





Cozy Cat

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Diagram Key

HRB = half ring braid
R = ring
“-” = picot
“+” = join
RW = reverse work

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Row#1 - HRB of the head and body

Explanation: This braid is formed using alternating half rings, each joined to the previous adjacent ring. The half ring is made by not completely closing the ring and leaving a small space of the core thread showing.

Helpful Hint: to make each HR snug up to the previous, start the HR with the second half of the double stitch, then commence with the normal DS.

To ease a curve with the HRB, the outer ring's side picots are made longer and the inner ring's side picots are made small. To form a sharp corner in HRB as in the ear of the cat, make a trefoil of half rings. To make the slight corner in HRB as in the nose of the cat, only two half rings are used. The double stitch count for all half rings in this braid are 2-2-2-2, unless otherwise marked.

HRA: 2-2-2-2, RW

HRB: 2-2-2-2, RW

HRC: 2+(to last p of RA)2-2-2, RW

HRD: 2+(to last p of RB)2-2-2, RW

HRE: 2+(to last p of RC)2-2-2, RW

HRF: 2+(to last p of RD)2-2-2, DO NOT RW

HRG: 2+(to last p of RE)2-2-2, RW

HRH: 2+(to last p of RF)2-2-2, RW

HRJ: 2+(to last p of RH)2-2-2, RW

HRK: 2+(to last p of RI)2-2-2, RW

HRL: 2+(to last p of RJ)2-2-2, DO NOT RW

HRM: 2+(to last p of RL)2-2-2, RW

HRN: 2+(to last p of RK)2+(to next p of RK)2-2-2, RW

HRO: 2+(to last p of RM)2+(to next p of RM)2-2, DO NOT RW

HRP: 2+(to last p of RO)2-2-2, RW

HRQ: 2+(to last p of RN)2+(to next p of RN)2-2, RW

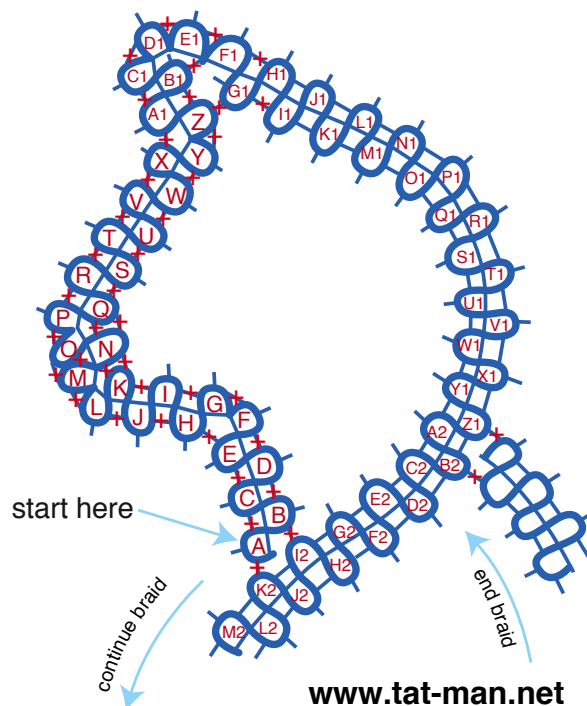
HRR: 2+(to last p of RP)2-2-2, RW

Continue with half ring braid up to half ring X. RW

HRZ: 2+(to last p of RY)2-2-2, RW



sample made with size 80 tatting cotton
size of motif is 15.5cm by 9cm(6 in by 3.5 in)



HRA1: 2+(to last p of RX)2-2-2, RW
 HRB1: 2+(to last p of RZ)2-2-2, RW
 HRC1: 2+(to last p of RA1)2-2-2, DO NOT RW
 HRD1: 2+(to last p of RC1)2-2-2, DO NOT RW
 HRE1: 2+(to last p of RD1)2-2-2, DO NOT RW. Join to center picot of ring B1

HRF1: 2+(to last p of RE1)2-2-2, RW

HRG1: 2-2+(to p of RZ)2-2, RW

HRH1: 2+(to last p of RF1)2-2-2, RW

Continue with half ring braid up to half ring H2. Be sure you lengthen the picots on the outside part of the braid to ease the curve of the back of the head of the cat.

