; join = 15 sts

#### Rnds 10 – 21:
Repeat 2 times Rnds 4 – 9

#### Rnds 22 – 23:
Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 14 sts; join = 15 sts

#### Finishing:
Fasten off, leaving a long single strand of MC for sew-on tail or weave in the ends for detachable tail. Stuff the tail lightly & proceed to Assembly **(page 6)**.

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**NON-FURRY RACCOON TAIL**
**Medium Tail**

Work in the round from the bottom up with **ONE strand** of yarn, using a 5.5 mm (I) hook.

**To beg:** With **MC** --> ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook to form a ring (or start with a magic ring)

**Rnd 1:** Ch 1 (does not count as a st now & throughout), 6 sc in ring; join = 6 sts

**Rnd 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as join, 2 sc in next 5 sts; join = 12 sts

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 2 sc in next st; [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 5 times; join = 18 sts

**Rnds 4 – 5:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 17 sts; join = 18 sts

**Rnd 6:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 17 sts; break **MC** & join, changing to **CC2** = 18 sts

**Rnd 7:** With **CC2** --> ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 17 sts; join = 18 sts

**Rnd 8:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 17 sts; break **CC2** & join, changing to **CC1** = 18 sts

**Rnd 9:** With **CC1** --> Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 17 sts; break **CC1** & join, changing to **MC** = 18 sts

**Rnd 10:** With **MC** --> ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 17 sts; join = 18 sts

**Rnds 11 – 31:** Repeat 3 times Rnds 4 – 10

**Rnds 32 – 34:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 17 sts; join = 18 sts

**Finishing:** Fasten off, leaving a long **MC** end for sew-on tail or weave in the end for detachable tail. Stuff the tail lightly & proceed to Assembly.

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**ASSEMBLY**

**Sew-On Tail**

Holding the tail edge flat, whipstitch across with **MC** end from finishing (photo b-1); do not break off the yarn.

![Photo b-1](Image)

Place the tail a few rounds above the hat edge on the back of the hat & whipstitch around using **MC** (photo b-2). Fasten off & weave in the end.

![Photo b-2](Image)

**Detachable Tail**

Make ties using **TWO strands** of **MC** & a 6 mm (J) hook --> Ch 25 (photo b-3, page 7); hold the tail edge flat; sc across the edge, working through both sides at the same time (photo b-4, page 7); ch 25.
Fasten off, tie a knot on each side & trim off the yarn ends.

Insert each tie through the sts on the back of the hat from RS to WS, leaving approximately 2-3 sts between the ties (photo b-5).

Tie the ends into a bow inside the hat (photo b-6).

Now you can easily remove the tail when you want.

TIP: For a different look, attach the tail to the belt strap on the back of your jeans.

ALL DONE!
I HOPE YOU HAD A LOT OF FUN :)

FINAL NOTES
If you would like to make the raccoon hats featured in this pattern, my Rocky & Ricki hat patterns can be found at IraRott.com
FROM THE DESIGNER

I am a fiber artist and a pattern designer from Southern Ontario, Canada. I love working with yarns, textiles, and other materials to express my ideas. I also enjoy graphic design, which helps to enhance my PDF patterns and books. I hope you enjoy this pattern as much as I enjoyed creating it.

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