Little owl purse

US terms



Finished size

About 8 in (20.5 cm) wide and 9¼ in (23.5 cm) tall when closed, with its edging and without the ears and the feet, with about 27¾ in (70.5 cm) of strap between its sewn ends

Skill

Easy

It is shaped in rows, with flat circles for the eyes and small ovals for the wings.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: plum, the back, the face, the ears and the strap	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oat, the front and the eyes	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the beak, the eye rings, the feet and the tufts	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lilac, the wings	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: soft black, the pupils	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 140 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a sew-on snap about ¾ in (2 cm) across, with sewing thread and a sewing needle, two stitch markers, pins, 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.

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Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 34.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 15 stitches and 16 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 23. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (22 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 24** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (22 sc) |

Notes

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. This is for the pieces worked in rows.
- 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. This is for the eyes.
- The rounds of the eyes and the wings are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the last stitch before the change. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Rows 35 to 38 of the flap have one stitch more at the beginning of every row. The beak and the ears have one sc2tog at the beginning of the row from where they get narrower, so they narrow at one side and then at the other.
- Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one end of the stitch and down at the other, so that the yarn lies flat between them; do not pull it tight.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug. To sew a piece flat on another, take up the edge of the upper one and one strand of the lower one in each stitch.
- Round 1 is worked along both sides of the foundation chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side. This is for the wings.
- In the rows of the front and the back that say 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, two stitches are added at each end of the row; in those that say 2 sc in next st, one at each end.
- The purse has a snap: it is not for a child under three.
- For a longer strap begin with more chains: for every 4 in (10 cm) you want to add, as many more chains as the gauge has stitches in 4 in (10 cm). Every row then has as many more stitches. The yarn is worked out for the strap as it is written.
- Colors. The front is B. The back and its flap: Rows 1 to 53: A. Rows 54 to 58: C. An eye, round by round: Rounds 1 to 2: E. Rounds 3 to 4: C. Rounds 5 to 6: B. The wings are D, and the ears, the edging and the strap are A.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
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 each of next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Front

Yarn B, oat.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts, 2 sc in next st	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st	(28 sc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(28 sc)

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog	(26 sc)
☐ **Rows 32 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(26 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

32 33 **34**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 34.** The front should measure about 7½ in (19 cm) wide at its widest and 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall.

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Back and flap

Yarns in order of use: A, plum; C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st	(24 sc)

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts, 2 sc in next st	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st	(28 sc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(28 sc)

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog	(26 sc)
☐ **Rows 32 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(26 sc)

32 33 34

Flap

☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Rows 39 to 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(30 sc)

39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 26 sts, sc2tog	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 20 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 51**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 10 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 52**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 6 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 53**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 54**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 55**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 56**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 57**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 58**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Eye: make 2

Yarns in order of use: E, soft black; C, gold; B, oat.

☐ **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)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	With C, **[**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**	With B, 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)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Wing: make 2

Yarn D, lilac.

The group of three stitches worked in one stitch of round 4 is the point of the wing.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 6 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 6 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(34 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Edging

Yarn A, plum.

The edging joins the front to the back: it is worked in step 2 of Assembly, when the front and the back have been pinned to each other. Join A with a slip stitch in the end of row 34 at the top of the left side of the front, through both layers (at the top of the right side if you work left-handed). Every single crochet goes through both layers, the front and the back: the first into the place where A is joined, then one into the end of each of the other 33 rows down the side, one into each of the 12 chains of the two foundation edges, and one into the end of each of the 34 rows up the other side.

☐ **Foundation**	The left side, the bottom and the right side of the bag, its front facing; 80 places: the ends of 34 rows, 12 chains and the ends of 34 rows.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st across	(80 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strap

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 113.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(112 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(112 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (36 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 14 in (36 cm).	

