

Fat Little Forrest Owl



*Toy owl birdy
pattern*

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***This pattern is not baby safe.

If making for a baby remember to embroider features using wool. Secure firmly inside.

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Materials

- 3.5mm or 4mm crochet hook– or other hook to give firm tension
- 8 ply/DK wool in colours of your choice.
- 9mm black safety eyes– slightly smaller or larger doesn't matter (or buttons for non-child toy)
- Polyester stuffing
- Wool needle
- Clear craft glue optional



Gives pattern for a fat little forrest owl that stands 10cm, 4" tall

Notes

1. I always start my pieces using this method=

- 3 chain and join back to first to make a circle
 - 2 chain, then sc the number of times given into the circle
 - Join back to the 2nd chain, insert marker after this and start the first round.
2. The marker counts rows but also indicates the back of the piece. This is where colour changing happens
3. You count rows at the right of a marker and a row up as the first row

The circle shows where the marker is and each arrow indicates the beginning of a new row.



4. Abbreviations are:
inc=increase
dec=decrease
st=stitch or stitches
x=number of times
5. Anything between *.* is to be repeated given number of times
6. I increase by work-

ing twice in same hole

7. There are 2 methods for decreasing. The first is below with pictures.
- The second method I only use when closing a piece by decreasing– e.g., heads. All you do is skip a hole in the row below and sc in the hole after. This gives a smoother close.
7. All pieces are worked in rounds (a spiral)
8. Follow the sequence for pattern pieces.

Special working methods– decreasing

The first is used through most of the piece:

1. go into the next hole and pull the wool through



2. Keep both loops on hook and go through the next hole and pull wool through



3. Now you have 3 loops on hook, hook the wool and pull through all 3 loops



Eye circles– make 2

- 4 chain join loop, 2 chain, 11 treble. Join to second stitch of 2 chain at beginning.
- Finish first colour and join second colour.
- Inc all stitches using sc.
- End with long tail to sew to face later.

*** treble stitch
(European) is the same as double crochet (US)



Beak– 1 large and 1 small

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.

SMALL

- *1sc, inc (x3)(9st)
- End with long tail to sew to face later

LARGE

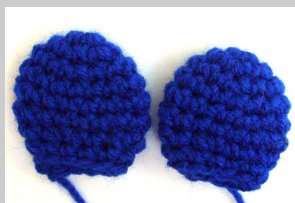
- *1sc, inc (x3)(9st)
- Sc 1 round
- End with long tail to sew to face later



Wings– make 2

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *inc all* (x6)(12st)
- *2sc, inc* (x4)(16st)
- Sc 3 rounds
- *2sc, dec* (x4)(12st)
- Sc 1 round

- End with long tail to sew to body later



BODY– top down.

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *inc all* (x6)(12st)
- *inc all* (x12)(24st)
- *1sc, inc* (x12) (36st)
- Sc 4 rounds
- *5sc, inc* (x6)(42st)
- Sc 5 rounds
- *6sc, inc* (x6)(48st)
- Sc 5 rounds
- *6sc, dec* (x6)(42st)
- Pull last stitch loose but do not end. Now put on the owls face.
- Take you safety eyes and put the stalk through, then push through body and put backs on inside the body.
- Make sure eyes both go on the same round (or you'll get a drunk looking owl)
- make sure the circles are far enough apart (about 1/2") to fit beak in between.
- Take the long tails and sew the edges of the crochet circle to the face.



Body– continued

- Put some stuffing in the top of the head.
- Now start crocheting again and finish the body.
- *5sc, dec* (x6)(36st)
- *4sc, dec* (x6)(30st)
- Dec all (x15)(30st)
- Finish stuffing the body.
- Dec all till closed. Finish and hide ends.
- Pin the top beak between the eye circles.
- Use a ladder stitch and sew down both sides of the beak.
- Pin smaller beak underneath. Ladder stitch around both sides of the beak



Finishing– sewing wings to body

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- Pin wings a little way back from the eyes. Angle slightly toward the eyes.
- Make sure both wings are on the same round



- Ladder stitch down the front



- Fold wing over and stitch down the other side the same way

