

The Crochet Owl

by Val Pierce



SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Any DK weight yarn

A: Brown

B: Beige

C: Cream

Scraps of yellow yarn for beak

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YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 3.25mm (UK10/US3) Pony knitting needles
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- 2 Small brown buttons
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

G-st	Garage stitch: Knit on RS and WS
inc	Increase(d)
K	Knit
kfb	Knit into the front and back of 1 stitch
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together
k3tog	Knit 3 stitches together
M1	Make 1 stitch by lifting strand between needles and knitting it through the back loop
P	Purl
rep	Repeat
RS	Right side of workst(s) Stitch(es)
St st	Stocking stitch/Stockinette: Knit on RS, purl on WS
WS	Wrong side of work

PATTERN

Hat

- Using A, cast on 28 sts
- Work 2 rows in G-st. Starting with a RS knit row, work 2 rows in St st
- Join in B and one extra small ball of brown and using the intarsia method work as follows, remembering to twist yarns together at joins to avoid holes in work
- **Row 1 (RS):** K13A, K2B, K13A
- **Row 2 (WS):** P12A, P4B, P12A
- **Row 3:** K11A, K6B, K11A
- **Row 4:** P10A, P8B, P10A
- **Row 5:** K9A, K10B, K9A
- **Row 6:** P8A, P12B, P8A
- **Row 7:** K8A, K12B, K8A
- **Row 8:** P8A, P12B, P8A
- **Row 9-12:** Rep rows 7 and 8 twice more
- **Row 13:** (K2togA) 4 times, (K2togB) 6 times, (K2togA) 4 times. 14 sts
- **Row 14:** Purl
- **Row 15:** (K2togA) twice, (K2togB) 3 times, (K2togA) twice. 7 sts

- **Row 16:** Purl. Break both yarns leaving 25cm (10in) tails. Thread yarn A onto a yarn needle and gather up the 7 sts, pulling tightly to close and join the back seam

Head

- Using A, cast on 4 sts and P one row
- **Row 1 (RS):** (Kfb) to end. 8 sts
- **Row 2 (WS):** Purl
- **Row 3:** (Kfb) to end. 16 sts
- **Row 4:** Purl
- **Row 5:** (K2, kfb) to last st, K1. 21 sts
- **Row 6-8:** Starting with a WS purl row, work 3 rows in St st
- **Row 9:** (K2, k2tog) to last st, K1. 16 sts
- **Row 10:** Purl
- **Row 11:** (K2tog) to end. 8 sts
- **Row 12:** Purl
- **Row 13:** (K2tog) to end. 4 sts Break the yarn leaving a 20cm (8in) tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 4 sts, pulling tightly to close. Sew the back seam, stuffing as you go to pad the head out

Wings (make 2)

- Using A, cast on 2 sts and K one row
- **Row 1 (RS):** Kfb, K1. 3 sts
- **Row 2 (WS):** K1, P1, K1
- **Row 3:** (K1, M1) twice, K1. 5 sts
- **Row 4:** K2, P1, K2
- **Row 5:** K2, M1, K1, M1, K2. 7 sts
- **Row 6:** K3, P1, K3
- **Row 7:** Knit
- **Row 8:** K3, P1, K3
- **Row 9:** (K1, k2tog) twice, K1. 5 sts
- **Row 10:** K2, P1, K2
- **Row 11:** K2tog, K1, k2tog. 3 sts
- **Row 12:** K1, P1, K1
- **Row 13:** K3tog. 1 st
- Break yarn and pull through last st

Mask

- Using C, cast on 2 sts and K one row
- **Next row:** (Kfb) twice. 4 sts
- Work 2 rows in G-st
- **Next row:** (K2tog) twice. 2 sts
- **Next row:** K2tog. 1 st

- **Next row:** Kfb. 2 sts
- **Next row:** (Kfb) twice. 4 sts Work 2 rows in G-st
- **Next row:** (K2tog) twice. 2 sts
- **Next row:** K2tog. 1 st
- Break yarn and pull through last st

MAKING UP

- Sew mask in place at the front of the head. Using yellow, embroider a beak
- Sew a tiny brown button to the centre of each eye on the mask then attach head to top of main hat
- Attach a wing to each side of the main hat

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends

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