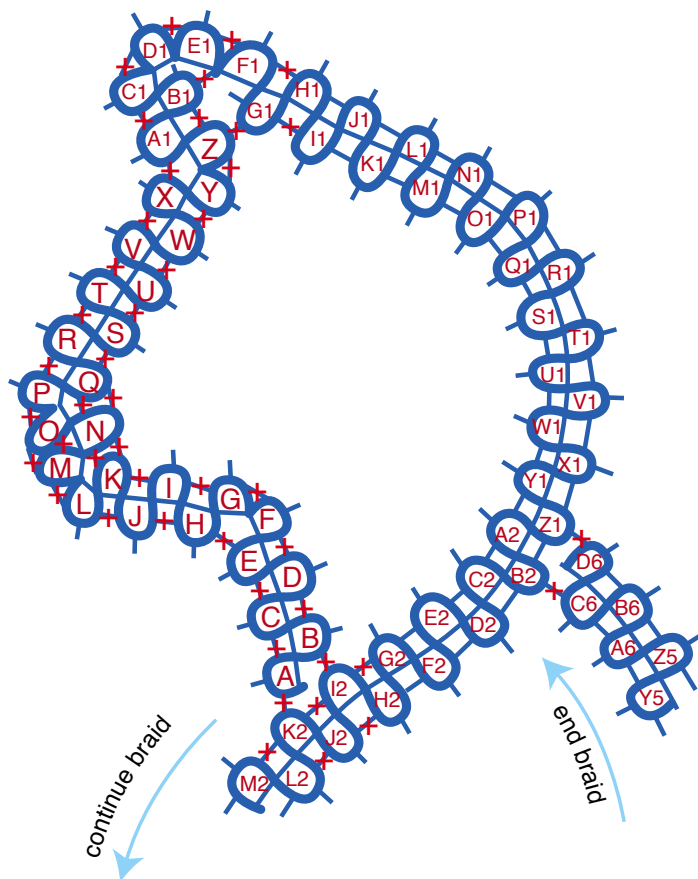
HRJ2: 2+(to last p of RG2)2+(to first p of RB)2-2, RW

HRJ2: 2+(to last p of RH2)2-2-2, RW

HRK2: 2+(to last p of RI2)2+(to first p of RA)2-2, RW

Continue with half ring braid down the front side of the cat, curving along the bottom and up the back side of the cat. Starting with half ring M2 and L2, there will be a total of 48 half rings on the outside and inside edges. Be sure to lengthen the outside picots and shorten the inside picots when making the braid curve.

At the end of the braid, half ring C6 will be joined to B2 from its side picot and half ring D6 will be joined to Z1 from its side picot. Tie and work in thread end.



The Tail

Join thread at the joined picot of K4 and M4 from the bottom of the body. To successfully make this tail curve in a wavy fashion, special attention to the lengths of the side picots need to be observed. Note: there is 3 regular rings and the last four half rings have a different stitch count.

HRA: 2+(to center p of RM4 of body)2-2-2, RW

HRB: 2+(to center p of RK4 of body)2-2-2, RW

HRC: 2+(to last p of RA)2-2-2, RW

HRD: 2+(to last p of RB)2-2-2, RW

Continue with half ring braid up to half ring R.

HRR: 2+(to last p of RP)2+(to p of RY3 of body)2-2, RW

HRS: 2+(to last p of RQ)2-2-2, RW

HRT: 2+(to last p of RR)2+(to p of RW3 of body)2-2, RW

Continue with half ring braid up to half ring F1.

HRG: 2+(to last p of E1)2-2-2, RW

RH1: 2+(to last p of F1)2-2-2, DO NOT RW

RI1: 2+(to last p of H1)2-2-2, DO NOT RW

RJ1: 2+(to last p of I1)2-2-2, DO NOT RW

Join shuttle thread to picot of RG1

HRK1: 2+(to last p of RJ1)2-2-2, DO NOT RW

Join shuttle thread to picot of RE1

HRL1: 2+(to last p of RK1)2-2-2, DO NOT RW

Continue making the row of half rings along the bottom of the tail up to half ring W1, joining to the free picots of the adjacent rings.

HRX1: 3+(to last p of RW1)3-3-3, DO NOT RW

Join shuttle thread to picot of RE

HR**Y1**: 3+(to last p of RX1)3-3-3, DO NOT RW

Join shuttle thread to picot of RC

HR**Z1**: 3+(to last p of RY1)3-3-3, DO NOT RW

Join shuttle thread to picot of RA

HRA**2**: 3+(to last p of RZ1)3-3+(to p of RO4 of body)3

Tie and work in end.

