Owl pocket scarf

Child · US terms



Finished size
About 48 in (122 cm) long and 8 in (20 cm) wide; pocket about 7 1/8 in (18 cm) wide and 7½ in (19 cm) deep, without the ears

Skill
Easy
Shells, circles in joined rounds, and pieces to sew

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In ribbed half double crochet.

What you need

Yarn A: heather gray	**about 340 yd (311 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: teal, the right ear, the left ear and more	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, the owl, rows 1, 4 and 7; the eye, round 5; the beak and the wing, round 2	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the owl, rows 2, 5 and 8 and the eye, rounds 3 and 4	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: black, the eye, rounds 1 and 2	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 260 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 20 pins.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child (this file)	**48 in (122 cm) long, 8 in (20 cm) wide**	**about 528 yd (483 m)**
Adult	64 in (163 cm) long, 8 in (20 cm) wide	about 638 yd (583 m)

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Gauge

14 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in ribbed half double crochet.

Check it on the scarf itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 8 rows are done: 35 stitches are about 10 in (25 cm) long, and the 8 rows are about 2 5/8 in (7 cm) wide. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. The owls are worked with the same hook: 14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, and the 25 stitches of a row of the head are about 7 1/8 in (18 cm) wide.

Instructions

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hdc half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **sk** skip, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **sc3tog** 3 sc made into one, **st** stitch.
2 dc in same st: **both in one stitch**.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
(168 hdc): the row now has 168; a check, not a step. Not 168? **Pull it back**.
Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Scarf

Yarn A, heather gray.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 169.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(168 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	(168 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	
☐	Fasten off.	

Owl: make 2

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 26.	

The feathers

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sc in next ch**] 4 times**	(5 sc, 20 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(21 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	(5 sc, 20 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	With C, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(21 dc, 4 sc)

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☐ **Row 5**	With D, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	(5 sc, 20 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(21 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	(5 sc, 20 dc)
☐ **Row 8**	With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(21 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	(5 sc, 20 dc)

The head

☐ **Row 10**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st**] 4 times**	(5 dc, 8 hdc, 12 sc)
☐ **Rows 11 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	
☐	Fasten off.	

Right ear: make 2

Yarn B, teal.

Hold the owl with its right side facing you and the last row at the top. The first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Start**	Work along the first 8 sts of the last row of the owl, right side facing: 8 sts.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	(6 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(4 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(2 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc2tog	(1 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc2tog)
☐	Fasten off.	

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Left ear: make 2

Yarn B, teal.

Begin 8 stitches before the left-hand corner, so that the row ends at this corner.

☐ **Start**	Work along the last 8 sts of the last row of the owl, right side facing: 8 sts.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	(5 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	(3 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(2 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st	(1 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc2tog)
☐	Fasten off.	

Eye: make 4

☐ **Start**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; pull the tail to close it; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	With D, ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(30 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 36 in (91 cm) to sew with.	

Beak: make 2

Yarn C, mustard.

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	(1 sc3tog)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 22 in (56 cm) to sew with.	

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Wing: make 4

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 9.
☐ **Round 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch; join with sl st in first sc (8 dc, 4 hdc, 4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	With C, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in last st; join with sl st in first sc (20 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	With B, ch 1, 2 hdc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in last st; join with sl st in first hdc (22 sc, 4 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 32 in (81 cm) to sew with.

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails of the pieces that are sewn on. Work steps 2 to 6 twice, once for each owl. Lay the owl right side up with its ears at the top. Rows are counted from the foundation chain.

2. Eyes: an eye lies at each side of the middle of the head, the two edge to edge, so that they touch at the middle stitch, the 13th of the 25 of a row. The middle of each eye is on row 17, and the join of its last round points outward. With its tail sew each one down all round: 30 stitches. On each eye work one level straight stitch of D, as long as a stitch is wide, on round 1, straight above the ring, and go over it once more: cut a length of D about 12 in (30 cm) for each.

