Owl baby mobile

US terms



Finished size

About 9¼ in (23.5 cm) long with the hanging loop and 9 in (23 cm) across, the length of the twig; each owl about 2¾ in (7 cm) tall with its ears

Skill

Intermediate

24 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

Light (3), 9 colors

Hook

3 mm

Gauge

24 stitches and 26.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

Yarn A: plum, owl, wing and the details	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: teal, the details	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, the details	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, belly patch, eye patch and the details	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: coral, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: moss, leaf	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: oatmeal, crater and small crater	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn I: pale yellow, moon	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 120 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 3 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, a smooth dry twig or a wooden dowel 9 in (23 cm) long and about 3/8 in (10 mm) thick and a ceiling hook.

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.

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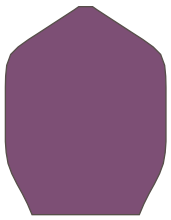
The pieces



Owl x 3



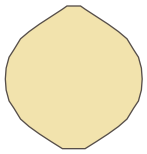
Belly patch x 3



Eye patch x 6



Wing x 6



Moon



Crater
to the moon



Small crater x 2
to the moon



Leaf x 2

Gauge

24 stitches and 26.4 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 1 7/8 in (4.8 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

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. 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.
- Cords: every cord is a plain chain, pulled firm. 24 ch measure about 4 in (10 cm). Leave an 8 in (20 cm) tail at each end of a cord for sewing it on; the chains counted are the ones that are seen.
- 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.
- 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.
- Owl: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 7 (42 sts). It faces the front. Moon: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 7 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the mobile. 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.

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- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- One size, at the gauge above: 9¼ in (23.5 cm) long with the hanging loop and 9 in (23 cm) across, the length of the twig; each owl about 2¾ in (7 cm) tall with its ears. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
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 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Owl: make 3

Yarn A, plum.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

Work one owl in A as it is written, one in B (teal) and one in C (mustard): for those read B or C for A.

☐ **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)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 21 and 22 of round 7. It faces the front. Moon: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 7 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnds 8 to 17**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(39 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	(33 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(30 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Rounds 1 to 4 are a flat base. Stuff firmly up to round 17 and lightly above it. Press the open edge flat from front to back, with the center line at the middle of the front, so that it makes a double edge of 14 stitches. Sew the edge shut through both layers with the tail, stitch to stitch. The two ends of this seam stand up as the ears; push the middle of it down a little with your fingers.	

Belly patch: make 3

Yarn D, cream.

☐ **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)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Eye patch: make 6

Yarn D, cream.

☐ **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)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Wing: make 6

Yarn A, plum.

Work two in A, two in B (teal) and two in C (mustard).

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(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 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Moon

Yarn I, pale yellow.

☐ **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 each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 11** 8 9 10 11	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
	Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside. Press the stuffed moon flatter from front to back, so that it is about 1¼ in (3 cm) thick.	

Crater

Yarn H, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Small crater: make 2

Yarn H, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Leaf: make 2

Yarn G, moss.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3 stitches. Sew this edge shut with the tail and leave the rest of the tail there.	

Assembly

1. Place the three owls before you, each with its seam at the top. Sew the three belly patches on, one on each owl, right side out: the middle of the patch lies on round 8 of the owl, on the center line. Sew down all 30 stitches of the edge.

2. Sew the six eye patches on, two on each owl, right side out: the middle of each lies on round 17 of the owl, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart), so that their edges just touch on the center line. Sew down all 18 stitches of each edge.

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3. Sew on the six wings, two on each owl in its own color, one to each side: the middle of each flat edge (5 stitches) lies on round 15 of the owl, 8 stitches from the center line, and the edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. The wing points down and lies along the side of the owl with its broad side out. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail, then catch the tip of the wing (round 1) to the side of the owl with two stitches.

4. Sew the crater flat to the front of the moon, right side out: its middle lies on round 10, 3½ stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

5. Sew the two small craters flat to the front of the moon, right side out: the middle of one lies on round 6, 2½ stitches to the left of the center line, and the middle of the other on round 11, 3½ stitches to the left of it. Sew down all 6 stitches of each edge.

6. The ear tufts: cut four lengths of yarn for each owl in its own color, each 5 in (13 cm) long. At each of its two ears fold two lengths together in half, draw the fold through the stitch at the very corner with the hook, put the four ends through the fold and pull them tight. Trim them to 3/8 in (10 mm).

7. The strings: with D (cream), work cords of 6 ch, 10 ch, 4 ch and 5 ch. Sew the cord of 6 ch to the plum owl and the cord of 10 ch to the teal owl, each at the middle of the seam at the top. Sew one end of the cord of 4 ch to round 1 of the moon, at the top, and the cord of 5 ch between the closed hole at the bottom of the moon and the middle of the seam of the mustard owl.

8. The twig: mark the middle of the twig. The moon hangs there; the plum owl hangs 3 in (7.5 cm) to the left of it and the teal owl 3 in (7.5 cm) to the right. Wind the upper tail of each cord three times round the twig, side by side, and knot it at the back.

9. The hanging cord: with D, work a chain of 54 ch, with a 12 in (30 cm) tail at each end, and fasten off. Fold it in half and tie the two strands in one knot 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the fold: the fold is the hanging loop, and two ends of about 20 ch (3 3/8 in, 8.5 cm) hang below the knot. Wind the tails four times round the twig, each 2 3/8 in (6 cm) from the middle, one at each side, and knot them at the back. Hang the mobile up and slide the knots a little along the twig until it hangs level.

10. The leaves go on the hanging cord. Sew the two leaves to it, one to each of the two strands that run from the knot to the twig. Lay the leaf on the front of the strand, its rib toward you, its flat edge just above the windings on the twig and its tip (round 1) toward the knot, so that the strand runs along the middle of its back. With the tail, sew the back layer of the leaf to the chain all along this middle, from the flat edge to the tip, with a small stitch about every ¼ in (6 mm). The strand holds the leaf up.

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Finishing

- 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. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: with E (black), in satin stitch, a round dot about 5/16 in (8 mm) across in the middle of each eye patch.
- Eye shine: with D (cream), one small stitch, worked twice in the same holes, near the upper right edge of each eye, about 1/16 in (2 mm) long.
- Beak: with F (coral), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down, about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, on each owl, its middle on round 16, on the center line, just under the place where the two eye patches touch.
- Scallops: with A (plum) on the plum owl, with B (teal) on the teal owl and with C (mustard) on the mustard owl, in backstitch, twelve small curves like smiles on the belly patch, each about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) deep, in four rows that follow each other closely: three side by side in the top row, four in the second, three in the third and two in the last. The ends of the top row lie 3/8 in (10 mm) above the middle of the patch, and each row lies ¼ in (6 mm) lower than the one above it, its middle on the center line.
- Leaf ribs: with D (cream), in backstitch, one line along the middle of one side of each leaf, the front, from round 12 to round 3, through the front layer only; begin and end between the two layers.
- Weave every tail into the piece it belongs to and trim it. Check the hook, the knots and the seams from time to time. Hang the mobile from a firm hook in the ceiling, well out of reach: no part of it may hang where a baby or a child can touch it, and it is never tied to a crib. It is a decoration, not a toy.

In all: 24 pieces; 4,102 stitches (754 in each owl, 90 in each belly patch, 36 in each eye patch, 106 in each wing, 420 in the moon, 18 in the crater, 6 in each small crater, 134 in each leaf).

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