Snowy owl

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Eight 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: white, body, wing and foot	**about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pale gray, face disc and wing	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, face disc	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: gold, face disc	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: charcoal, beak and the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

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.

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, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 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 2¼ in (5.5 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.

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 C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. 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 30 and 31 of round 11 (60 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.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in E (charcoal).
- 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, the size written here: 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 3½ in (8.9 cm) tall; eyes 7 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 6¾ in (17 cm) tall; eyes 14 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 8¾ in (22 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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.

Face disc: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, gold; C, cream; B, pale 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**	With C, **[**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**	With B, **[**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.	

Body

Yarn A, white.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

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☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 20**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 20: tick them off as you go.

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19 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

22 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 25 to 28**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 25 to 28: tick them off as you go.

25 26 27 28

☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Sew on the face discs now. Lay the two face discs flat on the body, right side out, the middle of each between rounds 26 and 27, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). Sew down all 30 stitches of the edge. The edges of the two discs just touch on the center line. Then fix the eyes (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 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.	

Beak

Yarn E, charcoal.

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

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Wing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, pale gray; A, white.

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☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	With A, sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Foot: make 2

Yarn A, white.

☐ **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, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide and ¾ in (1.9 cm) tall at its widest.	

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Assembly

1. Pin the beak to the body: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 24 and 25, on the center line. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 24 to 25 of the body. It points forward and down, then curves until its tip points straight down. Bend it as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Pin the two wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 22, one to each side, 12½ stitches from the center line (23 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 down. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail. Lay each wing down along the side of the body, run the rest of the tail down inside it and catch the tip to the body with two or three stitches.

3. Pin the two feet to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 8, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 7 to 9 of the body. They point forward. 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.
- Claws: with E (charcoal), on each foot, three upright straight stitches side by side, each about ¼ in (7 mm) long: the middle one from the center of round 1 straight down, and one 3/16 in (5 mm) to each side of it.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, one through each face disc and the body under it, at the middle of the face disc.
- Flecks: with E (charcoal), sixteen small V shapes on the body, each of two straight stitches that meet in a point at the bottom: the point in the round that is named, the two upper ends one round higher and ¾ stitch to each side of the point. Places of the points, counting stitches from the center line: round 11: one on the center line and one on each side, 5 stitches from it; round 13: two on each side, 2½ and 7½ stitches from it; round 15: one on the center line and one on each side, 5 stitches from it; round 17: one on each side, 2½ stitches from it; on the forehead, round 31: one on the center line; round 33: one on each side, 2 stitches from it; round 35: one on the center line.
- 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: 8 pieces; 2,358 stitches (90 in each face disc, 1,584 in the body, 18 in the beak, 228 in each wing, 60 in each foot).

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