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Owl Baby Hat

This darling owl hat is a real hoot! Crochet it in any of four sizes, or make all the sizes for a wardrobe of hats that will grow with baby. For coordinating blanket see LW4298.

 **RED HEART® With Love®**, Art. E400 available in solid color
7oz (198g), 370 yd (338m) and multicolor 5oz (141g), 230 yd (211m) skeins

SHOP KIT

Hat measures 14 (16, 18, 20)" (35.5 (40.5, 45.5, 50.5) cm) in circumference.

Hat measures 6 (6.5, 7, 7.5)" (15 (16.5, 18, 19) cm) long.

Note

The ch-1 worked at the beginning of a Round or a Row does not count as a stitch.

Special Stitches

dc2tog = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook.

picot = Ch 3, slip st into first ch.

Special Technique

Adjustable-ring = Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Pinch ring and tail between middle finger and thumb. 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 gently on tail to tighten ring.

HAT

With **A**, make an Adjustable ring, ch 1.

Round 1: Work 12 dc in ring; slip stitch in first dc to join—12 dc.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 dc in each dc around; slip stitch in first dc to join—24 dc.

Round 3: Ch 1, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] 12 times; slip stitch in first dc to join—36 dc.

Round 4: Ch 1, [dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 12 times; slip stitch in first dc to join—48 dc.

Rounds 5-10: Ch 1, dc in each dc around; slip stitch in first dc to join—48 dc. Do not fasten off; continue to make Right Ear Flap.

16" Circumference Only

Round 5: Ch 1, [dc in each of next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 6 times; slip stitch in first dc to join—54 dc.

Rounds 6-11: Ch 1, dc in each dc around; slip stitch in first dc to join—54 dc. Do not fasten off; continue to make Right Ear Flap.

18" Circumference Only

Round 5: Ch 1, [dc in each of next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 12 times; slip stitch in first dc to join—60 dc.

Rounds 6-12: Ch 1, dc in each dc around; slip stitch in first dc to join—60 dc. Do not fasten off; continue to make Right Ear Flap.

20" Circumference Only

Round 5: Ch 1, [dc in each of next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 12 times; slip stitch in first dc to join—60 dc.

Round 6: Ch 1, [dc in each of next 9 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 6 times; slip stitch in first dc to join—66 dc.

Rounds 7-13: Ch 1, dc in each dc around; slip stitch in first dc to join—66 dc. Do not fasten off; continue to make Right Ear Flap.

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Right Ear Flap

Row 1: Ch 2 (counts as dc now and throughout), dc2tog, dc in each of next 4 dc, dc2tog, dc in next dc; turn—8 dc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each dc across; turn—8 sc.

Row 3: Ch 2, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sc, dc2tog, dc in last sc; turn—6 dc.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each dc across; turn—6 sc.

Row 5: Ch 2, [dc2tog] twice, dc in last sc; turn—4 dc.

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in each dc across—4 sc. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Note: for 14" (16", 18", 20") [(35.5 (40.5, 45.5, 50.5) cm)] circumference
With Right Earflap facing, and Hat seam to the right, place a stitch marker 20 (22, 24, 26) spaces to the left of the last stitch from the Earflap.

Left Ear Flap

Join with **A** in marked stitch.

Rows 1-6: Repeat Rounds 1-6 for Right Earflap.

Border

Round 1: Join **A** in center back of Hat between Right and Left Earflaps; ch 1, sc evenly around by working one sc in each stitch and one sc in the end of each sc Row and 3 sc in the end of each dc Row; slip stitch in first sc to join. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Eyes (Make 2)

With **B**, make an Adjustable ring, ch 1.

Round 1: Work 12 dc in ring; slip stitch in first dc to join—12 dc. Fasten off **B**.

Round 2: Join **C**; ch 1, 2 dc in each dc around; slip stitch in first dc to join—24 dc. Fasten off **C**, leaving a 3" (7.6 cm) tail.

Nose

With **D**, leave a 3" (7.6 cm) tail; make an Adjustable ring, ch 3 (counts as dc).

Row 1: Work 3 dc into ring, ch 3, slip stitch into ring. Fasten off, leaving a 3" (7.6 cm) tail.

Ears (Make 2)

With **A**, leave a 3" (7.6 cm) tail; make an Adjustable ring, ch 3 (counts as dc).

Row 1: Work 3 dc into ring, picot, work 3 dc into ring, ch 3, slip stitch into ring. Fasten off, leaving a 3" (7.6 cm) tail.

Row 2: Cut a 6" (15 cm) strand of each color **B**, **C** and **D**, fold in half and knot to picot in Ear. Trim ends evenly.

ASSEMBLY

Braids (Make 2)

Cut three 28" (71 cm) strands of each color **B**, **C**, and **D**. Separate each color. Referring to photograph for placement, evenly attach strands between stitches on last Row of Earflap. Braid together until 4" (10 cm) of fringe remains, knot to fasten, trim ends evenly.

Attach Eyes

Use stitch markers to hold eyes in place, centered mid forehead between Earflaps. Use yarn needle and **C** to fasten into place.

Attach Nose

Cut two 4" strands of **D**, knot one to the top of the first dc on the Nose, knot the second to the top of the 5th dc on the Nose. Using tail ends from all three sides of Nose, fasten to Hat where desired.

Attach Ears

Flatten Hat so that Eyes are facing and centered. Using Round 3 as a guide, place one stitch marker on either side of Hat as desired. Use the 3" tails from each Ear to fasten to Hat where stitch markers are placed.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

