



Hoot Owl Ornament

Whooo will be the cutest little ornament on the tree? Crochet this owl in little time to add a cute quirky note to your tree, or display him all year round and he'll put a smile on your face.

Designed by Nancy Anderson.

Measurement: 5½" tall.

RED HEART® Soft™ :1 ball each 9935 Waterscape **A**, 9440 Light Grey Heather **B**, 5142 Cherry Red **C**, 9114 Honey **D**, 4601 Off White **E**, 2515 Turquoise **F**.

Crochet hook: 3.75mm [US F-5].

Stitch marker, yarn needle, buttons, sewing thread & needle, stuffing.

GAUGE: 22 sts = 4"; 24 rows = 4". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Special Abbreviations

Sc2tog = [draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Picot = Chain 3, slip stitch in first chain.

Special Technique

Adjustable loop: Wrap yarn around two fingers to make a ring, hold ring and tail firmly. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring. After the first round of stitches is worked, pull tail to close the ring.

NOTES:

Do not join unless otherwise stated.

Place marker in first stitch of each round and move as work progresses.

Component pieces are worked separately and sewn together using yarn tails or matching sewing thread.

Head and body are worked from the bottom upwards.

Stomach patch is worked in 2 row stripes. When working stripes, do not carry non-working yarn.

OWL

Head and Body

Round 1: With **A**, Make 6 sc in adjustable loop – 6 sts.

Round 2: 2 sc in each st – 12 sts.

Round 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around – 18 sts.

Round 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around – 24 sts.

Round 5: *Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around – 30 sts.

Round 6: *Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around – 36 sts.

Round 7: *Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around – 42 sts.

Round 8: *Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around – 48 sts.

Rounds 9-14: Sc in each st.

Round 15: *Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog; repeat from * around – 42 sts.

Rounds 16-23: Sc in each st.

Round 24: *Sc in 5 sts, sc2tog; repeat from * around – 36 sts.

Rounds 25 & 26: Sc in each st around, changing to **B** in last st of round 26. Fasten off **A**.

Rounds 27-38: Sc in each st – 36 sts.



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Round 39: (Sc in next 14 sts, hdc in next 4 sts) twice – 36 sts.

Round 40: (Sc in next 14 sts, dc in next 4) twice – 36 sts.

Fasten off, leaving 8" tail for sewing. Stuff firmly. Using tail and yarn needle sew top of head closed. Weave in ends.

Wings (Make 2)

With **A**, ch 9, join with slip st to form ring.

Round 1: 9 sc in ring – 9 sts.

Rounds 2 & 3: Sc in each st – 9 sts.

Round 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around – 12 sts.

Round 5: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around – 18 sts.

Round 6: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around – 24 sts.

Round 7: Sc in each st around, changing to **B** in last st – 24 sts.

Round 8: With **B**, sc in each st.

Next Step: Flatten ring, ch 1 and working through both layers, sc in next 12 matching pairs of sts, changing to **C** in last st – 12 sts.

Next Row: Ch 2, 2 hdc in same st and in each st across – 24 sts. Fasten off.

Stomach Patch

With **C**, ch 11,

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each st across, changing to **B** in last st, ch 1; turn – 10 sts.

Row 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in last st, ch 1; turn – 12 sts.

Row 3: Sc in each st across, changing to **F** in last st, ch 1; turn – 12 sts.

Row 4: Sc in each st across, ch 1; turn.

Row 5: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in last st, changing to **C** in last st, ch 1; turn – 14 sts.

Rows 6 & 7: Sc in each st across, changing to **B** in last st of Row 7, ch 1; turn.

Row 8: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in last st, changing to **C** in last st, ch 1; turn – 16 sts.

Row 9: Sc in each st across, changing to **F** in last st, ch 1; turn – 16 sts.

Rows 10 & 11: Sc in each st across, changing to **C** in last st of Row 11, ch 1; turn – 16 sts.

Rows 12 & 13: Sc in each st across. Fasten off after row 13.

Edging: Join **B** to 1st st of Row 13, *picot, sc in next st, slip st in next st; repeat from * around all 4 sides. Fasten off.

Eye Patches (make 2)

Round 1: With **E**, sc 6 times in adjustable loop, join with a slip st, ch 1; turn – 6 sc.

Round 2: 2 sc in each st around, join with slip st, ch 1; turn – 12 sts.

Round 3: *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in beginning sc – 18 sts). Fasten off.

Round 4: Join **C** in any st, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc – 18 sc. Fasten off.

Beak

With **D**, ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, ch 1; turn – 5 sts.

Row 2: Sc in each st across, ch 1; turn – 5 sts.

Row 3: Skip 1st st, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, ch 1; turn – 3 sts.

Row 4: Skip 1st st, sc2tog, ch 1; turn – 1 st. Fasten off.

Feet

Note: Each foot consists of 3 little toes. Each toe is made by working a sc into each of 3 chain sts. Your piece may become a little twisted as you work. Untwist the piece, so that all of the toes are facing in the same direction, before sewing feet to owl. For best results, do not turn rows. Instead, work in the back bumps of the chain sts.

With **D**, ch 4.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch (toe made), ch 3 sc, 1 ch-4 edge loop.

Row 2: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 2 ch (toe made), ch 4 – 3 sc, 1 ch-4 edge loop.

Row 3: Repeat Row 2

Row 4: Ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in 3 chs, leaving 2 ch un-worked, (these ch will separate the feet), ch – 3 sc, 1 ch-4 edge loop.

Row 5 & 6: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Using sewing thread & needle, attach stomach piece to lower part of body, making sts along the sides and edges just below the picot.

Attach wings to body using yarn tail. Sew beak & eye patches onto face as pictured using sewing thread.

Using sewing thread and needle, sew on feet at bottom front edge of owl.

Weave in ends.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **A** = Color A; **B** = Color B; **C** = Color C; **D** = Color D; **E** = Color E; **F** = Color F; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **dec** = decrease(s)(d)(ing); **hdc** = half double crochet; **l** = loop(s); **mm** = millimeters; **pat(s)** = pattern(s); **rem** = remaining; **rep** = repeat; **sc** = single crochet; **sl** = slip; **sl st** = slip stitch; **sp(s)** = space(s); **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **yo** = yarn over needle; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** or ****** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.