

Cat's Cradle

Supplies Needed:

- Crochet hook size I – K, depending on preference.
- Washable yarn to equal about one skein (partial skeins of coordinating colors work great too!)

Abbreviations:

CH – chain
HDC - half double crochet SL - slip stitch
RPT - repeat

Directions:

Beginning ring - CH 5, SL to join into a ring.

Row 1 – CH 2 (counts as HDC), 11 HDC into the center of the ring, SL to join.

Row 2 - CH 2, HDC in the same stitch as the CH 2, 2 HDC in all stitches from previous row, SL to join.

Row 3 – CH 2, HDC in same stitch as the CH 2, HDC in next stitch, *2 HDC, 1 HDC* RPT between * around the circle, SL to join.

Row 4 - CH 2, HDC in same stitch as the CH 2, HDC into the next 2 stitches, *2HDC, 1 HDC in next 2 stitches*, RPT between * around the circle, SL to join.

Row 5 - CH 2, HDC in same stitch as the CH 2, HDC into the next 3 stitches, *2HDC, 1 HDC in next 3 stitches*, RPT between * around the circle, SL to join.

Rows 6 to 10 – Same as row 5, but for each subsequent row add 1 HDC between the sets of 2 HDC. (For a larger “cradle” just add more rows!)

Row 11 – CH 2, HDC into every stitch all the way around. (This will start the curve that creates the sides.)

Row 12 – CH 2, HDC into every stitch, but completely skip every fifth stitch. (This makes the sides start to form.)

Row 13 to 18 – CH 2, HDC into every stitch. (These rows form the side. Add as many rows as you like, knowing they will be folded over, as described below.)

Finish & fold – Once you finish at least six rows which form the side, simply finish off the yarn and fold the side in half to make it sturdy.