Assembly

1. The right side of every piece is the side of row 1 or, on the eyes and the wings, which are worked in rounds, the side that faces you as you work; it is the outside. Before anything is sewn, weave in the short tails of every piece on its wrong side, the eyes among them, whose wrong sides are closed off later; leave only the long tail of each eye, each wing and the strap. On the front, mark the middle, the line between the 14th and the 15th of the 28 stitches, with one marker at its top and one at its bottom. With A, sew six feather marks on the right side of the front. Each is a V of two straight stitches that begin in the same place, its foot: one goes up and 1 stitch to the left, the other up and 1 stitch to the right, each 1 row tall. One foot is on the middle line at the top of row 4; two feet are at the top of row 7, each 2 stitches from the middle line; three are at the top of row 10, one on the middle line and one 4 stitches from it on each side. Weave in the ends on the wrong side of the front.

2. Lay the back down with its right side under, and the front on it with its right side up, so that the foundation edges lie together and row 34 of the front lies on row 34 of the back. The flap stands out above. Pin the sides and the bottom, and work the edging as written. The top of the front stays open.

3. A wing lies on the front, right side up, its point toward the bottom and leaning out: the middle of its upper end, the end away from the point, is at the top of row 22 of the front, 9 stitches from the middle line, and its point is at the top of row 6, 11 stitches from the middle line. Its outer edge just reaches the edging. With its tail, which is at the upper end, whip stitch the upper end and the inner edge of the wing to the front, down to 1 in (2.5 cm) from the point, taking up one strand of the front in each stitch. The outer edge and the point stay free. Draw the end through to the inside of the bag and weave it in there. Sew the other wing to the other side, leaning the other way.

4. Lay the bag on its front, so that the right side of the back and of the flap is up, and turn it so that the beak is toward you. The middle of each eye is on the line between row 44 and row 45 of the flap, which is 10 rows from row 34 in the direction of the beak, and 6 stitches to the side of the middle of the row: the two eyes lie about ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart.

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Pin each eye, right side up, and whip stitch it down all round its edge with its long tail; draw the end through to the wrong side of the flap and weave it in there. With a length of B, sew one stitch ¼ in (0.5 cm) long on each pupil, at its upper right, slanting up to the right, as it is seen with the flap folded over the front; go through the eye and the flap, and weave in both ends on the wrong side of the flap.

5. The flap folds forward over the top edge of the front along the top of row 36 of the back, two rows above row 34. An ear stands up on that fold at each end of it. Cut two lengths of A, each 16 in (41 cm) long. With one of them, beginning at one end of the foundation edge of an ear and leaving 4 in (10 cm) to weave in, whip stitch the 8 chains of the foundation edge to the first 8 of the 28 stitches of row 36, on the right side of the flap, taking up one strand of each. Sew the other ear to the last 8 stitches with the other length. The ears point away from the beak, their right sides to the front. Weave both ends of each length in on the wrong side of the ear.

6. For each tuft cut eight lengths of C, each 5 in (12.5 cm) long. Fold them in half together, draw the fold with the hook through the tip of the ear, between the two stitches of its last row, put the ends through the fold and pull them tight. Trim the tuft to 1¼ in (3 cm).

7. The feet are worked into the edging. Its stitches 35 to 46 lie along the bottom. A toe is: chain 9, slip stitch in the same stitch of the edging. With C, join with a slip stitch in stitch 36 and work a toe; slip stitch in stitch 37 and work a toe; slip stitch in stitch 38 and work a toe. Fasten off and draw the tails into the edging. Work the other foot in the same way in stitches 43, 44 and 45.

8. Fold the flap over the front. With sewing thread, sew one half of the snap to the wrong side of the beak, in the middle of row 54, the first gold row, and the other half to the right side of the front just under it.

9. The strap is about 29¾ in (75.5 cm) long. It is sewn to the outside of the back, behind the ears. Lay 1 in (2.5 cm) of the end with the long tail upright on the right side of the back, the right side of the strap up, over rows 32 to 35, its outer edge 1 stitch from the side of the back; the end of the strap points down and the rest of it goes up behind the ear. With its tail, whip stitch the 1 in (2.5 cm) down: both its sides, its end, and level across it at the top of row 35, through the back only. Sew the other end to the other side in the same way with the new length. See that the strap is not twisted. Draw the ends of the yarn in under the strap.

Finishing

- Weave in the tails that are left, those of the edging, inside its own stitches.

In all: 9 pieces; 3,260 stitches (896 in the front, 1,392 in the back and flap, 126 in each eye, 109 in each wing, 43 in each ear, 80 in the edging, 336 in the strap).

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