Owl storage basket

Toy · US terms



Finished size
About 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across and 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall, the ears not counted

Skill
Intermediate
The basket is plain rounds; the ears are shaped rows on the rim, and the wings are lace rows sewn on.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 4 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge
10 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: warm gray, the basket, the first ear and the second ear	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, eye, round 4 and the wing	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, eye, round 3, the beak and the foot	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: dark brown, the pupils	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Desk	5¼ in (13.5 cm) across, 4¾ in (12 cm) tall	about 135 yd (123 m)
Toy (this file)	**7¾ in (19.5 cm) across, 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog)

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sc3tog	single crochet 3 stitches together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 3 times, yo, pull through all 4 loops (UK dc3tog)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

bo (Bobble): [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 4 times, yo, pull through all 5 loops on hook. Push it out to the right side. It leaves 1 bo for the next row or round.

Gauge

10 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

10 stitches and 5.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in rows. The double crochet (UK treble) is only in the wings.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 10 the base should measure about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. A range that is near enough is printed after that round. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds of the basket and the eyes are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays free on the outside and makes a ridge round the foot of the wall.
- The ears, the beak, the feet and the wings are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- In the wing the chain of 3 counts as a double crochet (UK treble): it stands for the first stitch of the row, so the first stitch of the row before is passed and the next stitch goes into the next stitch or space. The last stitch of a row goes into the third chain of the chain of 3 that began the row before. In its last row the double crochets between the spaces are passed over. Chain 4, joined into a ring with a slip stitch, is its middle, and row 1 is worked into the ring, through its hole.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Weave the starting tail of every small part in on its wrong side before the part is sewn shut or sewn on.
- Colors. A: the basket and the ears. B: the wings, the feathers and the last round of each eye. C: the beak, the feet and the rings of the eyes. D: the pupils.

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Instructions

Chosen: Toy. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble, sc2tog is dc2tog, sc3tog is dc3tog, yo is yarn round hook and sk is miss.

Basket

Yarn A, warm gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 10.** The base should measure about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across. Anything from 7¼ in (18.5 cm) to 7¾ in (19.5 cm) is near enough.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 28**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 28: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

First ear

Yarn A, warm gray.

Step 1 of Assembly tells how the stitches of the last round are numbered; read it first.

☐ **Foundation**	The rim of the basket, RS facing: stitches 18 to 28 of the last round, 11 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 10 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Weave both tails in down the inside of the ear.	

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Second ear

Yarn A, warm gray.

Step 1 of Assembly tells how the stitches of the last round are numbered; read it first.

☐ **Foundation**	The rim of the basket, RS facing: stitches 33 to 43 of the last round, 11 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 10 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Weave both tails in down the inside of the ear.	

Eye: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, dark brown; C, mustard; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With C, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 36 in (91 cm) of B for sewing.	

Beak

Yarn C, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (46 cm) for sewing. The single stitch of row 3 is the tip.	

Foot: make 2

Yarn C, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; bo in each st across	**(3 bo)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (46 cm) for sewing. The three bobbles are the toes: push them out to the side of row 1 that is the right side.	

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Wing: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in ring	**(7 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**ch 1, dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(7 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times**, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in last st	**(14 dc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 4, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, ch 4, sk next 2 sts, sc in last st	**(7 sc, 6 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 38 in (97 cm) for sewing. Weave the starting tail in round the ring.	

Assembly

1. Find the front. Stitch number 1 of the last round is its first stitch, the one that has the last slip stitch in it. Count from there in the direction you worked: the middle of the front lies between stitches 30 and 31, and the place where the rounds end is the middle of the back. The ears are written with these numbers: the first takes stitches 18 to 28, the second stitches 33 to 43, so each has its inner corner 2 stitches from the middle of the front.

2. In these steps round 1 of the sides is the round worked in BLO, and round 18 is the rim. Sew each eye on with its long tail, with small stitches through every stitch of its last round, right side out: the middle of the eye is on round 13 of the sides, 4 stitches to one side of the middle of the front, so that the two eyes nearly touch. With a 12 in (30 cm) length of B make one straight stitch about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long on the upper part of each pupil, a little to the same side in both, for a glint.

3. Sew the beak over the place where the eyes meet, its tip down, its foundation chain level on round 12 of the sides: with its tail whip stitch round all of its edges.

4. Each wing has a straight edge, with the ring in its middle, and a curved edge of chain loops. Lay it on the side of the basket with the straight edge upright, toward the back, and the curved edge toward the front; either face may show, and one wing is turned upside down to make the pair. The straight edge lies along a line 15 stitches from the middle of the front, from about round 1 to round 14 of the sides. With its tail whip stitch the straight edge down. Cut a second length of B, also 38 in (97 cm), and with it sew down the last row of double crochet all along the curve, with a small stitch in every second stitch, and catch each chain loop down at its middle, so that the loops lie open.

5. Feathers. With lengths of B about 36 in (91 cm) long embroider V shapes on the front, below the eyes, in two rows: four with their points on round 6 of the sides, three with their points on round 4 of the sides. Each V is 2 straight stitches that meet at its point and rise 2 rounds, one a stitch to the left and one a stitch to the right. The points are 4 stitches apart, and the middle of each row of V shapes is the middle of the front.

6. Feet. Lay the two feet flat on the front wall, right side out, the foundation chain upward and the bobbles downward: the foundation chain on round 3 of the sides, the bobbles at the foot of the wall, and 2 stitches between each foot and the middle of the front. With its tail whip stitch each foot down along the foundation chain, down one short side, behind the bobbles with one stitch in each, and up the other short side.

Finishing

- Weave all the tails that are left in on the inside.

In all: 8 pieces.

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