African flower owl

US terms



Finished size
About 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall to the tips of the ear tufts and 6 in (15 cm) across the wings

Skill
Intermediate
Twelve pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

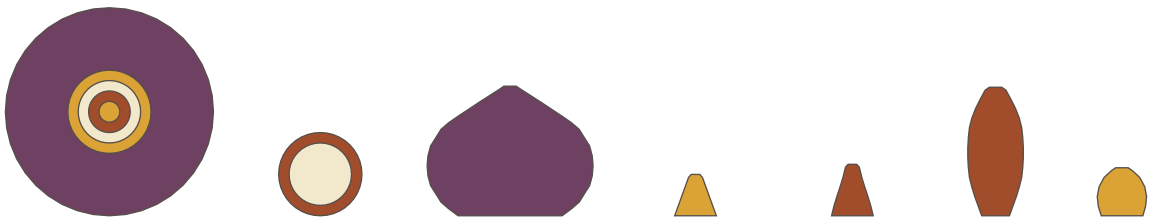
Yarn A: mustard, flower, beak and foot	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, several of the pieces	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, flower and eye disc	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: plum, flower and head	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 100 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 12 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Flower x 2

Eye disc x 2
to the head

Head

Beak
to the head

Ear tuft x 2
to the head

Wing x 2

Foot x 2

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- The two flowers are worked in joined rounds, as their lines say; every other piece is worked in a continuous spiral. The right side faces you all the time: do not turn. In a spiral do not join: put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 9 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (plum).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 4¼ in (11 cm) tall to the tips of the ear tufts and 4½ in (11.5 cm) across the wings; eyes 9 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 8¼ in (21 cm) tall to the tips of the ear tufts and 8½ in (21.5 cm) across the wings; eyes 17 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 10½ in (26.5 cm) tall to the tips of the ear tufts and 11 in (28 cm) across the wings; eyes 22 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 7 dc**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc, 6 ch-1 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Flower: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, mustard; B, rust; C, cream; D, plum.

Worked in joined rounds.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in MR, ch 1, **[**2 dc in MR, ch 1**] 5 times**; pull the tail to close the ring; join with a sl st in the top of the ch 3 (12 dc, 6 ch-1 sps) Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with a sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in the same sp, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in each of next 5 ch-1 sps; join with a sl st in the top of the ch 3 (24 dc, 6 ch-1 sps) Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with a sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 6 dc in the same sp, 7 dc in each of next 5 ch-1 sps; join with a sl st in the top of the ch 3 (42 dc: 6 petals of 7) Fasten off C.
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with a sl st in the first dc of any petal, ch 1, **[**sc in next 7 dc, long sc in the gap between the two groups of rnd 2 below**] 6 times**, the first sc in the same st; join with a sl st in the first sc (48 sts) Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join D with a sl st in the middle sc (the fourth of the seven) of any petal, ch 2 (counts as 1 hdc), (ch 1, hdc) in the same st, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 7 sts; join with a sl st in the top of the ch 2 (54 hdc, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in each hdc and in each ch-1 sp around, beginning in the same st; join with a sl st in the first sc (60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, beginning in the same st; join with a sl st in the first sc (60 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10** 8 9 10	Repeat rnd 7. (60 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off the first flower and weave in its end. Fasten off the second one, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff yet. Rounds 6 to 10 stand up and make each flower a bowl.

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Eye disc: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Head

Yarn D, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 24 and 25 of round 9. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnds 10 to 13**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
10 11 12 13		
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Sew on the eye discs now. Lay the two eye discs flat on the head, right side out, the middle of each between rounds 12 and 13, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). Sew down all 24 stitches of the edge. Then fix the eyes (see Finishing). Do this before you stuff the piece or sew it on. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

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Beak

Yarn A, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Ear tuft: make 2

Yarn B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 6 stitches.	

Wing: make 2

Yarn B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 10**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
	6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)

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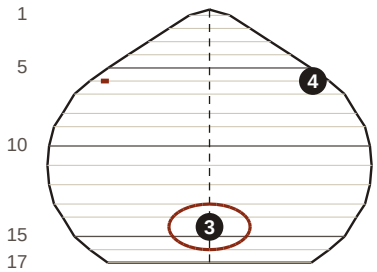
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

Foot: make 2

Yarn A, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5** 4 5	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge, and press it with your fingers so that the open edge is an oval about 7/8 in (22 mm) wide and ½ in (13 mm) tall.	

Assembly



Head: 3 beak, 4 ear tufts

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Pin the two flowers together at their last rounds (60 sts each), wrong sides together, so that the six corners of round 5 of one lie opposite the six corners of round 5 of the other, judged by eye. With the tail of the second flower, sew them together all the way round, stitch to stitch: through both loops of a stitch of one, then both loops of the next stitch of the other. Stuff firmly, a little at a time, before the last 10 stitches are sewn. This is the body; either flower can be the front. Hold it with a corner of round 5 of the front flower straight up and mark with a pin the stitch of the seam in line with that corner: the top pin. The stitch opposite, 30 stitches away, is the lowest stitch. Places on the body are counted along the seam (60 sts) from one of these two.

2. Pin the open edge of the head (30 sts) to the top of the body, the center line of the head to the front: its two sides lie on the seam, each 5 stitches from the top pin; its front lies on round 5 of the front flower and its back on round 5 of the back flower, both in line with the top pin. Sew all the way round with the tail of the head, topping up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches so that the head does not wobble.

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3. Pin the beak to the head: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 14 and 15, on the center line. The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 16 of the head. It points forward and down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Pin the two ear tufts to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 6, one to each side, 9½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 3, 5 stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 9, 12½ stitches from it. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 6-stitch edge with the tail.

5. Pin the two wings to the seam: the flat edge of each lies along the seam, its middle 9½ stitches from the top pin, one to each side, so that it covers 4 stitches of the seam (7½ to 11½ from the pin). One flat side of each faces the front. They point out to the side and down; bend the outer half of each with your fingers until its tip points straight down (nothing holds it). Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with its tail.

6. Pin the two feet to the front flower. The middle of each open edge lies on round 8, 3½ stitches to the side of the round 8 stitch that is in line with the lowest stitch of the seam, one to each side. The edge (12 sts), kept in its oval, is about 4 stitches wide and covers about rounds 7 to 9. They point forward and a little out, with their undersides level with the lowest stitch of the seam, so that the owl stands on them and on the seam. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Eyes: two 12 mm black plastic eyes, one through each eye disc and the head under it, at the middle of the eye disc.
- Toes: with B (rust), two long straight stitches on each foot, one to each side of the middle of round 1 and 2 stitches apart. Each begins on round 1 and runs back over the top of the foot to round 4.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 12 pieces; 2,328 stitches (480 in each flower, 60 in each eye disc, 600 in the head, 40 in the beak, 48 in each ear tuft, 181 in each wing, 75 in each foot).

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