3. Beak: lay it right side up, its point down and its foundation edge level, over the place where the eyes touch, the middle one of its 5 chains on the middle stitch and its foundation edge on row 16. With its tail sew it down all round: 5 stitches along the foundation edge, 5 along each slanting side, 15 in all.

4. Wings: the point of a wing is where its rounds are joined. Lay one wing upright at each side edge of the owl, its point down, level with the foundation edge of the owl, and its outer long edge level with the side edge of the owl. It is about 3¼ in (8 cm) long: its round end comes to about row 9. With its tail sew it down all round: 26 stitches. Along the outer long edge and at the point there is no owl outside the wing: there go down into the edge of the owl itself, into the row end or the foundation chain directly under the stitch of the wing.

5. Ear tufts: for each ear cut 3 lengths of C, each about 6 in (15 cm) long. Fold them in half together, pull the fold with the hook through the sc2tog at the tip of the ear, from the wrong side to the right side, pull the ends through the fold and draw it tight. Trim the ends to about 1½ in (4 cm).

6. Pocket: the first owl goes at one short end of the scarf and the second owl at the other short end, both on the right side. Lay the scarf right side up with the end you are working at toward you. Lay the owl on it right side up, its ears away from that end, its foundation edge on the 2nd stitch from this end of the scarf, and its middle stitch on the line between rows 12 and 13. Pin it. Cut a length of A about 96 in (244 cm) long. Begin at the end of the last row of the head, just below one ear, and sew down the side, along the foundation chain and up the other side to the end of the last row: 2 stitches to the end of each of rows 1 to 9, 1 to the end of each of rows 10 to 25, and 25 along the chain, 93 stitches. Where a wing lies along the edge, take it up too. Take 3 stitches in the same place at the beginning and at the end. The top edge of the last row of the head and the ears above it are not sewn: they are the mouth of the pocket.

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Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing tails and lengths on the wrong side.

In all: 13 pieces; 6,068 stitches (4,032 in the scarf, 625 in each owl, 36 in each right ear, 36 in each left ear, 90 in each eye, 17 in each beak, 62 in each wing).

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 15 percent added.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- The scarf is worked the long way: each row runs from one end of the scarf to the other. Working in the back loop leaves a ridge on every second row, on both sides: the rows become ribs that run along the scarf.
- Make the foundation chain loose, or make it with a hook one size larger: it is one long edge of the scarf.
- The right side of a piece in rounds is the side that faces you as you work; the right side of a piece in rows is the side that faces you in row 1.
- To sew a piece on: lay it where the step says, right side up. With the yarn on a yarn needle, come up from below through both loops of a stitch of its edge and go down into the piece underneath, just outside that stitch. Work one sewing stitch for each stitch of the edge that is named. A chain of a foundation edge counts as a stitch, and so does the end of a row. Fasten off where it does not show.
- A wing begins with a chain that is worked on both of its sides. When the last chain is worked, do not turn: go on round the end and work back along the other side of the chain, the first stitch into the same chain as the last one, and the last stitch into the chain where the round began.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both. Do it in the last stitch of a row.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Shells: 5 dc in one stitch are one shell. In rows 2 to 9 of an owl a shell goes into the sc between two shells of the row before, and a sc into the middle dc, the 3rd of the 5, of a shell. The ch 3 at the start of an even-numbered row counts as a dc; with the 2 dc in the same st it is half a shell, and a half shell of 3 dc ends the row. In an odd-numbered row from row 3 on, the first sc goes into the first st, at the edge where you turned, and the last sc into the top of the turning ch.
- The ch 2 at the start of the first row of the head does not count as a stitch. This row fills the valleys between the shells: a dc goes into each sc, an hdc into the first and the last dc of a shell, and a sc into each of its 3 dc in the middle.
- Feathers: to change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Do not cut the old yarn: with three yarns and one row of each, the yarn needed next always hangs at the edge where the row begins from row 4 on. Bring it loosely up the side. After row 9 go on in B, and cut C and D.
- In an eye and in a wing, the joining sl st before a round in another yarn is made with that yarn. Cut the old yarn and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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