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DESIGNS
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MACRAMÉ STYLE CROCHET OWL



Inspired by the macramé owls I remember my mum making, this pattern will let you create a sweet little crochet replica. It measures approximately 16" from the top of the hanging chain to the bottom of the tassels. Other yarn and hook combinations may work but size cannot be guaranteed.

You will need 35g DK (8ply) weight crochet cotton (~50m), 3.50mm hook, two 6" (15cm) twigs or wooden chopsticks trimmed to length, two safety eyes (buttons or beads), one stitch marker and a needle for neatening ends.

The example above was worked in 100% cotton dishcloth thread.

SPECIAL STITCHES/METHODS

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UK kiss stitch (ks): miss 1 st, 1tr into next st, 1tr into missed stitch - work the second tr in front of the first.

US kiss stitch (ks): skip 1 st, 1dc into next st, 1dc into skipped st - work the second dc in front of the first.

UK tr5tog (US dc5tog): (yrh, insert hook into stitch indicated, draw up a loop, yrh, pull through 2 loops) work 5 times into the same stitch, yrh, pull through all 6 loops on hook. The stitch will be followed by 1ch and this will lock the stitch tightly to finish.

The stitch count for each row/rnd is given in bold after the hyphen.

This pattern is written in UK terms. Below are the US equivalents where applicable.

UK abbreviation	UK term	US abbreviation	US term
bpdc	back post double crochet	bpdc	back post single crochet
bphtr	back post half treble	bphdc	back post half double crochet
bptr	back post treble	bpdc	back post double crochet
ch	chain		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
fpdc	front post double crochet	fpdc	front post single crochet
fphtr	front post half treble	fphdc	front post half double crochet
fptr	front post treble	fpdc	front post double crochet
htr	half treble	hdc	half double crochet
miss	miss	skip	skip
rnd	round		
sp(s)	space(s)		
ss	slip stitch	sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)		
tr	treble	dc	double crochet
tr5tog	treble 5 stitches together	dc5tog	double crochet 5 stitches together
yrh	yarn round hook	yo	yarn over

Eyes (make 2)

Commence with (1ch, 7dc) into a magic (adjustable) ring, tighten ring, ss to join - **7sts**.

Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc into each st around, ss to join - **14sts**

Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc into first st, 2dc into next st) around, ss to join - **21sts**.

Rnd 3: (1dc, 2ch) into first st, [1dc into dc just worked, miss 1 st, (1dc, 2ch) into next st] 10 times, 1dc into dc just worked, miss 1 st, ss to base of initial dc - **11 picots**.

Fasten off and neaten ends. Do not fasten off second eye but continue to body.

Body

Row 1. ss to top of next picot, (1ch, 1dc) into same picot, (3ch, 1dc into next picot) 3 times, 1ch, 1dc into any picot of the other eye, (3ch, 1dc into next picot) 3 times, turn - **6 ch-3 sps plus 1ch**.

Row 2. (1dc, 2ch, 4tr) into first ch-3 sp, 5htr into next ch-3 sp, 5dc into next ch-3 sp, tr5tog inserting hook under next ch-1 sp - beak formed, 1ch, 5dc into next ch-3 sp, 5htr into next ch-3 sp, 5tr into next ch-3 sp, turn - **32sts**.

Row 3. 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1bptr around stem of next 4tr, 1bphtr around stem of next 5htr, 1bpdc around stem of next 5dc, miss next 2sts across beak, 1bpdc around stem of next 5dc, 1bphtr around stem of next 5htr, 1bptr around stem of next 5tr, turn - **30sts**.

Row 4. 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1fptr around stem of next 4sts, 1fphtr around stem of next 5sts, 1fpdc around stem of next 10sts, 1fphtr around stem of next 5sts, 1fptr around stem of next 5sts, turn - **30sts**.

Row 5. (1dc, 2ch) into first st, 6ks across next 12sts, miss 3sts, 1tr into next st, 1tr into first missed st - the st immediately following the previous ks, 6ks across next 12sts, miss 1 st, 1tr into last st, turn - **13ks plus 1tr each end**.

Row 6. (1dc, 2ch) into first st, miss next st, 5ks across next 10sts - kiss stitches will be offset i.e not directly lined up with the kiss stitches of the previous row, miss 3sts, 1tr into next st, 1tr into first missed st - the st immediately following the previous ks, 5ks across next 10sts, miss 1 st, 1tr into last st, turn - **11ks plus 1tr each end**.

