



sleepy owl

security blankie

Materials Needed:

- Small amounts (less than 1 skein) of worsted weight yarn in **tweedy brown, white, black, mottled orange, sage green and pale green**
- Stitch marker
- Crochet hooks in sizes **F & J**
(I highly recommend Clover Amour hooks! They are worth the extra \$\$!!)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Large tapestry needle
- Jingle bell or other rattle device
- Scissors

Stitches & Techniques:

- Sc: single crochet
- Dc: double crochet
- Ch: chain
- Invdc: invisible decrease
(similar to sc2tog, but uses only front loops of the stitches)
- Mr: make magic ring
(Alternately, you can ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook)
- Whipstitch

Owl Head

With Tweedy Brown and F hook

Rnd 1: Ch 20. Dc in 3rd ch from hook and next st, sc in each across to last 2 chs ; Dc in last 2 chs. Pivot to use the opposite side of the chain; dc in next 2 sts, sc in each on opposite side to last 2 sts; dc in last 2 sts (36 sts). Sc in first dc to complete round. *Place stitch marker in this stitch and move forward as you finish each round.*

Rnds 2-11: Sc in each st (36 sts). *Change to sage green at the end of rnd 11.*

Rnds 12-13: Sc in each st.(36 sts). *Change to pale green at the end of rnd 13.*

Rnds 14-15: Sc in each st (36 sts). *Change to sage green at the end of Rnd 15.*

Rnds 16-17: Sc in each st (36 sts). *Change to pale green at the end of Rnd 17.*

Rnd 18: *Invdc over next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts; rep from * around (30 sts).

Rnd 19: *Invdc over next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts; rep from * around (24 sts). *Change to sage green.*

Rnd 20: *Invdc over next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts; rep from * around (18 sts).

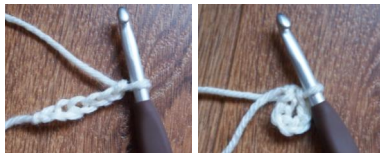
Rnd 21: *Invdc over next 2 sts, sc in next 1 st; rep from * around (12 sts).

Stuff firmly, shaping as you go so the head stays nice and round. Insert jingle bell, making sure it is surrounded by fiberfill in the center of the head.

Rnd 22: *Invdc over next 2 sts; rep from * around (6 sts). F/o, close up hole. Weave in ends and trim off.

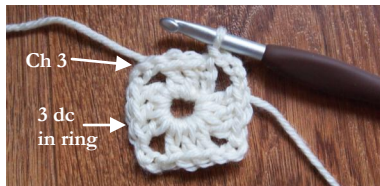


How to start a Granny Square

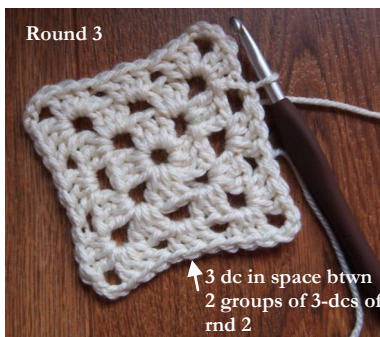


Chain 6

Sl st to make ring



Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring; ch 3; 3 dc in ring; ch 3; 3 dc in ring; ch 3, 3 dc in ring; ch 3, join with sl st in top of starting ch 3.



Round 3

3 dc in space btwn 2 groups of 3-dcs of rnd 2

Beak

Using **Mottled Orange (Vanna's Choice "Tangerine Mist")** and **F hook**.

Row 1: Ch 7. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each across (6 sts).

Row 2: Do not ch 1, turn. Invdc over next 2. Sc in next 2 sts. Invdc over next 2 sts (4 sts).

Row 3: Do not ch 1, turn. Invdc over next 2 sts. Sc in next 2 sts (3 sts).

Row 4: Do not ch 1, turn. Invdc over next 2 sts. Sc in next st (2 sts).

Row 5: Do not ch 1, turn. Invdc over next 2 sts (1 sc). F/o, leave long tail for sewing to head. Using photo as a guide, sew to head between the eyes.

Eyes

Using **White** and **F hook**. Make 2.

Rnd 1: Mr, 6 sc in ring (6 sts).

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around (12 sts).

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; rep from * around (18 sts).

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; rep from * around (24 sts). F/o, leave long tail for sewing to head. Using black yarn, embroider sleepy eye (use photo as guide.) Sew eyes centered on the front of the owl's head so that the bottom of the eye overlaps into the first round of green (see photos at left).

Blankie Body

There are a TON of tutorials on the web on how to make granny squares, so if this doesn't make sense to you, you should be able to find a photo or video tutorial that will help. :)

Start with **Tweedy Brown**, use **J hook**.

Round 1: Leave a **long** tail for starting (you will use this to sew the blankie to the owl's head). Ch 6, join with sl st to form a ring. Ch 3 (counts as double crochet for blankie), 2 dc in ring; ch 3; 3 dc in ring; ch 3; 3 dc in ring; ch 3; 3 dc in ring; ch 3, join with sl st to top of starting ch 3. (4 clusters of 3 dcs and 4 ch-3s).

Round 2: Sl st in next 2 dcs and ch 3 space of round 1. Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ch-3 space, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch-3 space of round 1 (makes a corner). Repeat around in remaining 3 ch-3 spaces of round 1, join with sl st to top of starting ch 3.

Round 3: Sl st in next 2 dcs and ch-3 space of round 2. Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ch-3 space, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch-3 space of round 1 (makes a corner). *3 dc in space between the 2 groups of 3-dcs of Rnd 2 (see photo at left). [3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc] in next corner. ** Rep from * to **, joining with sl st in top of ch 3.

Continue with granny pattern (repeating round 3). As each round progresses, you will add more groups of 3 dcs in the new ch-3 spaces from the previous rounds.

To achieve the look of the granny blankie in the photo, work:

- 2 rounds of sage green,
- 2 rounds soft green,
- 2 rounds sage green,
- 1 round mottled orange,
- 1 round white,
- 1 round mottled orange,
- 3 rounds tweedy brown.





Edging (not shown in photo): at the end of your last round, join with a sl st in top of starting ch-3. Ch 1, sc in same space as join. Sc in each st around, working 5 sc in the ch-3 corner spaces. Join with sl st in starting sc of round.

In between color changes, I like to finish a round with a sl st in top of starting ch-3, fasten off the old yarn, and join the new yarn in the opposite corner with a ch-1, 1 sc, ch 2, then continue pattern as you normally would. Weave in all ends **except** for the starting tail you left, which you will now use to sew to the owl's head.

Finishing

Sew eyes to the owl's head, centered in the middle. Sew the beak on top of the eyes (see photos for placement). Sew blankie to bottom of owl's head, making sure the head faces a diagonal corner (you want the head to face forward on a diamond, not a square, so when it's folded, it looks right). Ensure all parts are securely fastened. Weave in/trim all ends and you're done!

You may sell finished pieces to friends, family or at craft fairs, but please not online! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at heatherjarmusz@yahoo.com. Thank you so much for your purchase! Enjoy!!

