Round owl

US terms



Finished size
About 5 in (12.5 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Eleven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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.

You will need

Yarn A: taupe, body	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, eye disk and tummy patch	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: marigold, beak and foot	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chocolate, wing and ear tuft	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dusty teal, eye disk	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). 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. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Gauge

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

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked 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.

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Before you start

- 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.
- 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 E," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in E. 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.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 9 (54 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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 (chocolate).
- 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: 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): about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall; 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): about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall; 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): about 9 in (23 cm) tall; eyes 22 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

Instructions

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 sc is double crochet.

Eye disk: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; E, dusty teal.

☐ **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 E, **[**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.	

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Body

Yarn A, taupe.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

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☐ **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 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 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 24**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 26 to 28**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 26 to 28: tick them off as you go.

☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28

☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 30 to 31**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 30 to 31: tick them off as you go.

☐ 30 ☐ 31

☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Sew on the eye disks now. Lay the two eye disks flat on the body, right side out, the middle of each on round 24, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). Sew down all 24 stitches of the edge. Then fix the eyes (see Face and details). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**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.	

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Beak

Yarn C, marigold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(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**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Tummy patch

Yarn 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**	**[**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 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Wing: make 2

Yarn D, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 7 stitches.	

Ear tuft: make 2

Yarn D, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(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. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 6 stitches.	

Foot: make 2

Yarn C, marigold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

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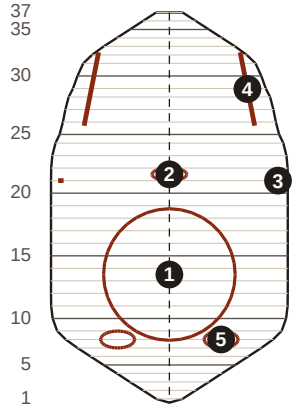
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Body: 1 tummy patch, 2 beak, 3 wings, 4 ear tufts, 5 feet

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.

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1. Lay the tummy patch flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it between rounds 13 and 14, on the center line. Sew down all 30 stitches of the edge.

2. Pin the beak to the body: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 21 and 22, on the center line. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 21 to 22 of the body. It points down and forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Pin the two wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 21, one to each side, 14 stitches from the center line (26 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point out to the side and down, then curve until the tip of each points straight down. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 7-stitch edge with the tail.

4. Pin the two ear tufts to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 29, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart). The flat edge runs straight up and down the body, half of it above that place and half below. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 6-stitch edge with the tail.

5. Pin the two feet to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 8, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 7 to 9 of the body. They point forward from under the front edge of the body, lying along the table. 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 inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Eyes: two 12 mm black plastic eyes, one through each eye disk and the body under it, at the middle of the eye disk.
- Chest feathers: with D (chocolate), six small V shapes on the tummy patch, each of two straight stitches that meet in a point at the bottom, 3/16 in (5 mm) wide at the top and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall. The points of three Vs are ¼ in (6 mm) above the middle of the patch, one at its center and one 3/8 in (10 mm) to each side; the points of two are 1/8 in (3 mm) below the middle, one 3/16 in (5 mm) to each side of the center; the point of the last is 7/16 in (11 mm) below the middle, centered.
- 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: 11 pieces; 2,322 stitches (60 in each eye disk, 1,524 in the body, 26 in the beak, 90 in the tummy patch, 208 in each wing, 40 in each ear tuft, 33 in each foot); 22 ends to weave in.

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