RAFF & ROLF THE WOLVES
CROCHET TAIL PATTERN

Yarn Weight: ☐️ 4 / ☐️ 5
Skill Level: ☐️ ☐️ ☐️ ☐️

Beginner
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## Sizes

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<th>Size</th>
<th>Tail Length</th>
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<tr>
<td>Small Tail (Toddler, Preschool, Child)</td>
<td>6-6½&quot; (15-16.5 cm)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medium Tail (Preteen, Teen, Adult)</td>
<td>7-7½&quot; (17.5-19 cm)</td>
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## Tools & Materials

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<th>Furry Tail</th>
<th>Non-Furry Tail</th>
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<td><strong>Yarn:</strong> Lion Brand Vanna’s Choice 4 / Medium / Aran; 1 skein of Silver Grey (MC) &amp; a small amount of Black (CC)</td>
<td><strong>Yarn:</strong> Lion Brand Fun Fur 5 / Bulky; 1 skein of Exotic Onyx or Lava Print (FF1) &amp; a small amount of Black (FF2)</td>
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<td><strong>Crochet Hook:</strong> 6 mm (J)</td>
<td><strong>Crochet Hook:</strong> 5.5 mm (I)</td>
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- Stitch markers
- Polyester stuffing
- Tapestry needle

## Abbreviations

Check **Pattern Guide** to see the full description for the stitches marked with ✹.

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<th>Abbreviation</th>
<th>Description in American Terms</th>
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<td>Ch(s)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rnd(s)</td>
<td>Round(s)</td>
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<tr>
<td>RS</td>
<td>Right Side</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sc</td>
<td>Single crochet</td>
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<td>Sc2tog</td>
<td>Single crochet 2 together ✹</td>
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<td>Sl st</td>
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<td>St(s)</td>
<td>Stitch(es)</td>
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<td>WS</td>
<td>Wrong Side</td>
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<td>Yo</td>
<td>Yarn over</td>
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<td>[]</td>
<td>Work instructions within brackets as many times as indicated after brackets</td>
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<td>()</td>
<td>Parentheses are used in explanations or to indicate a group of stitches</td>
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<td>=</td>
<td>Equal sign indicates the total stitch count at the end of the 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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<td>×</td>
<td>Sc</td>
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**NOTE:** If you need to make the tail bigger or smaller, you can alter the gauge by using thicker or thinner yarn & larger or smaller size hook.
Sewing Stitches

Whipstitch

Special Crochet Stitches

- **Join** – Sl st in top of beg st, not a ch (does not count as a st throughout).

- **Sc2tog (decrease)** – [insert the hook in next st, yo & pull up a loop] 2 times; yo & pull through all loops on the hook – 1 st decreased.

Furry Wolf Tail

**NOTE:** When working in the round with furry yarn, most of the fuzz will appear behind your work. Remember that the WS of the tail will be facing you as you crochet (photo a-1).

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 (CC + FF2) --> 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, sc in same st as join, sc in next 5 sts; join = 6 sts

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 2 sc in next st; [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 2 times; join = 9 sts

**Rnd 4:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 8 sts; join = 9 sts

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

**Rnd 6:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 11 sts; break (CC + FF2) & join, changing to (MC + FF1) = 12 sts

**Rnd 7:** With (MC + FF1) --> 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; do not join now & throughout = 15 sts

Work in spiral rounds from now on, using a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of each round.
**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 **(CC + FF2)** --> 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, sc in same st as join, sc in next 5 sts; join = 6 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] 2 times; join = 9 sts

**Rnd 4:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 8 sts; join = 9 sts

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

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**Rnd 7:** 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; break **(CC + FF2)** & join, changing to **(MC + FF1)** = 15 sts

**Rnd 8:** With **(MC + FF1)** --> ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 14 sts; do not join now & throughout = 15 sts

Work in spiral rounds from now on, using a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of each round.

**Rnd 9:** [Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 3 times = 18 sts

**Rnd 10 – 20:** Sc in each st around = 18 sts

**TIP:** If you wish to make the tail longer, just add a few more rounds at this point.

**Rnd 21:** [Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] 3 times = 15 sts

**Finishing:** Sl st in next st & fasten off, leaving a long single strand of **MC** for sew-on tail or weave in the ends for detachable tail. Stuff the tail & proceed to Assembly (page 7).

**Non-Furry Wolf Tail**

**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 **CC** --> 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
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 CC --> 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 = 9 sts

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 8 sts; join = 9 sts

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Work in spiral rounds from now on, using a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of each round.

Rnd 10: Ch 1, sc in 1st st of previous rnd, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st = 20 sts

Rnds 11 – 23: Sc in each st around = 20 sts

TIP: If you wish to make the tail longer, just add a few more rounds at this point.

Rnd 24: [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 5 times = 15 sts

Finishing: Sl st in next st & fasten off, leaving a long end for sew-on tail or weave in the end for detachable tail. Stuff the tail & proceed to Assembly (page 7).
TIP: If you wish to make the tail longer, just add a few more rounds at this point.

Rnd 29: [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times = 18 sts

Finishing: Sl st in next st & fasten off, leaving a long end for sew-on tail or weave in the end for detachable tail. Stuff the tail & proceed to Assembly.

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.

Detachable Tail

Make ties using TWO strands of MC & a 6 mm (J) hook --> Ch 25 (photo b-4); hold the tail edge flat; sc across the edge, working through both stitch at the same time (photo b-5); ch 25. Fasten off, tie a knot on each side & trim off the yarn ends.

Place the tail 3 rounds above the hat edge on the back of the hat & whipstitch around using MC (photos b-2 & b-3). Fasten off & weave in the end.
Insert each tie through the stitches on the back of the hat from RS to WS, leaving approximately 2-3 stitches between the ties (photo b-6).

Tie the ends into a bow inside of the hat (photo b-7).

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.

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**FINAL NOTES**

If you would like to make the wolf hats featured in this pattern, my Raff & Rolf hat patterns can be found at IraRott.com

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