



Knitterly Arts
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Pattern Introduction

Meet Oliver, Olivia, Olga and Olson! These crocheted owls and purse are “make-in-a-day” projects! Perfect for giving to a child, grandchild, or to the kid in you! I love my flock of owls around the house. Stuff them with lavender or pine to make a sachet. Young girls love the purse for their lip gloss and hair bows. Use up your stash on these since they only take small amounts of yarn.



What you need

DK, Worsted Weight or Chunky Weight yarns—small amounts

Colors for Belly of Owl

Colors for Body of Owl (For a list of some of the yarns I used, see page 5)

DMC embroidery floss or yarn to sew on button eyes and beak.

Split Marker

Yarn needle

Needle and thread

Buttons or brads for eyes.

Stuffing

Snap, hook & eye, or magnetic clasp (for purse).

Size G, H & J hooks (G for DK, H for worsted, J for chunky...*or whatever hook gives you a nice dense stitch.)

Stitches you need to know

Chain, slip stitch, single crochet, single crochet 2 stitches together (sc2tog), half-double crochet

Techniques you need to know

Crochet in the Round

Gauge is not important for this project. Your owl or purse will change size according to the weight of the yarn. So, if you choose a DK weight yarn, these projects will be smaller, in worsted weight, approximately 4-5 inches in height, and in chunky weight, a bit larger.

Abbreviations you need to know

Beg = beginning
BLO = back loop only
Ch = chain
Hdc = half double crochet
Lp = loop
Sc = single crochet
Sc2tog = sc two sts together

Sl st = slip stitch
Sp = space
Rem = remaining
Rep = repeat
Rnd = round
Sts = stitches

Special Stitches

Single Crochet 2 Together (sc2tog): Work 1st sc in indicated sp or st ONLY until you have 2 lps on hook. (You are not completing last step of this first sc!) Begin next sc, and work until you have 3 lps on hook. Wrap and pull yarn through all 3 lps on your hook, thus combining 2 sc sts into 1 sc st.

Memory Refreshers

1. “Fasten off” means to draw your yarn through the loop you have on your hook, then cut or break your yarn 3-4 inches away from loop. Now pull the yarn out of the securing loop you made. Give the end on your work a tug for good measure.
2. When working in **rounds**, you do NOT turn your work after each round unless told to do so!
3. Half Double Crochet stitches... Remember how to make them: you need to wrap first before going into the next stitch, wrap and pull up a lp of yarn, wrap again, and pull this through all 3 lps on your hook. If needed, practice a few of these beforehand.
4. “Join yarn with sc” is an ingenious way to join your yarn to another section. Simply make a slip knot on your hook like you always do to begin. Insert your hook in the st or sp indicated and work a sc. You will pull the yarn through both loops on your hook (the second one being the slip knot). Works like a charm!

Tips & Tricks

*In this pattern, you will not “join” the rnds with a sl st. You will simply continue working the sc sts as indicated. Placing a marker in the first sc of each rnd helps you know when the next round begins.

Walkthrough

Owl Front

*You will start in the center of the owl's belly and work in rounds in a circle, then in rows to shape the top part of the Owl's belly. You will then change colors to continue making the body of the owl.

Rnd 1: Using yarn for Owl Belly and corresponding hook (*see notes in **What You Need** section), ch 2, work 6 sc in first ch made. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: Sc in first sc of last rnd, place marker in this stitch to denote beg of rnd, sc once more in this sc, work 2 sc in each rem sc. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: Sc in marked st, replace marker, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (18 sc)

Rnd 4: Sc in marked st, replace marker, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (24 sc)

Rnd 5: Sc in marked st, replace marker, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around. (30 sc)

Rnd 6: Sc in marked st, replace marker, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc. This ends Rnd 6 AND working in Rnds. (11 sc)

Row 7: Ch 1, turn, skip first sc, sc in next 6 sc. (6 sc)

Row 8: Ch 1, turn, skip first sc, sc in next 5 sc. (5 sc) Change colors here!

Row 9: Using color for Owl's Body, ch 1, DO NOT TURN, work 7 sc down side of owl to the first sc cluster (where 2 sc were worked into the same st on the last rnd). Work 2 sc in this cluster. Sc in each sc to one sc BEFORE next cluster. Work 2 sc in this sc. Work sc in each sc to one sc AFTER next cluster. Work 2 sc in this sc. Work sc in each sc to next sc cluster and work 2 sc in this cluster. Work 7 sc up to the top of the owl, leaving rem 5 sc of this rnd UNWORKED.

