

The Crochet Owl

by Val Pierce



SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Any DK weight yarn

A: Dark Grey

B: Grey

C: Cream

Scraps of yellow yarn for beak

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A 3.75mm (UK9/USF) Pony crochet hook
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- 2 small buttons
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

ch	Chain
dc	Double croche
dc2tog	Double crochet 2 stitches together
ea	Each
rep	Repeat
ss	Slip stitch
st(s)	Stitch(es)

PATTERN NOTES

UK crochet terminology used throughout

PATTERN

Hat

- Using A make 2ch
- Work 6dc in second ch from hook and join in a circle with ss
- **Round 1:** 1ch (counts as 1dc through-out), 2dc in ea dc to end, join with ss. 12 dc
- **Round 2:** 1ch, [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] to end, join with ss. 18 dc
- **Round 3:** 1ch, [1dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc] to end, join with ss. 24 dc
- **Round 4:** 1ch, 1dc in ea dc to end, join with ss.
- **Rounds 5-11:** As round 4
- **Round 12:** Work a round of dc from right to left in an anti-clockwise direction to create a corded edge. Join with ss and fasten off

Wings (made in one piece)

- Using B make 2ch
- Work 1dc in second ch from hook, turn
- **Row 1:** 3dc in next dc, turn. 4 dc
- **Row 2:** 2dc in first dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in last dc, turn. 6 dc

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- **Row 3:** 2dc in first dc, 1dc in ea dc to last dc, 2dc in last dc. 2 dc increased
- **Rows 4-7:** Rep row 3. 16 dc
- **Row 8:** 3ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in next dc, 1dc in ea dc to end, turn. 18 dc
- **Row 9:** As row 8. 20 dc
- **Row 10:** 2dc in first dc, 1dc in ea dc to last dc, 2dc in last dc. 22 dc
- **Row 11:** As row 10. 24 dc
- **Row 12:** Ss across 4 dc, 1dc in ea dc to last 4 dc, turn. 16 dc
- **Row 13:** [Dc2tog] to end. 8 dc
- **Row 14:** [Dc2tog] to end. 4 dc
- **Row 15:** [Dc2tog] twice
- Fasten off

Eyes (make 2)

- Using C make 2ch
- Work 6dc in second ch from hook and join in a circle with ss
- **Round 1:** 1ch, 2dc in ea dc to end, join with ss. 12 dc
- **Round 2:** 1ch, [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] to end, join with ss. 18 dc
- Fasten off

MAKING UP

- Attach the eye circles close together on the front of the body
- Stitch the wings in place wrapping around the back, stretching slightly to fit and secure either side of the eyes using the picture as a guide. Leave the two wing ends loose
- Sew two tiny buttons onto the cream circle eyes
- Use a small length of yellow and embroider a beak

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and trim

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