- Row 7. (1dc, 2ch) into first st, miss next st, 4ks across next 8sts, miss 3sts, 1tr into next st, 1tr into first missed st - the st immediately following the previous ks, 4ks across next 8sts, miss 1 st, 1tr into last st, turn - **9ks plus 1tr each end**
- Row 8. (1dc, 2ch) into first st, miss next st, 3ks across next 6sts, miss 3sts, 1tr into next st, 1tr into first missed st - the st immediately following the previous ks, 3ks across next 6sts, miss 1 st, 1tr into last st, turn - **7ks plus 1tr each end**
- Row 9. (1dc, 2ch) into first st, miss next st, 2ks across next 4sts, miss 3sts, 1tr into next st, 1tr into first missed st - the st immediately following the previous ks, 2ks across next 4sts, miss 1 st, 1tr into last st, turn - **5ks plus 1tr each end.**
- Row 10. (1dc, 2ch) into first st, miss next st, 4ks across next 8sts, miss next st, 1tr into last st, turn - **4ks plus 1tr each end.**
- Row 11. (1dc, 2ch) into first st, miss next st, 3ks across next 6sts, miss next st, 1tr into last st, turn - **3ks plus 1tr each end.**
- Row 12. (1dc, 2ch) into first st, miss next st, 2ks across next 4sts, miss next st, 1tr into last st, turn - **2ks plus 1tr each end.**

Edging

- Rnd 1: Continuing from last row, (1ch, 2dc) into current st, 1dc into each of next 4sts, 5dc around stem of last st, 2dc around stem of each sideways tr along to first row of the body, (1ch, 1dc) into first picot of the first eye - the one joined to the body, ss to same picot (4ch, 1dc into 3rd ch from hook, 1ch, ss after next picot) twice, 1dc into top of next picot, (3ch, 1dc into top of next picot) 4 times, 1dc into corresponding picot of second eye, (3ch, 1dc into top of next picot) 4 times, ss to same picot, (4ch, 1dc into 3rd ch from hook, 1ch, ss after next picot) twice, (1dc, 1ch) into last picot of the second eye - the one joined to the body, 2dc around the stem of each sideways tr along to last row of the body, 1 further dc around stem of last sideways tr, ss to initial dc to join, turn.
- Rnd 2: 1dc into each st up to and including the base of the picot on the first eye, 1ch, 1dc into top of first picot, 4ch, 1dc into 3rd ch from hook, 1ch, 1dc into top of second picot, ss along to first ch-3 sp, (1dc, 2ch, 4tr) into same ch-3 sp, 5htr into next ch-3 sp, 5dc into next ch-3 sp, miss next ch-3sp, 2tr where the ch-3sps meet, miss next ch-3sp, 5dc into next ch-3sp, 5htr into next ch-3sp, (4tr, 3ch - place marker in first ch, 1dc) into next ch-3sp, ss along to next picot, 1dc in same picot, 4ch, 1dc into 3rd ch from hook, 1ch, 1dc into top of second picot, 1ch, 1dc into each st to end, ss to join, fasten off and cut thread to ~3"(7.5cm) length.

Eyebrows

With RS facing towards you, re-join yarn to marked stitch, 3ch, 1bp^{tr} around stem of next 4sts, 1bp^{htr} around stem of next 5sts, 1bp^{dc} around stem of next 5sts, miss next 2tr, 1bp^{dc} around stem of next 5sts, 1bp^{htr} around stem of next 5sts, 1bp^{tr} around stem of next 5sts, fasten off and neaten ends.

Finishing

Pin into shape and gently steam, from a few inches away. Leave to dry and remove pins.

Thread a twig under the two outside kiss stitches of row 11 of the body.

Cut two 6" (15cm) lengths of yarn, fold double and thread the fold through the bottom of owl. Bring the cut ends through the fold and pull tightly to knot into place. Repeat for each stitch along the edge. Neaten ends to level off if necessary.

Leaving a 12" (30cm) tail, make 50ch, fasten off leaving another 12" (30cm) tail. Use the tail to attach the second twig to the 3rd, 4th and 5th tr each end of the eyebrow, fasten off and neaten ends.

Attach two safety eyes (buttons or beads) to the centre of each eye.