Rows 10-11: Ch 1, turn, sc in all sts of Row 9, working 2 sc in each of the sc clusters. (*You may need to turn work over briefly to see where the sc clusters are.)

Row 12: *If making stuffed owl, work one row of sc in each sc, with NO 2sc placed in any clusters. This will make the owl more round instead of flat. Go to Row 13.

*If making the purse, work one more row just like previous row. Go to Row 13.

Row 13: Ch 1, DO NOT TURN, sc in same st as last sc, sc across top of owl belly. (approx. 12 sts across) Fasten off.

Chain Stitch Embellishment (Optional)

*You may work a simple chain stitch around the belly area where the two colors meet. Here's How:

1. With yarn needle and contrasting yarn, bring yarn up through crocheted owl from the back of the work.
2. Insert the yarn needle INTO THE SAME PLACE YOU JUST CAME OUT OF and then up again to the front of the work.
3. Wrap the yarn around the needle once, and pull needle up slowly, allowing the yarn to secure the loop made.
4. Repeat this process all the way around the belly of the owl. Fasten off.

**You may need to consult your LYS, a book, or online tutorial for making this stitch.

Owl Back

*Make back same as **front** using yarn for Owl Body throughout. Do not fasten off at end of Row 13. Continue working these rows:

Row 14: (Seaming Row) With Owl Front facing you, hold **WRONG** sides of Owl Front & Owl Back together. Work sl sts through BLO of Owl Front and FLO of Owl Back. Work these sl sts loosely around the body of the owl until you get to the other side. **DO NOT** seam across top of owl.

Row 15-16: Ch 1, sc in each sc across **Owl Back ONLY**. (12 sc)

Row 17: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc to last 2 sc, sc2tog. (10 sc)

Row 18 and following: Rep Row 17 until you have only 2 sc left. Work sc2tog with these two sc. Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

*Optional sc edge: Either with contrasting yarn or same yarn used for Body of Owl, you can join yarn with sc at one corner and sc around beak edge to other corner. Fasten off. Weave in ends. This will give you a more finished look, but it isn't necessary.

Beak

*If you are making the stuffed owl, stuff him now. Then fold over beak and with a length of DMC floss or other yarn, stitch through both beak and body, back and forth in a V formation to create the beak **AND** to attach the beak to the front of owl. There is no need to seam the owl together any more than this, unless you particularly want to do so.

*If you are making the purse, do **NOT** stuff the owl. Use DMC floss or other yarn to stitch the beak, going back and forth in a V formation. Then sew on a snap or other clasp to secure the beak to the front of the owl.

Eyes

*I suggest sewing button eyes **AFTER** you have stuffed your owl for the best placement. If you are making the purse, then choose placement of eyes with "beak" folded down and secured with snap or clasp. Using needle and thread or yarn, sew buttons to owl front in desired position and weave in ends.

*If you use brads for the eyes (I found these in the scrapbook section of my local craft store), attach these **BEFORE** stuffing (these are **SO EASY** to use and they come in so many different sizes and colors!) Simply choose the placement, insert the brad and open it on the reverse side to secure.

Tail (Optional)

*You may use contrasting yarn or the same yarn used for the Owl's Body. Join yarn with sc to desired st on back of owl near the base of the owl.
Row 1: Work sc around 4 or 5 sts (this depends on how wide you want the tail to be).

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Fasten off. Weave in ends.



Purse Strap

*Make a strap for the purse either long or short. Example shown is a cross-over-the-body length. It would be equally cute with a small handle. It's best to measure how long the straps need to be for the child or adult who will use it. The number of chains given here is a good length for 6-8 years old, using worsted weight yarn for the purse and strap. Choose either the yarn used for the body OR the belly. Increase or decrease the number of foundation chains according to length desired.

Row 1: Ch , hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch to end. Fasten off **or** sl st seam this end to one corner of purse. Whip stitch or sl st the other end to other corner of purse. Fasten off.

Other Items of Interest

*I have written this pattern to allow for flexibility in yarns you might wish to use. Great for stash busting! My advice is to stick with the same weight yarns for the belly and body of the owls so that you don't have any puckering. Try boucle, metallic, linen, fuzzy, fluffy and otherwise funky yarns! I think the owls would be oh-so-cute with a fuzzy belly and smooth body or vice-versa!

*You might like to know **which yarns I've used**...I will only mention a few for suggestions. Really, the sky is the limit, so experiment and have fun!

Red Heart *TLC Cotton Plus*; Bernat *Cotton Tots*; Brown Sheep's *Lamb's Pride Wool*; Noro *Chirimen*; Filatura Di Crosa "Baby" *Pom Pom*; etc.